

## Academic Rhode Map for BA Public Administration 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
	<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> -Satisfied by POL 102
				<b>Elective(s) for 40 total Gen Ed credits (E)</b>

<b>ACADEMIC MAJOR CHECKLIST</b>	
	PBAD/GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I
	PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management (Sp)
	POL 102 American Government
	POL 300 Methodology in Political Science
	POL 301W Foundations of Public Administration (F)
	POL 331 Courts and Public Policy (F)
	POL 355 Policy Formation Process (Sp)
	POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp) <b>OR</b> POL 328 Field Experiences in the Public Sector
	Cognates: THREE ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-12 credits) at the 300 level and above other than political science department courses and chosen in consultation with the public administration director. The cognate requirement can be satisfied by completing a dual major other than in political science, or a minor other than in political science, or a college-approved, credit-bearing certificate program. (e.g., Geographic Information Systems)
	A CCRI transfer student can fulfill the cognate requirement by completing an Associate Degree at CCRI in one of the six CCRI Transfer Majors approved for Public Administration: Law Enforcement, Paralegal Studies, Computer Programming, Emergency Management/Homeland Security, Accounting, or Fire Science.

### 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 10
- **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 41-44 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 73-76 credits.**

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 NOTES</b>
FYW 100 First Year Writing <b>OR</b> FYS 100 First Year Seminar	<b>4</b>	FYW Directed Self Placement exam
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	<b>1</b>	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
General Education Course Math (M)	<b>3-4</b>	If Math Milestone is not completed, take MATH 10 here
General Education Course (Any except SB)	<b>3-4</b>	Gen Ed (SB) is satisfied by POL 102
POL 102 American Government	<b>4</b>	Satisfies Gen Ed Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)
<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>15</b> <b>*-17</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>
FYW 100 First Year Writing <b>OR</b> FYS 100 First Year Seminar	<b>4</b>	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
General Education Course (Any still needed)	<b>3-4</b>	
Gen Ed course, elective, or second major/minor	<b>3-4</b>	
PBAD/GEOG 202 Geographic Information Systems I	<b>4</b>	Could take this a later semester if necessary, but take before or concurrent with POL 300
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 30 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14</b> <b>-16</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>
Gen Ed course, elective, or second major/minor	<b>3-4</b>	
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POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	<b>1</b>	Not required but recommended Prereq = FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
POL 301W Foundations in Public Administration (F)	<b>4</b>	Prereq. POL 102
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14</b> <b>-17</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 NOTES</b>
Any 300-400 level course outside of POL, or elective if not needed	<b>3-4</b>	Varied Prereqs - See catalog <b>Cognate: Need THREE courses</b> Note that a major/minor/certificate outside of POL will satisfy this requirement
POL 300 Methodology in Political Science or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = POL 102 and Gen Ed Math (M)
POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	<b>1</b>	Not required but recommended if not yet taken Prereq = FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
POL 327 Internship in State Government (Sp) or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Prereq = consent of program director or department chair Need POL 327 or 328
Gen Ed course, elective, or second major/minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>13</b> <b>-17</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>
Gen Ed - Connections	<b>4</b>	Prereqs = FYW and FYS
POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	<b>1</b>	Not required but recommended if not yet taken Prereq = FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
POL 300 Methodology in Political Science or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = POL 102 and Gen Ed Math (M)
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector	<b>4</b>	POL 331 prereq = POL 102 POL 328 prereq = consent of department chair
Gen Ed course, elective, or second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for a minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14</b> <b>-17</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 NOTES</b>
POL 111 Careers in Politics and Public Policy	<b>1</b>	Not required but recommended if not yet taken: Prereq. FYW 100 and at least 15 credits
PBAD 325 Politics of Public Management (Sp)	<b>4</b>	Prereq = POL 301 or POL 301W or consent of department chair
POL 327 Internship in the State Government (Sp) or POL 355 Policy Formation Process (Sp)	<b>4</b>	POL 327 prereq = consent of department chair POL 355 prereq = POL 102
Elective, or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<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>12</b> <b>-13</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>
POL 331 Courts and Public Policy (F) or POL 328 Field Experience in the Public Sector	<b>4</b>	POL 331 prereq = POL 102 POL 328 prereq = consent of department chair
Any 300-400 level course outside of POL or elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Varied Prereqs - See catalog. <b>Cognate: Need THREE courses</b> Note that a major/minor/certificate outside of POL will satisfy this requirement
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Gen Ed course, elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<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>13</b> <b>-16</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 NOTES</b>
POL 327 Internship in the State Government (Sp) POL 355 Policy Formation Process (Sp) or elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	POL 355 is completed; POL 327 or 328 is completed
Any 300-400 level course outside of POL or elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Varied Prereqs - See catalog. <b>Cognate: Need THREE courses</b> Note that a major/minor/certificate outside of POL will satisfy this requirement
Elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits)
<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>≥12</b>	<i>Attend Gradfest and Commencement</i>

### NOTES:

- 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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