



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. For info. 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.

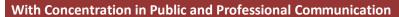
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Academic Major Checklist	Course
COMM 208 Public Speaking	
COMM 251 Research Methods in Communication* (WID)	
COMM 351 Persuasion* (WID)	
COMM 461 Public and Professional Capstone*	
Choose SEVEN courses from the following: COMM 230 Interpersonal	
Communication (F)*; COMM 256 Human Communication and New	
Technology (Sp)*; COMM 332 Gender and Communication (F)*; COMM	
333 Intercultural Communication*; COMM 336 Health Communication	
(Sp)*; COMM 353 Political Communication*; COMM 354 Communication	
and Civic Engagement (Sp)*; COMM 356 Group Decision Making (Sp)*;	
COMM 359 Argumentation and Debate (F)*; COMM 412 Strategies in	
Fundraising and Development*; COMM 452 Conflict Resolution*; COMM	
454 Organizational Communication*; COMM 459 Debate Practicum*; or	
COMM 479 Internship* (COMM 479 may be taken twice)	

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 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





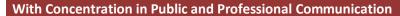
☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule

for next semester and discuss possible minor in Sept.

SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year	4	☐ FYW 100P is a 6 credit option. To decide which FYW to
Seminar (FYS 100).		take, see Directed Self-Placement test at
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting ☐ Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories:	4	☐ (If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-
	4	MATH here, if not will need to take MATH 010)
Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); Literature (L); Natural Sciences		MATTHETE, IT NOT WILL NEED TO TAKE MATTH 010)
(NS), or Social and Behavioral Science (SB).		
Gen EdSecond Lang 101 (based on placement, a	3-4	☐ Language placement test with Dept. of Modern
course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If		Languages (optional)
language requirement already satisfied: Any Gen Ed		☐ Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Distribution course, or course required in the major		
Another Gen Ed course or COMM 208 Public Speaking	4	
		☐ Aim for at least 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16
		credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years)
Requirements and GPA		☐ Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your
		schedule for next semester in Sept.
SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	☐ Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A);	4	☐ Gen Ed Math completed
Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), Natural Science (NS); or Social	·	
and Behavioral Science (SB)		
Another Gen Ed course or COMM 208 Public Speaking	4	☐ COMM 208 completed
Gen EdSecond Lang 102 (if needed), other Gen Ed	3-4	
course, or required course for the major/minor		☐ Complete Second Language 102* (if needed)
course, or required course for the major/minor		☐ Complete Second Language 102* (if needed)
		☐ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits
Requirements and GPA		☐ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits ☐ Minimum 2.0 GPA
	15-16	 ☐ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits ☐ Minimum 2.0 GPA ☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your
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Requirements and GPA # CREDITS EARNED SEMESTER 3 Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A);		 □ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits □ Minimum 2.0 GPA □ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.
Requirements and GPA # CREDITS EARNED	CR	□ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits □ Minimum 2.0 GPA □ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Requirements and GPA # CREDITS EARNED SEMESTER 3 Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), Natural Science (NS); or Social	CR	□ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits □ Minimum 2.0 GPA □ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Requirements and GPA # CREDITS EARNED SEMESTER 3 Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); History (H), Natural Science (NS); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	CR 4	□ Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits □ Minimum 2.0 GPA □ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓
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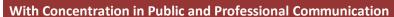
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CREDITS EARNED





SEMESTER 4	CR	SE	MESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Gen Ed Distribution if needed, elective, or course	3-4		
in another major/minor			
Choose 1 Connections course (Gen Ed-C)	4		Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Choose ONE from COMM 230 Interpersonal Communication (F)*;	4		Prereqs. vary—see catalog
COMM 256 Human Communication and New Technology (Sp)*;			Will need to complete SEVEN courses from this list
COMM 332 Gender and Communication (F)*; COMM 333 Intercultural			COMM 479 Internship may be repeated for credit
Communication*; COMM336 Health Communication (Sp)*; COMM 353 Political Communication*; COMM 354 Communication and Civic			
Engagement (Sp)*; COMM 356 Group Decision Making (Sp)*; COMM			
359 Argumentation and Debate (F)*; COMM 412 Strategies in			
Fundraising and Development*; COMM 452 Conflict Resolution*;			
COMM 454 Organizational Communication*; COMM 459 Debate			
Practicum*; or COMM 479 Internship*			
Choose ONE more from the list above	4		Prereqs. vary—see catalog
			Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits
Requirements and GPA			Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16		Make appointment with advisor to discuss your
			schedule for next semester in Feb.
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SEMESTER 5	CR	SE	MESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific	4		Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*			
Choose ONE from COMM 230*; COMM 256 (Sp)*; COMM 332 (F)*; COMM 333 *;	4		Prereqs. vary—see catalog
COMM 336 (Sp)*; COMM 353 *; COMM 354 (Sp)*; COMM 356 (Sp)*; COMM 359 (F)*; COMM 412 *; COMM 452*; COMM 454 *; COMM 459 *; or COMM 479 *			
COMM 351 Persuasion* (WID)	4		Prereg is COMM 208
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4		
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Requirements and GPA			Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16		Make appointment with advisor to discuss your
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SEMESTER 6	CR	SF	MESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Choose ONE from COMM 230*; COMM 256 (Sp)*; COMM 332 (F)*; COMM 333 *;	4		Prereqs. vary—see catalog
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(F)*; COMM 412 *; COMM 452*; COMM 454 *; COMM 459 *; or COMM 479 *			
Choose ONE more from the list above	4		Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4		
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			All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed
			If pursuing minor make sure you have registered for this with
			the relevant department prior to audit Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits
Requirements and GPA			Minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major
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# CREDITS EARNED	14-16		Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.





SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓
Choose ONE from COMM 230*; COMM 256 (Sp)*; COMM 332 (F)*; COMM 333 *; COMM336 (Sp)*; COMM 353 *; COMM 354 (Sp)*; COMM 356 (Sp)*; COMM 359	4	□ Prereqs. vary—see catalog□ COMM 479 Internship may be repeated for credit
(F)*; COMM 412 *; COMM 452*; COMM 454 *; COMM 459 *; or COMM 479 *		
Choose ONE more from the list above	4	☐ Prereqs. vary—see catalog
		☐ SEVEN courses from this group completed
Elective, or course toward another minor/major if	3-4	☐ Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status.
needed		
		☐ Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits
		☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA
Requirements and GPA		☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	☐ Make appointment with advisor to discuss your
		schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓
COMM 461 Public and Professional Capstone*	4	☐ Prereqs are: 75 credit hours, all P&P required courses
		(COMM 251, 208, 351) and at least four other courses
		in the major completed
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	
Elective, or course toward another minor/major	3-4	☐ Need minimum of 12 credit hours for full-time status.
		☐ Need minimum of 120 earned credits
		☐ Minimum of 2.0 GPA
Requirements and GPA		☐ Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	12	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Communication Department website:

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

Students in the Public & Professional concentration are encouraged to use their elective credits in a systematic way by enrolling in a minor or a second major. Please contact your academic advisor to discuss what other programs would help you make the most of your Public & Professional concentration.

NOTE: The minimum total credit count for the Communication major (concentration in Public and Professional Communication) is 40 credits, and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. The minimum credit count will be 80 credits (without secondary language or RIC 100), which would leave 40 elective credits, which could be used for a minor or second major.