

Academic Rhode Map for BA Accounting Major at Rhode Island College

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 or in the online catalog; look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only.

Courses with an asterisk * have prerequisites. Courses with a "W" in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.

Cognates	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)		ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting I: Managerial*	
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I*		ACCT 310 Accounting Systems and Concepts*	
		ACCT 311W External Reporting I* (WID)	
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*		ACCT 312W External Reporting II* (WID)	
Academic Major Checklist	Course	ACCT 321 Cost Management I*	
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*		ACCT 331 Federal Income Taxation*	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*		ACCT 441 Auditing*	
ECON 215 Principles of Macroeconomics*		ACCT 443 Business Law*	
FIN 301 Financial Management*		ACCT 461W Seminar in Accounting* (WID)	
MGT 201W Foundations of Management* (WID)		Two courses from: ACCT 351 Fraud Examination* (F), ACCT 353 Acct. for Government and Not-for-Profit* (Sp), ACCT 422 Cost Management* (Sp), ACCT 432 Advanced Studies in Taxation* (F), ACCT 451 Advanced Financial Accounting*; CIS 351 Advanced Office Applications for Business*; FIN 432 Investments*; or MGT 348 Operations Management*	
MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing* (WID)			
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*			

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation in four years. Not everyone graduates in four years as it depends on how many courses you can take, and how you do in those courses. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer (or early spring/winter) to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the correct prerequisites for a course you plan to take. Maps assume a Fall start.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. The Map is designed primarily for freshmen coming to college for the first time, but transfer students may also use the Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit, and will be starting further into the program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- General Education program, including a second language requirement and RIC 100 or equivalent
- College Math Competency (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at RIC. Of the 45 credit hours, a minimum of 15 credit hours must be in the major (12 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level).
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.0
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in your major

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website.
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement satisfied: another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional); Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Gen Ed—MATH 177*	4	Prerequisite is Math competency/placement exam, or MATH 120
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years); Math competency completed; Minimum 2.0 GPA.
# CREDITS EARNED	17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
ECON 214 Microeconomics*	3	Prerequisite is Math competency completed
Requirements and GPA		Need a minimum of 30 earned credits; minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*	3	Prerequisite 30 completed credits
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*	4	Prerequisite 30 completed credits
ECON 215 Macroeconomics*	3	Prerequisite ECON 214
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)	4	Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 45 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	18	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*	4	Prerequisite is MATH 177; Satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)*
MGT 201W Foundations of Management* (WID)	4	Prerequisite 45 completed credits
ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting I: Managerial*	3	Prerequisite ACCT 201
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS)	4	Choose a category you have not previously taken
Elective	3	
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 60 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	18	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
ACCT 310 Accounting Systems and Concepts*	3	Prereqs are ACCT 201 and CIS 251; need a minimum grade of C
ACCT 331 Federal Income Taxation*	3	Prereqs are ACCT 201 and 60 completed credits
ACCT 443 Business Law*	3	Prereqs are ACCT 201 and 60 completed credits
MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	4	Prereqs are ACCT 201 and 60 completed credits
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course or an elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
ACCT 311W External Reporting I* (WID)	3	Prereqs are ACCT 310 and 60 completed credits
ACCT 321W Cost Management I* (WID)	3	Prereqs are ACCT 202, ACCT 310 and 60 credits
FIN 301 Financial Management*	4	Prereqs are ACCT 201, ECON 214 and 215, and MATH 177
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	14	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
ACCT 312 External Reporting II*	4	Prereqs are ACCT 310 and ACCT 311
ACCT 441 Auditing	3	Prereqs are ACCT 310, ACCT 311, and CIS 352
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course or an elective	3-4	Prereqs are MGT 201 or 301 and MATH 240 or 248
ACCT 351 (F), 353 (Sp), 422 (Sp), 432 (F), 443, or 451; CIS 351; FIN 432; or MGT 348*	3-4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog. If you plan to take CPA exam with just BS degree, choose ACCT 443 or ACCT 451.
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
Elective	3-4	
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ACCT 461W Seminar in Accounting Theory and Practice* (WID)	3	Prereqs are ACCT 312, 321, 331 and FIN 301
ACCT 351 (F), 353 (Sp), 422 (Sp), 432 (F), 443, or 451; CIS 351; FIN 432, or MGT 348*	3-4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog. If you plan to take CPA exam with just BS degree, choose ACCT 443 or ACCT 451.
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits; minimum of 2.0 GPA; and minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-15	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Accounting Department website:
<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-accounting>

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the major is 70 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 8 Gen Ed. credits for M and AQSR will double-count, leaving room for 18 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, or can be electives.