

# Academic Rhode Map for BA Philosophy Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Knowledge and Reality

**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
Choose ONE from PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic (WID); PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning*; PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic (Sp)* (WID)	
Choose TWO from PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)* (WID); PHIL 354 Continental Philosophy (F)*; PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant and Modern philosophy (Sp)* (WID)	
Choose ONE from PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)*; PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy*; PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law*	
Choose ONE from PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)*; PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	
Choose ONE from PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)*; PHIL 333 Philosophy of Mind (F)*	
PHIL 460W Seminar in Philosophy* (WID)	
ADDITIONAL COURSES: Choose TWO not already chosen above from PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)*; PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*; PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)*; PHIL 333 Philosophy of Mind (F)*; BIOL 111 Introductory Biology I*; CHEM 103 General Chemistry I*; CHEM 104 General Chemistry II*; MATH 139 Contemporary Topics in Mathematics*; PHYS 101 Physics for Science and Mathematics I*; PHYS 102 Physics for Science and Mathematics II*; PHYS 110 Introductory Physics*; PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology; PSYC 341 Perception*; PSYC 349 Cognitive Psychology*; PSYC 354 Psychopathology*	

Note: Not required but recommended ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors (1 credit; graded S/U)

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. 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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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100).	<b>4</b>	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 RIC	<b>1</b>	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS), or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	<b>4</b>	Math Gen Ed. recommended (take Mathematics placement test to decide which is best for you)
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.	<b>4</b>	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Another Gen Ed. distribution, or PHIL 200 Introduction to Philosophy as elective	<b>3-4</b>	
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	<b>16-17</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS</b>
FYW 100 or FYS 100	<b>4</b>	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS); or Social and Behavioral (SB).	<b>4</b>	Complete Gen Ed Math. Note: For Gen Ed, only one course per category. Consider PHIL 230 Aesthetics for Gen Ed Arts (A)
PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic (WID), PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning* or PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic (Sp)* (WID)	<b>4</b>	Prereq. for PHIL 305W is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Prereq. for PHIL 220 is completion of any Math or Natural Science general education distribution.
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed Distribution course	<b>4</b>	Complete Second Lang 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	<b>16</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS</b>
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)* or PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy* or PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law*	<b>3</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits Need ONE from PHIL 306, PHIL 321 or PHIL 322
PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)*(WID) or PHIL Continental Philosophy 354 (F)*	<b>4</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits Need TWO from PHIL 351W, PHIL 354, and PHIL 356W
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 46 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>13-15</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	<b>4</b>	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. Consider one of the PHIL connections courses, but this cannot be counted toward the major
PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)*(WID) or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Need TWO from PHIL 351W, PHIL 354, and PHIL 356W
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 62 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>13-16</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	<b>4</b>	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M. Consider PHIL 220 Logic and Probability
PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of Mind (F)*	<b>3</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits
PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)*(WID) or PHIL Continental Philosophy 354 (F)*, or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Need TWO from PHIL 351W, PHIL 354, and PHIL 356W
Elective or course in another major or a minor	<b>3-4</b>	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>13-15</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS</b>
PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)* or PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	<b>3</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits
PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)*(WID) or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Prereq. is any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Need TWO from PHIL 351W, PHIL 354, and PHIL 356W
One course from the ADDITIONAL COURSES box on page 1 above.	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
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
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 92 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>12-15</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS</b>
PHIL 460W Seminar in Philosophy* (WID) or elective	3-4	Prereqs. for PHIL 460W are completion of at least 60 college credits and any 300-level PHIL course, or consent of the department chair. (Offered: Annually)
One course from the ADDITIONAL COURSES box on page 1 above.	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS</b>
PHIL 460W Seminar in Philosophy* (WID) or elective	3-4	Prereqs. for PHIL 460W are completion of at least 60 college credits and any 300-level PHIL course, or consent of the department chair. (Offered: Annually). Complete PHIL 460W
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one 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

For more information, check the Philosophy Department website:  
<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-philosophy>

**Note:** The total credit count for the major is 31-33 credits, and 40 credits for General Education for an overall total of 71-73 credits. This leaves 47-49 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could also include a second major, or a minor and additional PHIL courses.