

**ACADEMIC RHODE MAP  
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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; (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
PHIL 205 Introduction to Logic (WID) or PHIL 305 Intermediate Logic (Sp)* (WID)	
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)*	
PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)* or PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	
PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy (Sp)* or PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law (F)*	
PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind (F)*	
PHIL 351 Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)* (WID)	
PHIL 354 Continental Philosophy (F)*	
PHIL 356 Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)* (WID)	
PHIL 460 Seminar in Philosophy* (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. Maps assume a Fall start. Maps assume a Fall start.

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.

**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.
- 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 a 6-credit option. To decide which FYW to take, check the Directed Self-Placement test at <a href="http://www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting">www.ric.edu/firstyearwriting</a>
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	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); History (H); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS), or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Gen Ed. recommended (take Mathematics placement test to decide which is best for you)
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Another Gen Ed. distribution, or PHIL 200/201 Introduction to Philosophy/ Eastern Philosophy as elective	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"/> Math competency completed <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); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS); or Social and Behavioral (SB).	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Math <input type="checkbox"/> Note: For Gen Ed, only one course per category <input type="checkbox"/> Consider PHIL 230 Aesthetics for Gen Ed Arts (A)
PHIL 205 Introduction to Logic (WID) or PHIL 305 Intermediate Logic (Sp)* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. for PHIL 305 are any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or other Gen Ed Distribution course	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 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	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>
PHIL 306 Contemporary Ethical Theory (F)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
PHIL 351 Plato, Aristotle, and Greek Philosophy (F)*(WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 46 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	13-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS <input type="checkbox"/> Consider one of the PHIL connections courses, but this cannot be counted toward the major
PHIL 356 Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Modern Philosophy (Sp)*(WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 62 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 Feb.

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M <input type="checkbox"/> Consider PHIL 220 Logic and Probability
PHIL 330 Metaphysics (F)* or PHIL 333 Philosophy of the Mind (F)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
PHIL 354 Continental Philosophy (F)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.0 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum GPA of 2.0 in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-15	<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>
PHIL 311 Knowledge and Truth (Sp)* or PHIL 320 Philosophy of Science (Sp)*	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits
PHIL 321 Social and Political Philosophy (Sp)* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits <input type="checkbox"/> Need either PHIL 321 or PHIL 322
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 92 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	12-15	<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>
PHIL 460 Seminar in Philosophy* (WID) or elective	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs.for PHIL 460 are completion of at least 60 college credits and any 300-level PHIL course, or consent of the department chair. (Offered: Annually)
PHIL 322 Philosophy of Law (F)* or elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. any 100/200 level PHIL course and 30 credits <input type="checkbox"/> Need either PHIL 321 or PHIL 322
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed <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	12-16	<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>
PHIL 460 Seminar in Philosophy* (WID) or elective	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs.for PHIL 460 are completion of at least 60 college credits and any 300-level PHIL course, or consent of the department chair. (Offered: Annually) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete PHIL 460
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
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	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Philosophy Department website:

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

**Note: The total credit count for the major is 32 credits, and 40 credits for General Education for an overall total of 72 credits. This leaves 48 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could also include a second major, or a minor and additional PHIL courses.**