

**ACADEMIC RHODE MAP  
BS HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION MAJOR**



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GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 or online at <http://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/Pages/College-Catalog.aspx> 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. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. All courses marked with an asterisk \* have a prerequisite. For information about Math Placement exam visit: <http://www.ric.edu/orientation/Pages/Math-Placement.aspx>. Courses with (WID) are Writing in the Discipline courses and will be writing intensive.

Academic Major Checklist	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology* OR BIOL 103 Human Biology*		HCA 461 Seminar in Strategic Health* (WID)	
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*		HCA 467 Internship in Health Care Administration (F, Sp, Su)*	
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*		MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I*	
COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*		MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*	
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*		MGT 201 Foundations of Management* (WID)	
ENGL 230 Workplace Writing*		MGT 320 Human Resource Management*	
HCA 201 Introduction to Health Care Systems (F, Sp)* (WID)		MGT 322 Organizational Behavior* (WID)	
HCA 302 Health Care Organizations (Sp)*		MKT 201 Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	
HCA 303 Health Policy and Contemporary Issues (Sp)* (WID)		PSYC 221 Research Methods I: Foundations* (has a prereq. of PSCY 110 which you may need to be able to take this)	
HCA 330 Health Care Finance* or FIN 301 Managerial Finance*		Three additional courses* Recommendation is to take all three from one of the following categories: <b>Gerontology, Human Resource Management, Informatics, Management Foundations, or Wellness</b> (see end of map for more detail).	
HCA 355 Quality Management/Improvement in Health Care (F, Sp)*			
HCA 401 Ethical and Legal Issues in HCA (Sp)* (WID)			

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.

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> FYW 100P is 6 credits. To decide which FYW to take, see Directed Self-Placement test at <a href="http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting">www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting</a>
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); or Literature (L).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 4)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement satisfied: another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology (Gen Ed NS)* OR BIOL 103 Human Biology (not a Gen Ed.)*	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years) <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); or Literature (L), or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> For Gen Ed (SB), <b>PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221</b> (Semester 4)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis I*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Prerequisite is Math competency/placement exam or MATH 120; satisfies Gen Ed Math</b>
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need a minimum of 30 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting I: Financial*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 30 earned credits
ENGL 230 Workplace Writing*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
HCA 201 Introduction to Health Care Systems (F, Sp)* (WID)	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. pursuing major in HCA
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L), Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB), or Natural Sciences (NS), or elective of not needed.	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed (if took BIOL 108 this requirement is satisfied) <input type="checkbox"/> Need ONE course from each distribution
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course if needed, or elective	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> For Gen Ed (SB), PSYC 110 recommended as will need it as a prerequisite for PYSC 221 (Semester 4)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 45 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester, and discuss possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
ECON 214 Microeconomics*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is Math competency completed
CIS 252 Introduction to Information Systems*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite 30 earned credits
MGT 201 Foundations of Management* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. 45 earned credits
PSYC 221 Research Methods I: Foundations*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. PSYC 110
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course if needed, or elective	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Need ONE course from each distribution plus Connections.
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 60 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	17-18	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
MGT 320 Human Resource Management*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. MGT 201 or 301
MKT 201 Introduction to Marketing* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. 45 earned credits
HCA 330 Health Care Finance* or FIN 301 Managerial Finance	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for HCA 330 is MGT 201 or 301 <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for FIN 301 is MATH 177 and ACCT 201
COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. completion of 30 credits
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
HCA 302 Health Care Organizations (Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. HCA 201 or NURS 201
HCA 303 Health Policy and Contemporary Issues (Sp)* (WID)	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. HCA 201 or NURS 201
MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is math competency, or placement math exam
MGT 322 Organizational Behavior* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. MGT 201 or 301
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	18	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 earned credits and FYW and FYS.
HCA 355 Quality Management/Improvement in Health Care (F, Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. HCA 302 or NURS 302, MGT 201 or 301, MATH 240
HCA 401 Ethical and Legal Issues in HCA (Sp)* (WID)	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. HCA 201 or NURS 201
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 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>
HCA 461 Seminar in Strategic Health* (WID)	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are completion of all major and cognate courses (except electives and HCA 467).
HCA 467 Internship in Health Care Admin.*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is completion of all major and cognate courses (except for electives or HCA 461), or be concurrently enrolled in any outstanding courses, or have permission from the program director.
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	2-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Restricted Elective from one of the given categories below	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Varied prerequisites--check catalog; need to take 12 credit to be full time.
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 120 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-15	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For more information, check the Health Care Administration website:**

<http://www.ric.edu/healthcareadministration/Pages/default.aspx>

Required Electives: THREE to be taken; while these may be taken from any of the categories, it is recommended that they all be taken from the same one.

<b>Gerontology</b>	GRTL/NURS 314 Health of Aging*; HCA 403 Long-Term Care Administration*; HCA 404 Long-Term Care Laws and Regulations*; SOC 217 Aging and Society; SOC 320 Law and the Elderly*
<b>Human Resource Management</b>	MGT 423 Compensation and Benefits Administration (F)*; MGT 425 Recruitment and Selection (F)*; MGT 428 Human Resource Development (Sp)* MGT 430 Strategic Human Resource Management (Sp)*
<b>Informatics</b>	CIS 440 Issues in Computer Security*, CIS 455 Database Programming*; HCA 402 Health Care Informatics*
<b>Management Foundations</b>	ACCT 202 Principles of Accounting II: Managerial*; MKT 349 Service Operations Management (F)*; MKT 334 Consumer Behavior*; POL 301 Foundations of Public Administration (F)* (WID)
<b>Wellness</b>	ANTH 309 Medical Anthropology*; HPE 406 Program Development in Health Promotion*; PSYC 424 Health Psychology*; SOC 314 The Sociology of Health and Illness*

**Note: The total credit count for the major is 82-88 credits, although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses, so a student can complete HCA with Gen Ed, in 115-120 depending on choices. There may be 5 electives, though secondary language needs and RIC 100 may use some credits.**