

Academic Rhode Map for BA English Major at Rhode Island College

With Concentration in Creative Writing

- This Rhode Map is a suggested pathway to graduation in 8 semesters
 - There are other valid pathways available to graduation - part time, summer/early spring classes, etc.
- The left column contains the suggested courses for each semester, the right column contains notes for the course and about progress towards graduation
- Some courses might not be offered during the semester shown on the map
 - In these cases, courses listed in future semesters can be substituted if their prerequisites have been satisfied
 - Your advisor can help you determine which courses can be used during your appointment each semester
- This Rhode Map is designed primarily with incoming freshmen in mind and assumes a Fall start
 - Transfer students can also use it as a guide, knowing that their transfer credits may have satisfied some requirements. Academic advisors are available to answer questions about how these will affect the program
 - Students starting in the spring may need to adjust based on class offerings and availability

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST				
	FYW 100 – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)	Distribution Courses - One from each category		Math (M) - suggested in first year
	FYS 100 – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)			Arts (A)
	Connections – Taken after FYW & FYS			History/Philosophy (HP)
				Literature/Language (LL)
				Natural Science (NS)
				Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)
				Elective(s) to bring total Gen Ed credits to 40 (E)

ACADEMIC MAJOR CHECKLIST	
	ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture
	ENGL 220W Introduction to Creative Writing
	ENGL 460W Senior Seminar
	TWO courses from:
	ENGL 371W Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction
	ENGL 372W Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry
	ENGL 373W Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose
	Any FIVE 4 credit ENGL 200/300/400 level (except 460W)
	- Only ONE of these five remaining electives may be an additional 200-level course and it may not be Gen Ed. Connections
	- You may also include more ENGL 37X workshops, as these can be repeated for credit
	Note: If you take both ENGL 375 and ENGL 376 they can count as one of the 4-credit 300/400 level choices. ENGL 477 Internship to Professional Writing is recommended and also would count

Graduation Requirements:

- **Completion of General Education Requirements** – See table above
- **Completion of Major Requirements** — See table above
- **RIC 100 or Equivalent** — Taken in first year
- **College Math Milestone** — Satisfied by placement exam or completion of MATH 010
- **College Writing Competency** — Satisfied by FYW 100 with a minimum grade of C
- **Minimum 120 Credit Hours** — At least 30 credits at RIC (of which 15 from major, including 12 at 300 or 400 level)
- **Minimum 2.0 GPA** - Need at least 2.0 for both overall and classes in major

The total credit count for the major is 40 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 4 Gen. Ed. credits for Elective can double count, so the program could be completed in 76 credits.

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 NOTES
FYW 100 First Year Writing	4	FYW Directed Self Placement exam
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
General Education course – Math (M)	3-4	MATH 139 suggested, If Math Milestone is not completed, take MATH 010 here
General Education course – Literature/Language (LL)	3-4	Must take ENGL 12x as needed as a prerequisite for ENGL 200W
General Education course	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for at least 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Math Milestone completed. Minimum 2.0 GPA</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	14-17	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor</i>

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 NOTES
First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	
ENGL 220W Introduction to Creative Writing	4	Prereq = FYW or complete college writing req. Satisfies Gen. Ed. elective (E)
ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture	4	Prereq = Gen Ed Literature and FYW
General Education course or ENGL 220W	3-4	ENGL 220W is a Gen Ed. Elective
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 NOTES
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors	1	Not required but recommended; Prereq = FYW 100 or completion of the college writing requirement, and completion of at least 15 credit hours.
ENGL 200/300/400 level electives	4	1 of 5 needed. Connections cannot be used. One may be 200 level, rest must be 300 or 400 level Can include an additional writing workshop 37x or 461W ENGL 300-levels Prereq = ENGL 200, 200W or 201 Creative writing courses prereq = ENGL 220W Need both ENGL 375 and 376 to count as fulfilling ONE of these requirements.
Choose One: ENGL 371W Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction ENGL 372W Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry ENGL 373W Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose	4	Prereq = ENGL 220W 1 of 2 needed Must take 2 different courses
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 NOTES
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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Choose One: ENGL 371W Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction ENGL 372W Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry ENGL 373W Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose	4	Prereq = ENGL 220W 2 of 2 needed Must take 2 different courses
ENGL 200/300/400 level electives	4	2 of 5 needed
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 NOTES
Connections (Gen Ed-C)	4	Prereqs = FYW and FYS.
ENGL 200/300/400 level OR Course towards possible second major or minor	3-4	3 of 5 needed Connections cannot be used.
ENGL 200/300/400 level OR Course towards possible second major or minor	3-4	4 of 5 needed Connections cannot be used.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 NOTES
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 300/400 level or possible second major or minor	3-4	5 of 5 needed
Gen Ed course, elective or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective or possible second major or minor	3-4	<i>If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit</i>
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and get form to enroll in ENGL 460W if ready.</i>

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 NOTES
ENGL 300/400 level or possible second major or minor	3-4	Consider taking ENGL 477 Internship in Professional Writing Prereq = 3.0 GPA and permission of chair or instructor
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar, elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	ENGL 460 prereqs = four 300/400-level ENGL courses or consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with department secretary
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits)
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	≥12	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 NOTES
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar, elective, or course in another major or minor	4	ENGL 460 prereqs = four 300/400-level ENGL courses or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with the department secretary
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		<i>Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	≥12	<i>Attend Gradfest and Commencement</i>

Prerequisite for most Literature 300/400 level courses is ENGL 200W; for Creative Writing 300/400 level courses it is ENGL 220W; for Professional Writing it is ENGL 222W.

Notes:

- There is also a 20-credit minor in Professional Writing (PW) that you may wish to consider in addition to the Creative Writing major (some courses may be able to double count). See details at the website listed above.
- The total number of credits needed for the major, general education, and other requirements may be less than the 120 required for graduation. Those remaining credits can be satisfied with electives, or they can be used toward a second major or minor which could be very useful.
 - Along with your advisor, this Rhode Map can help you determine if a second major or minor could fit into your plan

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