

Academic Rhode Map for BSW Social Work Major at Rhode Island College

- 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)	
		Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB) - Satisfied by PSYC 215/POL 102	
		Elective(s) for 40 total Gen Ed credits (E)	

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST	
POL 102 American Government	SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I
PSYC 215 Social Psychology	SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II
PSYC 230 Human Development	SWRK 326W Generalist Social Work Practice
SWRK 200 Introducing Social Work and Social Justice	SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice (Sp)
SWRK 301 Policy Analysis and Practice	SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/Models (F)
SWRK 302W Social Work Research Methods I	SWRK 463 Seminar and Practicum I (F)
SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II	SWRK 464 Seminar and Practicum II (Sp)
SWRK 306 Biopsychosocial Perspectives for Social Workers	ONE course in Sociology at the 200-level

Graduation Requirements:

- **Completion of General Education Requirements** – See table above
- **Completion of Major Requirements** — See table above
- **RIC 100 or Equivalent (BUSI 100)** — 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 GPA** - 2.0 overall

The total credit count for the major is 64 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 8 Gen. Ed. credits for SB and Elective can double count, so the program can be completed in 96 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 Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
General Education Course (Any other than SB)	4	Gen Ed (SB) satisfied by PSYC 215/POL 102
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SWRK 200 Introducing Social Work and Social Justice	4	Introductory course for the major; All SWRK courses need a minimum grade of C
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	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	
Gen Ed-Math (M)	4	MATH 139 suggested Prereq = Completion of Math Milestone
PSYC 215 Social Psychology OR POL 102 American Government	4	Satisfies Gen Ed (SB)
General Education Course (any needed)	4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits. Minimum 2.0 GPA</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
General Education Course or elective	3-4	
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PSYC 215 Social Psychology OR POL 102 American Government	4	Satisfies Gen Ed (SB)
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits Minimum of 2.0 GPA</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	13 -16	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 NOTES
Gen Ed - Connections	4	Prereqs = FYW and FYS
SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I	3	Prereq = is SWRK 200. Minimum grade of C
PSYC 230 Human Development	4	Prereq = PSYC 110 or equivalent; contact the Psychology department chair to obtain permission to take PSYC 230
200 level Sociology course (None that count as Gen Ed – Connections)	4	Any SOC 2XX besides those that are marked Gen Ed (C)
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 NOTES
SWRK 302W Social Work Research Methods I	4	Prereqs = completion of any mathematics or natural science general education course and SWRK 200
SWRK 306 Biological Perspectives for Social Workers	2	Prereq = prior or concurrent SWRK 200
SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II	4	Prereq = SWRK 200
SWRK 326W Generalist Social Work Practice	4	Prereqs = SWRK 200 and prior or concurrent SWRK 324 and 325, or by consent of BSW department chair
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses Complete application for School of Social Work</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	14	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 NOTES
SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice (Sp)	4	Prereq = acceptance into thre BSW program SWRK 326 or SWRK 326W Minimum grade of C
SWRK 301 Policy Analysis and Practice	4	Prereqs = POL 102 , SWRK 200, or consent of BSW department chair Minimum grade of C
SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II	4	Prereq = completion of any mathematics Gen Ed SWRK 302, or consent of BSW department chair Need a minimum grade of C
Elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15 -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
SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/Models (F) OR If accepted into Accelerated BSW/MSW program, Take SWRK 432 Generalist Foundation and Skills: Direct Practice I	3-4	SWRK 426 prereqs= SWRK 327 and Concurrent enrollment in SWRK 436 and 463 SWRK 432 prereqs = acceptance to the Accelerated BSW/MSW pathway and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 463
SWRK 463 Seminar and Practicum I (F) 16-18 contact hours	5	Prereqs = SWRK 301, SWRK 302 or SWRK 302W, SWRK 327, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 426 or SWRK 432
Elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	12 -13	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 NOTES
Elective	4	Need 12 credits to be fulltime
If accepted into Accelerated BSW/MSW program: SWRK 433 Generalist Foundation and Skills If traditional BSW Major: Direct Practice II or elective	3-4	SWRK 433 prereqs = acceptance to the accelerated BSW/MSW pathway and concurrent enrollment SWRK 464
SWRK 464 Seminar and Practicum II (Sp) 16-18 contact hours	5	Prereqs are SWRK 426 or SWRK 432; and SWRK 463
Requirements and GPA		<i>Need minimum of 120 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	12 -13	<i>Attend Gradfest and Commencement</i>

NOTE:

- 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
- You may consider a FIVE year option that will take you into the MSW to which you apply after 65 credits (see advisor for more details).
 - For this you need a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of C in all SWRK courses
 - If accepted you would take SWRK 432 in the seventh semester and SWRK 433 in the eighth
 - This will raise the minimum total credits for the program to 66 (not counting Gen Eds)

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