

# Academic Rhode Map for BSW Social Work Major at Rhode Island College

**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	Academic Major Checklist	Course
POL 202 American Government		SWRK 326W Generalist Social Work Practice* (WID)	
PSYC 215 Social Psychology		SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice* (Sp, Su)	
PSYC 230 Human Development*		SWRK 338 Introduction to Fieldwork* (Sp, Su)	
SWRK 200 Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare		SWRK 445 Summer Extended Fieldwork* (optional) (Su)	
SWRK 301 Policy Analysis and Practice*		SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/Models *(F)	
SWRK 302W Social Work Research Methods I* (WID)		SWRK 436 Fieldwork* (F) or 446 Fall Extended Fieldwork* (F)	
SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II*		SWRK 463 Fieldwork Seminar* (F)	
SWRK 306 Biopsychosocial Perspectives for Social Workers*		SWRK 437 Advanced Fieldwork* (Sp) or 447 Spring Extended Fieldwork* (Sp)	
SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I*		SWRK 464 Senior Seminar in Fieldwork* (Sp)	
SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II*		ONE course in Sociology at the 200-level	

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 will need you to take them 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.

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. Maps assume a Fall start. See note at end regarding MSW pathway choices.

**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 above.
- 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).	4	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 Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); Literature (L); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 139 here, if not will need to take MATH 010
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.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
SWRK 200 Introduction to Social Work and Welfare	4	Introductory course for the major; all SWRK courses need a minimum grade of C
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	16	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	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed-Math (M)	4	Complete MATH 139 (or other Math Gen Ed)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, or no course to reduce credits	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
PSYC 215 Social Psychology or POL 202 Amer. Gov.	4	Satisfies Gen Ed (SB)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	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>
Any needed Gen Ed from (A),(L), or (H)	4	
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PSYC 215 Social Psychology or POL 202 Amer. Gov.	4	PSYC 215 and POL 202 completed
Gen Ed-Natural Science (NS)	4	Complete Gen Ed NS
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits. Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose Gen Ed	4	Prereqs. for are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I*	3	Prereqs. are PSYC 215, PSYC 230 and SWRK 200. Minimum grade of C
PSYC 230 Human Development*	4	Contact the Psychology Department to obtain permission to take PSYC 230
Any 200 level Sociology course except Gen Ed (C)	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses
# CREDITS EARNED	15	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>
SWRK 302W Social Work Research Methods I* (WID)	4	Prereqs. are completion of any mathematics or natural science general education distribution and SWRK 200, and need a minimum grade of C
SWRK 306 Biological Perspectives for Social Workers*	2	Prereq. is prior or concurrent SWRK 200; need a minimum grade of C
SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II *	4	Prereqs. are POL 202 and SWRK 200, or consent of department chair; need a minimum grade of C
SWRK 326W Generalist Social Work Practice* (WID)	4	Prereqs. are SWRK 200 and prior or concurrent SWRK 324 and 325, or by consent of chair. Minimum grade of C
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses. Complete application for School of Social Work
# CREDITS EARNED	14	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>
SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice* (Sp, Su)	4	Prereq. is SWRK 326 or SWRK 326W, and prior or concurrent enrollment in SWRK 338. Minimum grade of C
SWRK 338 Introduction to Fieldwork* (Sp, Su)	2	Prereq. is SWRK 326 or SWRK 326W and concurrent enroll in SWRK 327. Minimum grade of C
SWRK 301 Policy Analysis and Practice*	4	Prereqs. are POL 202 , SWRK 200, or consent of department chair. Minimum grade of C
SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II*	4	Prereq. is completion of any mathematics general education distribution and SWRK 302, or consent of department chair, and need a minimum grade of C. Satisfies Gen Ed. AQSR
SUMMER: SWRK 445 Summer Extended Fieldwork*	Su (4)	Prereqs. are SWRK 302 or SWRK 302W, 327 and 338. NOTE: Optional course.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	14	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>
SWRK 436 Fieldwork* (F) or SWRK 446 Fall Extended Fieldwork* (F)	3-7	Prereqs. for SWRK 436 are SWRK 302 or SWRK 302W, 327, 338, prior or concurrent enrollment in 301, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 426 and 463. Prereqs for SWRK 446 are SWRK 445 and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 426 and 463.
SWRK 463 Fieldwork Seminar* (F)	3	Prereqs. are SWRK 301 or SWRK 301W, 302,327, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 426 and 436/446.
SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/Models *(F). -OR- if pursuing MSW take SWRK 432 Generalist Foundation and Skills: Direct Practice I*	3-4	Prereqs. for SWRK 426 are SWRK 327, 338, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 463 and 436/446. Prereqs. acceptance to the 5 year BSW/MSW pathway, concurrent enrollment in SWRK 437 and SWRK 463.
Elective	3-4	Optional: if needed to get to 12 credits
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses
# CREDITS EARNED	12-18	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>
Elective(s)	3-4	Need 12 credits to be fulltime
ONLY if pursuing MSW take SWRK 433 Generalist Foundation and Skills: Direct Practice II*, or elective	3	Prereqs. are acceptance to the 5 year BSW/MSW pathway, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 437 and SWRK 464.
SWRK 437 Advanced Fieldwork* (Sp) or SWRK 447 Spring Extended Fieldwork* (Sp)	3-7	Prereqs for SWRK 437 are SWRK 426, 436, 463, and concurrent enroll. in SWRK 464. Prereqs for SWRK 447 are SWRK 426, 446, 463 and concurrent enroll. in SWRK 464.
SWRK 464 Senior Seminar in Fieldwork* (Sp)	3	Prereqs are SWRK 301 or SWRK 301W, 426, 436, 463 (or 446) and concurrent enroll. in SWRK 437/447
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses
# CREDITS EARNED	12-17	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For other information, check the Social Work Department website:**

<http://ricollege.prod.acquia-sites.com/department-directory/school-social-work/bachelor-social-work-bsw>

The minimum credit count for the major is 68 credits (depending on choices), and 40 credits for General Education for a total of 110 credits. However, 8 Gen Ed. credits for SB and AQSR will double-count, leaving room for up to 20 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, or can be electives, which may be also be additional SWRK options.

**Note:** You may consider a FIVE year option that will take you into the MSW to which you apply after 65 credits (see advisor for more details). For this you need a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of C in all SWRK courses. If accepted you would take SWRK 432 in the seventh semester and SWRK 433 in the eighth, this will raise the minimum total credits to 74.