

Academic Rhode Map for BA English Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Professional 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)
		History/Philosophy (HP)
		Literature/Language (LL)
		Natural Science (NS)
Connections – Taken after FYW & FYS		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 222W Introduction to Professional Writing
ENGL 378W Advanced Workshop in Professional Writing
ENGL 379W Rhetoric for Professional Writing
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar
ENGL 477W Internship in Professional Writing
SIXTEEN additional credit hours of ENGL courses
A minimum of eight credits must 16 be at the 300- or 400-level
Up to eight credits may be additional 200-level courses (except Connections)

Note: If you take both ENGL 375 and ENGL 376 they can count as one of the 4-credit 300/400 level choices.

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 10 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
FYS 100 First Year Seminar	4	
ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture	4	Prereq = Gen Ed Literature and FYW
ENGL 222W Introduction to Professional Writing OR Other 200-level ENGL course	4	Prereq = FYW or complete college writing requirement Connections cannot be used.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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
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
Any required 200/300-level ENGL course for which you have the prerequisites (except Connections)	4	200-level writing courses prereq = FYW or complete college writing req 300-level Literature courses prereq = ENGL 200W
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
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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
ENGL 222W Introduction to Professional Writing or other 200-level ENGL course	4	Prereq = FYW or complete college writing requirement Connections cannot be used.
Any needed course from ENGL 200/300-level or possible second major or minor	4	Prereq for 200-level Writing courses = FYW or complete college writing requirement; Connections cannot be used. Prereq for 300-level Literature courses = ENGL 200W
ENGL 378W Advanced Workshop in Professional Writing; ENGL 379W Rhetoric for Professional Writing, or elective, or possible second major or minor	4	Prereqs for both = ENGL 200W or ENGL 222W, or consent of chair
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</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 378W Advanced Workshop in Professional Writing OR ENGL 379W Rhetoric for Professional Writing OR Other needed ENGL 200-level course	4	Prereq for both = ENGL 200W or ENGL 222W, or consent of chair
One from: Any 300/400 level ENGL course	4	Prereqs vary—see catalog
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	15-16	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor</i>

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 NOTES
ENGL 378W Advanced Workshop in Professional Writing ENGL 379W Rhetoric for Professional Writing, OR other needed ENGL course if both already complete	4	Prereq for both = ENGL 200W or ENGL 222W, or consent of chair
One from: Any 300/400 level ENGL course	4	Prereqs vary—see catalog Need both ENGL 375 and 376 to count as fulfilling ONE of these requirements
Gen Ed course, elective or possible second major or minor	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. Considering taking ENGL 477 over the summer – contact internship coordinator</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<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 460W Senior Seminar, elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prereq = Four 300/400-level ENGL courses or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with department secretary.
Any remaining needed ENGL course that is needed for the program, or elective, or a course in major or minor.	3-4	Need TWO from the 200-level list and TWO from the 300-level listed in the checklist.
ENGL 477W Internship in Professional Writing, elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	A minimum GPA of 3.0 and/or permission of department chair or instructor.
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	12-16	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor</i>

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 NOTES
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar, elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	ENGL 460 prereq = four 300/400-level ENGL courses or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with department secretary.
ENGL 477W Internship in Professional Writing, elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prereq = ENGL 222W and ENGL 378W; a minimum GPA of 3.0 and/or permission of department chair or instructor.
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>

Notes:

- There are also a 20-credit minors in English (focus on Literature) or Creative Writing (PW) that you may wish to consider in addition to the Professional Writing major (some courses may be able to double count). See details at the website listed above.
- You need to contact the internship coordinator in the semester prior to when you would like to take ENGL 477W, and this can be done earlier than your final semester. You may even want to consider doing this course over one summer, in which case see the internship coordinator during the previous Spring semester
- 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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