

## Academic Rhode Map for BS Finance 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

<b>GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST</b>				
	<b>FYW 100</b> – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)	<b>Distribution Courses -</b>  One from each category		<b>Math (M)</b> - Suggested in first year --satisfied by MATH 240
	<b>FYS 100</b> – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)			<b>Arts (A)</b>
				<b>History/Philosophy (HP)</b>
				<b>Literature/Language (LL)</b>
				<b>Natural Science (NS)</b>
	<b>Connections</b> – Taken after FYW & FYS			<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (SB)</b>
				<b>Elective(s) for 40 total Gen Ed credits (E)</b>

<b>MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST</b>				
	ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial			MGT 201W Foundations of Management
	BUSI 100 Introduction to Business at RIC			MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing
	CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems or CSCI 102 Computer Fundamentals for Cybersecurity or CSCI 141 Application and Impact of Artificial Intelligence or CSCI 157 Introduction to Algorithmic Thinking in Python			MATH 240 Statistical Methods I <b>OR</b> MATH 248 Business Statistics I
	ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics			<b>ONE additional course in Economics (ECON) at the 300-level or above</b>
	ECON 215 Principles of Macroeconomics			FIN 301 Managerial Finance and Control
	ENGL 230W Workplace Writing			FIN 432 Investments
	<b>FIVE additional courses in Finance (FIN) at the 300-level or above</b>			FIN 461W Seminar in Finance <b>OR</b> FIN 492 Independent Study II

### Graduation Requirements:

- **Completion of General Education Requirements** – See table above
- **Completion of Major Requirements** — See table above
- **BUSI 100 or Equivalent (eg RIC 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 67 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 4 Gen. Ed. credits for M can double count, so the program can be completed in 103 credits.

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 NOTES</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100) <b>OR</b> First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	<b>4</b>	FYW Directed Self Placement exam
BUSI 100 Introduction to Business at RIC	<b>2</b>	Exempt if taking/taken COLL 101, COLL 150, HONR 150, or RIC 100
Gen Ed (M)— MATH 240 Statistical Methods I (OR take MATH 177 for Gen Ed. M. in order to take MATH 248 Business Statistics I another semester).	<b>4</b>	Prerequisite MATH 240 = Completed mathematics milestone or appropriate score on the mathematics placement exam. Satisfies M Gen Ed. MATH 248 (Gen Ed. elective) is an alternative to MATH 240 but requires MATH 177 as a prerequisite (which is M Gen Ed.) Prerequisite MATH 177 = MATH 120 or appropriate score on placement exam.
General Education Course (Any still needed)	<b>3-4</b>	
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<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<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>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>16</b> <b>-18</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 NOTES</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100) <b>OR</b> First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	<b>4</b>	
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting 1: Financial	<b>3</b>	Prereq. = Completion of at least 30 college credits or by consent of Chair of Accounting
ECON 214 Microeconomics <b>OR</b> ECON 215 Macroeconomics	<b>3</b>	Prereq = Math Milestone completed
General Education Course (Any still needed)	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Need a minimum of 30 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>13</b> <b>-14</b>	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 NOTES</b>
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems or CSCI 102 Computer Fundamentals for Cybersecurity or CSCI 141 Application and Impact of Artificial Intelligence or CSCI 157 Introduction to Algorithmic Thinking in Python	<b>4</b>	Prereq CIS 252 = 15 completed credits Prereq SCCI 141 or 157 = Math Milestone completed
ECON 214 Microeconomics <b>OR</b> ECON 215 Macroeconomics	<b>3</b>	Prereq = Math Milestone completed
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing	<b>4</b>	Prereq = FYW or College Writing Requirement
FIN 301 Financial Management	<b>4</b>	Prereqs = ACC T 201; and MA TH 120, MA TH 139, MA TTH 177, MATH 209, MATH 212, MATH 240 or MATH 248.
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Need minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>15</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor</i>

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 NOTES</b>
<b>ONE course in Economics (ECON) at the 300-level or above</b>	<b>4</b>	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
MATH 248 Business Statistics I (if prefer to MATH 240 Statistical Methods I), or else an elective of course for a minor.	<b>4</b>	Prerequisite = MATH 177 MATH 248 satisfies Gen. Ed. Elective (E)
General Education Course (Any still needed)	<b>3-4</b>	
MKT 201W Introduction to Marketing	<b>4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Need minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>15 -16</b>	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 NOTES</b>
<b>ONE course in Economics (ECON) at the 300-level or above</b>	<b>4</b>	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
General Education Course (Any still needed)	<b>3-4</b>	
FIN 432 Investments	<b>4</b>	Prereqs = FIN 301 and MATH 248
Elective	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14 -16</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor</i>

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 NOTES</b>
General Education Course (Any still needed)	<b>3-4</b>	All Gen Eds completed by the end of this semester
Gen Ed - Connections	<b>4</b>	Prereqs = FYW and FYS
MGT 201W Foundations of Management	<b>4</b>	Completion of at least 30 college credits
<b>Course in Finance (FIN) at the 300-level or above</b>	<b>4</b>	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>16</b>	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 NOTES</b>
Course in Finance (FIN) at the 300-level or above	<b>4</b>	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Course in Finance (FIN) at the 300-level or above	<b>4</b>	Prereq = FIN 301
Elective or course for minor	<b>3-4</b>	
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<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14-16</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor</i>

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 NOTES</b>
Course in Finance (FIN) at the 300-level or above, or elective	<b>4</b>	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
FIN 461W Seminar in Finance <b>OR</b> FIN 492 Independent Study II	<b>4</b>	Prereqs FIN 461W = FIN 432 and three additional FIN courses at the 400 level Prereqs FIN 492 = FIN 491
Elective or course for minor	<b>3-4</b>	
Elective or course for minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14-16</b>	<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

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