

ACADEMIC RHODE MAP
BA COMMUNICATION MAJOR
With Concentration in Media Communication



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 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; (Su) Summer. All courses marked with an asterisk * have a prerequisite. Courses with (WID) are Writing in the Discipline courses and will be writing intensive. For info. about Math Placement exam visit: <http://www.ric.edu/orientation/Pages/Math-Placement.aspx>

| Academic Major Checklist | Course |
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| COMM 208 Public Speaking | |
| COMM 240 Mass Media and Society (Gen Ed SB) | |
| COMM 242 Message Media and Meaning | |
| COMM 243 Preproduction for Digital Media* (WID) | |
| COMM 244 Digital Media Lab* | |
| COMM 246 Television Production* | |
| COMM 340 Media Ethics (Sp)*(WID) | |
| COMM 343 Audio Production for Multimedia* | |
| COMM 345 Advanced Digital Media Production* | |
| COMM 347 Media Law (Sp)* | |
| COMM 349 Media Theory and Research (F)* | |
| COMM 492 Digital Media Practicum* | |
| THREE courses from: COMM 201 Writing for News* (WID); COMM 241 Introduction to Cinema and Video (Gen Ed A); COMM 344 Broadcast Journalism (Sp)*; COMM 346 Sports Reporting (F)*; COMM 348 Global Communication (F)*; COMM 351 Persuasion* (WID); COMM 443 Sports, Culture, and Media (Sp)*; COMM 479 Internship* (COMM 479 may be taken twice) | |
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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. While there are many courses in your major that have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map. All courses that have prerequisites are marked with an asterisk* in the checklists above and in the map.

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 with your advisor. You should plan to see your advisor in late September for the Spring Semester and in February for the Fall. 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) and must be completed by end of first semester or you will be placed on probation. Find more information at [Math Competency](#)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart below.
- 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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| SEMESTER 1 | CR | SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100). | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. To decide which FYW to take, see Directed Self-Placement test at www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting |
| RIC 100 Introduction to RIC | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150 |
| Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Math (M); History (H); Literature (L); or Natural Sciences (NS). | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> (If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 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: Any Gen Ed Distribution course, or course required in the major | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed) |
| COMM 208 Public Speaking | 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 | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 2 | CR | SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| FYW 100 or FYS 100 | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better |
| Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), or Natural Science (NS) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed Math completed |
| COMM 240 Mass Media and Society | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Gen Ed. Social and Behavioral Science (SB) |
| Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed course, or required course for the major/minor | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Language 102* (if needed) |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.0 GPA |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

| SEMESTER 3 | CR | SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), or Natural Science (NS) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gen Ed Natural Science completed |
| Gen Ed Distribution if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor | 3-4 | |
| COMM 242 Message Media and Meaning | 4 | |
| COMM 243 Preproduction for Digital Media* (WID) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is FYW 100 |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor in Sept. |

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| SEMESTER 4 | CR | SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| Gen Ed Distribution if needed, elective, or course in another major/minor | 3-4 | |
| Choose 1 Connections course (Gen Ed-C) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. |
| Gen Ed if needed, or ONE from COMM 201 Writing for News* (WID); COMM 241 Introduction to Cinema and Video (Gen Ed A); COMM 344 Broadcast Journalism (Sp)*; COMM 346 Sports Reporting (F)*; COMM 348 Global Communication (F)*; COMM 351 Persuasion* (WID); COMM 443 Sports, Culture, and Media (Sp)*; COMM 479 Internship* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog |
| COMM 244 Digital Media Lab | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies Gen Ed. Arts (A) |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

| SEMESTER 5 | CR | SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M |
| COMM 246 Television Production* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are COMM 243 and COMM 244 |
| COMM 349 Media Theory and Research (F)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. are COMM 240, COMM 243 and minimum of 60 credits |
| COMM 343 Audio Production for Multimedia* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are COMM 243 and COMM 244 |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 6 | CR | SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| ONE from COMM 201*(WID); COMM 241;; COMM 344 (Sp)*; COMM 346 (F)*; COMM 348 (F)*; COMM 351*(WID); COMM 443 (Sp)*; COMM 479 * | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog |
| COMM 345 Advanced Digital Media Production* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. are COMM 243 and COMM 244 |
| COMM 347 Media Law (Sp)* | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is COMM 240 |
| COMM 340 Media Ethics (Sp)* (WID) | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is COMM 240 |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed <input type="checkbox"/> If pursuing minor make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

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| SEMESTER 7 | CR | SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| COMM 492 Digital Media Practicum or ONE from COMM 241; COMM 302*; COMM 344 (Sp)*; COMM 346 (F)*; COMM 348 (F)*; COMM 351* (WID); COMM 443 (Sp)*; COMM 479 * | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for COMM 492 are COMM 343, 345, 349 or consent <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend COMM 479 Internship* |
| ONE from COMM 201*(WID); COMM 241; COMM 344 (Sp)*; COMM 346 (F)*; COMM 348 (F)*; COMM 351*(WID); COMM 443 (Sp)*; COMM 479 *, elective, or course toward another minor/major if needed | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog |
| Elective, or course toward another minor/major if needed | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status. |
| Requirements and GPA | | <input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 14-16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 8 | CR | SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓ |
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| COMM 492 Digital Media Practicum or ONE from COMM 201*(WID); COMM 241; COMM 344 (Sp)*; COMM 346 (F)*; COMM 348 (F)*; COMM 351*(WID); COMM 443 (Sp)*; COMM 479 * | 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for COMM 492 are COMM 343, 345, 349 or consent <input type="checkbox"/> Complete COMM 492 <input type="checkbox"/> COMM 479 Internship may be repeated for credit |
| ONE from COMM 201*(WID); COMM 241; COMM 344 (Sp)*; COMM 346 (F)*; COMM 348 (F)*; COMM 351*(WID); COMM 443 (Sp)*; COMM 479 *, elective, or course toward another minor/major if needed | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> THREE courses from this group completed |
| Elective, or course toward another minor/major | 3-4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status. |
| 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 | 13-16 | Attend Gradfest and Commencement |

For more information, check the Communication Department website:

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

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the Communication major (concentration in Media Communication) is 60 credits, although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses (A, SB), which would leave 32 more credits of Gen Ed. and possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. The minimum credit count will be 92 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), which would leave 28 elective credits, some of which could be used for a minor.