

Academic Rhode Map for BS Behavioral Health Studies 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	Academic Major Checklist	Course
PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology		PSYC 354 Psychopathology*	
PSYC 215 Social Psychology		PSYC 425 Community Psychology (F)*	
PSYC 217 Drugs and Chemical Dependency*		PSYC 452 Theories of Psychological Intervention (Sp)*	
PSYC 221W Research Methods I: Foundations* (WID)		PSYC 471 Practicum in Behavioral Health Studies (F)*	
PSYC 230 Human Development*		PSYC 472 Internship in Behavioral Health Studies (Sp)*	
PSYC 251 Personality*		PSYC 476W Research Methods III: Applied Lab* (WID)	
PSYC 320 Research Methods II: Behavioral Sciences*		Choose ONE from: PSYC 332 Adolescent Psychology*; PSYC Family Psychology*; or PYSC Psychology of Aging*	
PSYC 345 Physiological Psychology*		Choose ONE from PSYC 421 Behavior Modification*; PSYC 422 Psychological Testing*; PSYC 423 Psychology and the Law*; PSYC 424 Health Psychology*	
PSYC 351 Psychology of Human Diversity (Sp)*			

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 you will need to take 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. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- 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
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	4	Satisfies Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Science (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 overall 2.0 GPA and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# 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 221W Research Methods I: Foundations* (WID)	4	Prereq. is PSYC 110 or equivalent
PSYC 251 Personality*	4	Prereq. is PSYC 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 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# 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)
PSYC 215 Social Psychology	4	
PSYC 217 Drugs and Chemical Dependency*	4	Prereq. is PSYC 110 ; minimum grade of B-
PSYC 230 Human Development*	4	Prereq. is PSYC 110 or equivalent
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

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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	4	Complete Gen Ed NS (BIOL 100 suggested)
PSYC 320 Research Methods II: Behavioral Sciences*	4	Prereq. is PSYC 221 or PSYC 221W or equivalent
PSYC 351 Psychology of Human Diversity (Sp)*	4	Prereqs are PSYC 110 (or 215) and PSYC 221 or PSYC 221W; minimum grade of B-
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# CREDITS EARNED	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
PSYC 354 Psychopathology*	4	Prereqs are PSYC 221 or PSYC 221W and PSYC 251 or equivalents (this course could also be taken in a Spring semester)
PSYC 425 Community Psychology (F)*	4	Prereqs are PSYC 110 (or PSYC 215) and PSYC 221 or PSYC 221W; minimum grade of B-
Gen Ed course (if needed), or elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
PSYC 452 Theories of Psychological Intervention (Sp)*	4	Prereqs are PSYC 217 and PSYC 354 or equivalents; minimum grade of B-
PSYC 345 Physiological Psychology* or PSYC 476W Research Methods III: Applied Lab* (WID)	3-4	Prereq for PSYC 345 is PSYC 221 or equivalent. Prereqs. for PSYC 476W are PSYC 320 and at least one course from, PSYC 351, PSYC 354, PSYC 356, PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 424, PSYC 425.
ONE from: PSYC 332 Adolescent Psychology*; PSYC Family Psychology*; or PSYC Psychology of Aging* or ONE from PSYC 421 Behavior Modification*; PSYC 422 Psychological Testing*; PSYC 423 Psychology and the Law*; PSYC 424 Health Psychology*	4	Prereqs. vary—check catalog
Gen Ed course (if needed), or elective	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Apply for admission to Behavioral Health Studies program. Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and future internship

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
PSYC 345 Physiological Psychology* or PSYC 476W Research Methods III: Applied Lab* (WID)	4	Prereq for PSYC 345 is PSYC 221 or PSYC 221W or equivalent. Prereqs. for PSYC 476W are PSYC 320 and at least one course from, PSYC 351, PSYC 354, PSYC 356, PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 424, PSYC 425. Completed PSYC 345 and PSYC 476W
PSYC 471 Practicum in Behavioral Health Studies (F)*	4	Prereqs are acceptance into the Behavioral Health Studies program, PSYC 351 and PSYC 452. Minimum grade of B-
ONE from: PSYC 332 Adolescent Psychology*; PSYC Family Psychology*; or PSYC Psychology of Aging* or ONE from PSYC 421 Behavior Modification*; PSYC 422 Psychological Testing*; PSYC 423 Psychology and the Law*; PSYC 424 Health Psychology*	4	Prereqs. vary—check catalog. Completed ONE course from each of these groups
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed. Apply for internship. Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
PSYC 472 Internship in Behavioral Health Studies (Sp)*	4	Prereqs are PSYC 425, PSYC 471 and approval of practicum and internship instructors. Minimum grade of B-. Cannot receive credit for both PSYC 472 and NURS 474
Elective	3-4	
Elective	3-4	Need a minimum of 12 credits for full-time status so may need one more course
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum 2.0 GPA overall and 2.50 GPA in PSYC courses
# CREDITS EARNED	12-14	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For other information, check the Psychology Department website:

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

NOTE: The total credit count for the major is 68 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. However, 4 Gen Ed. credits for SB will double-count, making the minimum total 104 credits, leaving room for 16 elective credits (without secondary language or RIC 100).