

Academic Rhode Map for BA Communication Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Public and Professional Communication

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
COMM 208 Public Speaking	
COMM 251W Research Methods in Communication* (WID)	
COMM 351W Persuasion* (WID)	
COMM 461 Public and Professional Capstone*	
Choose SEVEN courses from the following: COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*; COMM 256 Human Communication and New Technology (Sp)*; COMM 332 Gender and Communication (F)*; COMM 333 Intercultural Communication*; COMM 336 Health Communication (Sp)*; COMM 353 Political Communication*; COMM 354 Communication and Civic Engagement (Sp)*; COMM 356 Group Decision Making (Sp)*; COMM 359 Argumentation and Debate (F)*; COMM 412 Strategies in Fundraising and Development*; COMM 452 Conflict Resolution*; COMM 454 Organizational Communication*; COMM 459 Debate Practicum*; or COMM 479 Internship* (COMM 479 may be taken twice)	

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. While there are many courses in your major that have prerequisites that you will need to take in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map.

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 with your advisor. You should plan to see your advisor in late September for the Spring Semester and in February for the Fall. 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 equivalent
- College Math Competency (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement) and must be completed by end of first semester or you will be placed on probation.
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart below. 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); Natural Sciences (NS), or Social and Behavioral Science (SB).	4	If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 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: Any Gen Ed Distribution course, or course required in the major	3-4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Another Gen Ed course or COMM 208 Public Speaking	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for at least 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	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 Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), Natural Science (NS); or Social and Behavioral Science (SB)	4	Gen Ed Math completed
Another Gen Ed course or COMM 208 Public Speaking	4	COMM 208 completed
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed course, or required course for the major/minor	3-4	Complete Second Language 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 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 Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), Natural Science (NS); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	Gen Ed Natural Science completed
Gen Ed Distribution if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor	3-4	
COMM 251W Research Methods in Communication*(WID)	4	Prereq. is 24 credits completed
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 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 and discuss possible minor in Sept.

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Distribution if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor	3-4	
Choose 1 Connections course (Gen Ed-C)	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Choose ONE from COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*; COMM 256 Human Communication and New Technology (Sp)*; COMM 332 Gender and Communication (F)*; COMM 333 Intercultural Communication*; COMM336 Health Communication (Sp)*; COMM 353 Political Communication*; COMM 354 Communication and Civic Engagement (Sp)*; COMM 356 Group Decision Making (Sp)*; COMM 359 Argumentation and Debate (F)*; COMM 412 Strategies in Fundraising and Development*; COMM 452 Conflict Resolution*; COMM 454 Organizational Communication*; COMM 459 Debate Practicum*; or COMM 479 Internship*	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog. Will need to complete SEVEN courses from this list. COMM 479 Internship may be repeated for credit
Choose ONE more from the list above	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 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 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
Choose ONE from COMM 230*; COMM 256 (Sp)*; COMM 332 (F)*; COMM 333*; COMM 336 (Sp)*; COMM 353*; COMM 354 (Sp)*; COMM 356 (Sp)*; COMM 359 (F)*; COMM 412*; COMM 452*; COMM 454*; COMM 459*; or COMM 479*	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
COMM 351W Persuasion* (WID)	4	Prereq is COMM 208
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 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 Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Choose ONE from COMM 230*; COMM 256 (Sp)*; COMM 332 (F)*; COMM 333*; COMM336 (Sp)*; COMM 353*; COMM 354 (Sp)*; COMM 356 (Sp)*; COMM 359 (F)*; COMM 412*; COMM 452*; COMM 454*; COMM 459*; or COMM 479*	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Choose ONE more from the list above	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. If pursuing minor make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit. 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
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
Choose ONE from COMM 230*; COMM 256 (Sp)*; COMM 332 (F)*; COMM 333 *; COMM336 (Sp)*; COMM 353 *; COMM 354 (Sp)*; COMM 356 (Sp)*; COMM 359 (F)*; COMM 412 *; COMM 452*; COMM 454 *; COMM 459 *; or COMM 479 *	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog. COMM 479 Internship may be repeated for credit
Choose ONE more from the list above	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog. SEVEN courses from this group completed
Elective, or course toward another minor/major if needed	3-4	Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
COMM 461 Public and Professional Capstone*	4	Prereqs are: 75 credit hours, all P&P required courses (COMM 251W, 208, 351W) and at least four other courses in the major completed
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status.
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 Communication Department website:

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

Students in the Public & Professional concentration are encouraged to use their elective credits in a systematic way by enrolling in a minor or a second major. Please contact your academic advisor to discuss what other programs would help you make the most of your Public & Professional concentration.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the Communication major (concentration in Public and Professional Communication) is 40 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. The minimum credit count will be 80 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), which would leave 40 elective credits, which could be used for a minor or second major.