

Academic Rhode Map for BA Communication Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Speech, Language, and Hearing Science

- 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) Satisfied by BIOL 100
				Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)
			Elective(s) to bring total Gen Ed credits to 40 (E)	

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST				
	COMM 255W Introduction to Language (Sp)			TWO courses from: COMM 422 Language Processes COMM 429 Introduction to the Clinical Process COMM 450 Topics COMM 479 Communication Internship
	COMM 305 Introduction to Communication Disorders (F)			
	COMM 319 Phonetics and Phonology (F)			
	COMM 320W Speech and Language Development (F)			Cognates
	COMM 323 Introduction to Audiology (F)			BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology
	COMM 325 Anatomy and Physiology: Speech and Hearing (Sp)			MATH 240 Statistical Methods
	COMM 421 Speech and Hearing Science (Sp)			CHEM 103 General Chemistry I OR PHYS 110 Introductory Physics

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 46-47 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 12 Gen. Ed. credits for M, NS and Elective can double count, so the program can be completed in 74-75 credits.

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 NOTES
FYW 100 First Year Writing OR FYS 100 First Year Seminar	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	If Math Milestone is not completed, take MATH 10 here
General Education course (Any but NS)	3-4	NS Gen Ed is satisfied by cognates
General Education course (Any but NS)	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for 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</i>

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 NOTES
FYW 100 First Year Writing OR FYS 100 First Year Seminar	4	
COMM 255W Introduction to Language (Sp)	4	
General Education course (Any still needed)	3-4	
General Education course (Any still needed)	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major (though will need at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the program)</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 NOTES
MATH 240 Statistical Methods	4	Prereq = MATH 120, consent or placement exam
Gen Ed Natural Science (NS) – Choose ONE: BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology CHEM 103 General Chemistry I PHYS 110 Introductory Physics	4	BIOL 100/CHEM 103 prereq = Math Milestone/Placement Exam; PHYS 110 prereq = MATH 120 or Placement Exam. Note: SLHS requirements include both BIOL 100 and either CHEM 103 or PHYS 110.
COMM 305 Introduction to Communication Disorders (F)	3	Prereq = COMM 255 or COMM 255W
Gen Ed, elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major (though will need at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the program)</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	14-15	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester, also discuss possible minor</i>

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 NOTES
Gen Ed, elective, or course in another major/minor	3-4	
Connections (Gen Ed-C)	4	Prereqs = FYW and FYS.
COMM 325 Anatomy and Physiology: Speech and Hearing (Sp)	4	Prereq = COMM 255 or COMM 255W or COMM 305
BIOL 100, CHEM 103 or PHYS 110	4	Prereq BIOL 100 = Math Milestone Prereq CHEM 103 = Math Milestone/Placement Exam; Prereq PHYS 110 = MATH 120/Placement Exam.
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major (though will need at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the program)</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 NOTES
Gen Ed if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor	4	
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COMM 319 Phonetics and Phonology (F)	4	Prereq = COMM 255 or COMM 255W
COMM 320W Speech and Language Development (F)	4	Prereq = COMM 255 or COMM 255W
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major (though will need at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the program)</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 NOTES
Gen Ed if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor	3-4	<i>If pursuing minor make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit</i>
COMM 421 Speech and Hearing Science (Sp)	4	Prereq = COMM 319
One from COMM Elective List (Need 2 total, 1 of 2)	3-4	Prereq COMM 422 = COMM 255 or COMM 255W Prereqs COMM 429 = at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00. Offered every third semester. Prereqs COMM 450 see listing Prereqs. for COMM 479 are 75 credits, 18 in COMM; application is made the prior semester
Elective or course in another major/minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major (though will need at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00 for the program). Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 NOTES
COMM 422 Language Processes (if offered)	4	Prereqs = COMM 255 or COMM 255W
COMM 323 Introduction to Audiology (F)	3	Prereq = COMM 255 or COMM 255W or COMM 305
One from COMM Elective List (Need 2 total, 2 of 2)	3-4	Prereq COMM 422 = COMM 255 or COMM 255W Prereqs COMM 429 = at least SIX COMM courses with a minimum GPA of 3.00. Offered every third semester Prereqs COMM 450 see listing Prereqs COMM 479 = 75 credits, 18 in COMM; application is made the prior semester
Elective or course in another major/minor	3-4	<i>Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status.</i>
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	13-15	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 NOTES
COMM 422 Language Processes if offered	4	Prereqs = COMM 251 or COMM 251W and COMM 255 or COMM 255W.
Elective or course in another major/minor	3-4	
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Elective or course in another major/minor	3-4	<i>Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status.</i>
Requirements and GPA		<i>Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	<i>Attend Gradfest and Commencement</i>

Notes:

- 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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