

Academic Rhode Map for BA Public Administration 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
PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management* (Sp)	
PBAD 326 Public Sector Information Systems* (F)	
POL 202 American Government	
POL 301W Foundations of Public Administration* (F) (WID)	
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F)	
POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	
300-400 level course outside POL*	
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POL 300 Methodology in Political Science* or GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I* (Sp)	
POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp)* or POL 328 Field Experiences in the Public Sector*	

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.

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. Maps assume a Fall start.

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 above.
- 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

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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); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-139 MATH here, if not will need to take MATH 010. Take math placement exam to find out which
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)
POL 202 American Government	4	Satisfies Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
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 MATH. If taken, Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)	4	Complete Gen Ed Math (M); consider MATH 139
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, elective, or second major/minor	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 30 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 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
POL 301W Foundations in Public Administration* (F) (WID)	4	Prereq. POL 202
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
** Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL	3-4	Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need THREE
Choose GEOG 202 (Sp), OR POL 300 (POL 300 satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning GE-AQSR); or take an elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Prereqs for POL 300 are POL 202 and Gen Ed Math (M). Complete either GEOG 202 or POL 300
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose POL 300 to satisfy Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (GE-AQSR)* or elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Prereqs for POL 300 are POL 202 and Gen Ed Math (M). An alternative to this is GEOG 202 (Sp) but this does not satisfy AQSR
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. Note: POL offers three options: 262, 266 and 267, but these cannot be used toward the major
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector *	4	Prereq. for POL 331 is POL 202. Prereq. for POL 328 is consent of department chair
PBAD 326 Public Sector Information Systems* (F)	4	Prereq. is POL 202 or by consent of program director
Requirements and GPA		Aim for a minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
PBAD 325 Public Budgeting and Human Resource Administration* (Sp)	4	Prereq. POL 301 or POL 301W
Choose GEOG 202 (Sp) or POL 300; or take an elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Either POL 300 or GEOG 202 completed.
POL 327 Internship in the State Government (Sp) if not done POL 328; or POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp)	4	Need SIX 300 level or above POL courses (POL 208 can count). Prereq. for POL 327 is recommendation by Advisory Comm. Prereq. for POL 355 is POL 202
Gen Ed course—if needed take a Gen Ed AQSR*, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Completed Gen Ed. AQSR distribution
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy* (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector * (if not done POL 327)	4	POL 331 is completed
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need THREE
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
POL 327 Internship in the State Government (Sp); POL 355 Policy Formation Process* (Sp); or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	POL 355 is completed; POL 327 or 328 is completed
**Cognate: Any 300-400 level course outside of POL * or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	Varied Prereqs. See catalog. Need THREE
Elective or course in another major or minor	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 more information, check the Public Administration Program website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-political-science/public-administration-ba>

****Cognates:** THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-12 credits) at the 300 or 400-level taken outside of the political science department offerings and chosen in consultation with the public administration coordinator. The cognate requirement can be satisfied by completing a dual major, a minor, or a college-approved, credit-bearing certificate program.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for this major is 41 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 8 more depending on secondary language needs. However, 8 of these credits (AQSR and SB) may be able to double count, making the minimum credit count 73 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), which would leave 47 elective credits, which could be used for a minor or second major.