

## Academic Rhode Map for BA Philosophy 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> - consider PHIL 230 Aesthetics
	<b>Connections</b> – Taken after FYW & FYS PHIL Connections count to program			<b>History/Philosophy (HP)</b> - Satisfied by PHIL 100
				<b>Literature/Language (LL)</b>
				<b>Natural Science (NS)</b>
				<b>Social &amp; Behavioral Sciences (SB)</b>
				<b>Elective(s) to bring total Gen Ed credits to 40 (E)</b>

<b>ACADEMIC MAJOR CHECKLIST</b>	
	PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
	<b>ONE from</b> PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic
	PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy <b>OR</b> PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy
	PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory <b>OR</b> PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics
	PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy <b>OR</b> PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law
	PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth <b>OR</b> PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science
	PHIL 330 Metaphysics <b>OR</b> PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind
	At least SEVEN additional credits of PHIL courses

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

### 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 2.0 GPA** - Need at least 2.0 for both overall and classes in major

**The total credit count for the major is 30 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 4 Gen. Ed. credits for HP can double count, so the program can be completed in 66 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 RIC	<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 but HP)	<b>3-4</b>	Consider PHIL 230 Aesthetics for Gen Ed Arts (A)
PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy	<b>3</b>	Satisfies Gen Ed History/Philosophy (HP)
<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>14-16</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>	
General Education Course	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 205W Introduction to Logic PHIL 220 Logic and Probability in Scientific Reasoning PHIL 305W Intermediate Logic	<b>4</b>	PHIL 220 prereqs = any Gen Ed. M or NS completed PHIL 305W prereq = any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits.
General Education Course	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14 -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>
General Education Course	<b>3-4</b>	
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory <b>OR</b> PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Need either PHIL 306 (F) or PHIL 325 (Sp); PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp)
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy PHIL 330 Metaphysics PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind	<b>3</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits
ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors	<b>1</b>	<b>Not required but recommended;</b> Prereq = FYW 100 or completion of the college writing requirement, and completion of at least 15 credit hours.
Gen Ed course, elective, Or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>13 -16</b>	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor</i>

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 NOTES</b>
Connections (Gen Ed-C)	<b>4</b>	Prereqs = FYW and FYS Consider the PHIL Connections options
PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp) <b>OR</b> PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Need either PHIL 351 (F) or 356 (Sp); PHIL 321 (F) or 322 (Sp)
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science	<b>3</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits. Need either PHIL 306 or PHIL 325; PHIL 311 (Sp) or PHIL 320 (Sp)
Gen Ed course, elective, Or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 63 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>13 -15</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 course, elective, Or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory OR PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs. = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy PHIL 330 Metaphysics PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind	<b>3</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits.
Gen Ed course, elective, Or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>14-15</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>
PHIL 356W Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy <b>OR</b> PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits.
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science	<b>4</b>	Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits.
Any other PHIL course, elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Need 7 additional PHIL credits, and Connections courses can be included in this.
Gen Ed course, elective, Or possible second major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	<i>If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit</i>
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 94 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>13-16</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>
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory PHIL 351W Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy Elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits
<b>Choose ONE:</b> PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy PHIL 330 Metaphysics PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind Elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	Prereqs = 100/200 level PHIL course or 30 credits
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>	
<b>Requirements and GPA</b>		<i>Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major</i>
<b># CREDITS EARNED</b>	<b>12</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>
Any other PHIL course, elective or course in another major or minor	<b>3-4</b>	
Gen Ed, elective or course in another major or a minor	<b>3-4</b>	
Gen Ed, elective or course in another major or a minor	<b>3-4</b>	May 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>

**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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