# Academic Rhode Map for BA Liberal Studies 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

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| | **FYW 100 –** Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective) | **Distribution Courses -**<br><br>One from each category | **Math (M)** - Suggested in first year |
| | | | **Arts (A)** |
| | **FYS 100 –** Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective) | | **History/Philosophy (HP)** |
| | | | **Literature/Language (LL)** |
| | | | **Natural Science (NS)** |
| | **Connections –** Taken after FYW & FYS | | **Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)** |
| | | | **Elective(s) for 40 total Gen Ed credits (E)** |

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

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| | LIBS 261 Introduction to Liberal Studies |
| | LIBS 461W Liberal Studies Seminar |
| | Eight courses chosen in consultation with a Liberal Studies Advisor. <br>These can be taken in any order, but at least ONE course must come from four of the five areas listed below <br>NO MORE THAN four courses may come from any one area or department <br>At least FOUR of the courses must be at the 300-level or above. <br>General Education courses do not double count for major credits, including Connections courses |

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| | **Area 1 Arts** <br>Art, Art History, Dance, Film Studies, Music and Theatre or COMM 241 or ENGL 113 | **Area 2 Humanities** <br>English (except ENGL 113), History, Modern Languages, Philosophy or COMM 208, 242 (Sp), or 255W (Sp) |
| | **Area 3 Mathematics** <br>Mathematics or Computer Science | **Area 4 Natural Science** <br>Biology, Chemistry, Physical Science or Physics |
| | **Area 5 Social Science** <br>Africana Studies, Anthropology, Economics, Geography, International Non-Governmental Organizations, Non-Profit Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Gender and Women's Studies <br>or COMM 230 (F), 240, 332 (F), 333, 340W (Sp), 347 (Sp), 351W, 353, 354 (Sp), or 357(F,Su) | |

## 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 GPA -** 2.0 overall

**The total credit count for the major is 41-52 credits, and 40 credits for General Education, so the program can be completed in 81-92 credits.**

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| SEMESTER 1 | CR | | SEMESTER 1 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| FYW 100 First Year Writing **OR** <br> 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 Math (M) | 3-4 | | If Math Milestone is not completed, take MATH 10 here |
| General Education Course (Any still needed) | 3-4 | | |
| General Education Course (Any still needed) | 3-4 | | |
| **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 2.0 GPA* |
| **# CREDITS EARNED** | 14 -17 | | *By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester* |

| SEMESTER 2 | CR | | SEMESTER 2 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| FYW 100 First Year Writing **OR** <br> FYS 100 First Year Seminar | 4 | | |
| General Education Course (Any still needed) | 3-4 | | |
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| General Education Course (Any still needed) | 3-4 | | |
| **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 | | *By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester* |

| SEMESTER 3 | CR | | SEMESTER 3 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| General Education Course (Any still needed) | 3-4 | | |
| 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. |
| Course from any one of the five specified areas (1-5) | 3-4 | | |
| Course from a different specified area (1-5) | 3-4 | | |
| General Education Course (Any still needed) | 3-4 | | |
| **Requirements and GPA** | | | *Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major* |
| **# CREDITS EARNED** | 13 -17 | | *By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor* |

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| SEMESTER 4 | CR | | SEMESTER 4 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gen Ed - Connections | 4 | | Prereqs = FYW and FYS. |
| Course from a specified area not yet covered (1-5) | 3-4 | | |
| Course from a specified area not yet covered (1-5) | 3-4 | | |
| Elective | 3-4 | | |
| **Requirements and GPA** | | | *Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major* |
| **# CREDITS EARNED** | 13 -16 | | *By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester* |


| SEMESTER 5 | CR | | SEMESTER 5 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| Elective | 3-4 | | |
| LIBS 261 Introduction to Liberal Studies | 4 | | Prereqs = completion of 60 credits and permission of the program director |
| Course from a specified area not yet covered (1-5) | 3-4 | | |
| Elective | 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** | 13 -16 | | *By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester* |


| SEMESTER 6 | CR | | SEMESTER 6 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| 300 level course from any of the areas | 3-4 | | |
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| 300 level course from any of the areas | 3-4 | | Note: no more than three courses may come from any one area or department. |
| Elective | 3-4 | | |
| **Requirements and GPA** | | | *Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC* |
| **# CREDITS EARNED** | 12-16 | | *By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester* |

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| SEMESTER 7 | CR | | SEMESTER 7 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| 300 level course from any of the areas | 3-4 | | Note: no more than three courses may come from any one area or department |
| Elective | 3-4 | | |
| Elective | 3-4 | | May need additional course for full-time status (12 credits) |
| **Requirements and GPA** | | | *Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major* |
| **# CREDITS EARNED** | **12-13** | | *By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester* |

| SEMESTER 8 | CR | | SEMESTER 8 NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|
| LIBS 461W Liberal Studies Seminar | 3-4 | | Prereqs = LIBS 261 and permission of program director |
| Elective | 3-4 | | |
| Elective | 3-4 | | May need additional course for full-time status (12 credits) |
| **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* |

**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.

    o 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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