

Academic Rhode Map for BA Psychology 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.

Academic Major Checklist	Course
PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 215 Social Psychology	
PSYC 221W Research Methods I: Foundations* (WID)	
PSYC 230 Human Development*	
PSYC 251 Personality*	
PSYC 320 Research Methods II: Behavioral Sciences*	
1X PSYC 331, 332, 335, 339 (or PSYC 360 [§])* [Developmental]	
1X PSYC 341, 344, 345, 347, 349 (or PSYC 360 [§])* [Experimental]	
1X PSYC 351, 354, 356 (or PSYC 360 [§])* [Social/Personality]	
1X PSYC 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, or 426* [Applied]	
1X PSYC 474W General Psychology Lab (WID) or PSYC 476W Applied Lab [Research Labs] (WID)	
Recommended: PSYC 210 Careers and Psychology: 1 Credit Note: this course is an elective and is not listed in the Rhode Map.	

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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 its 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); Math (M); History (H); Literature (L); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 139* here, if not will need to take MATH 010. Use Mathematics placement exam to find out.
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied: another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
PSYC 110 Intro to Psychology (Gen Ed SB)	4	
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
PSYC 215 Social Psychology	4	
PSYC 251 Personality*	4	Prereq. PYSC 110 or equivalent
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed course	4	Complete MATH 139 (or other Math Gen Ed)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
PSYC 221W Research Methods I: Foundations* (WID)	4	Prereq. PYSC 110 or equivalent
PSYC 230 Human Development*	4	Prereq. PYSC 110 or equivalent
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Complete Gen Ed NS (BIOL 100 suggested)
PSYC 320: Research Methods II: Behavioral Statistics*	4	Prereq. PYSC 221 or equivalent
Choose 1 PSYC 33X, 34X, 35X, or 42X course*, or elective, or possible second major or minor	4	One PSYC course from each category, but may take more. Prereqs. vary—see catalog. Different combinations of PSYC 110, 215, 221, 230 and 251.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Choose 1 PSYC 33X, 34X, 35X, or 42X course*	4	One PSYC course from each category, but may take more. Prereqs. vary—see catalog. Different combinations of PSYC 110, 215, 221, 230 and 251.
Choose 1 PSYC 33X, 34X, 35X, or 42X course*	4	
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 PSYC 33X, 34X, 35X, or 42X course*	4	One PSYC course from each category, but may take more. Prereqs. vary—see catalog. Different combinations of PSYC 110, 215, 221, 230 and 251.
Elective or course toward minor/major	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		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
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 PSYC 33X, 34X, 35X, or 42X course* (as needed)	4	Completed at least one course from each of PSYC 33X, 34X, 35X, and 42X
Choose 1 PSYC 474W Research Methods III: General Psychology Lab” (WID) or PSYC 476W Research Methods III Applied Lab* (WID), or elective, or course toward minor/major	3-4	See below for prerequisites for PSYC 474 and 476.
Elective or course toward minor/major	3-4	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 PSYC 474W Research Methods III: General Psychology Lab” (WID) or PSYC 476W Research Methods III Applied Lab* (WID), or elective is already done	3-4	Prerequisite for PSYC 474 is PSYC 320; and at least TWO from PSYC 215, PSYC 230 or PSYC 251; and at least ONE course from PSYC 331, PSYC 332, PSYC 335, PSYC 339, PSYC 341, PSYC 344, PSYC 345, PSYC 347, PSYC 349, PSYC 351, PSYC 354, PSYC 456, or PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 424, PSYC 425, or PSYC 426. Prerequisite for PSYC 476W is PSYC 320 and at least one course from PSYC 351, PSYC 354, PSYC 356, PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 424, or PSYC 425
Elective or course toward minor/major	3-4	
Elective or course toward minor/major	3-4	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For other information, check the Psychology Department website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/department-psychology>

The total credit count for the major is 44 credits, and 40 credits for General Education, although 4 of those may be offset against one Gen Ed. course (SB), which leaves 36 more credits of Gen Ed. (and possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100), but the minimum total is 80 credits. This leaves 40 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could also include a second major or a minor, or just taken as electives.