

**ACADEMIC RHODE MAP**  
**BA ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES 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; (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
ENST 200 Environmental Studies* (WID)	
ONE from: COMM 201 Writing for News* (WID), COMM 242 Message, Media, and Meaning; ENG 231 Multimodal Writing* (WID), or ENG 232 Public and Community Writing* (WID)	
BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology	
BIOL 240 Biostatistics* or MATH 240 Statistical Methods I*	
CHEM 105 General, Organic and Biological I	
PSCI 212 Intro. to Geology* or PSCI 214 Introduction to Meteorology* or PSCI 217 Introduction to Oceanography*	
HIST 258 Environmental History *	
One from ANTH 101 Cultural, ANTH 102 Archaeology or SOC 200 Social Behavior	
PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics*	
One from POL 202 American Government, or POL 203 Global Politics	
ECON 200 Introduction to Economics or ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics* or GEOG 301 Natural Resource Management*	
One from ANTH 214, COMM 240, GEOG 100, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200	
4 Depth courses, no more than 2 courses from any single department/program (If you did not take GEOG 201, make sure one is a Gen Ed AQSR: ANTH 307, POL 300, or SOC 302 [WID]). See catalog for full list.	
ENST Capstone seminar,* internship course* or field course*	

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.
- 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 (FYW 100P) or 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
One of these Natural Sciences Gen Ed: BIOL 100; CHEM 105; PSCI 212 or PSCI 214 or PSCI 217* (take only ONE PSCI courses)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Most have Math competency of math placement exam as the prereq. <input type="checkbox"/> One Gen Ed (NS) completed (3 required for the major)
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied: ENST 200 or one of the following Gen Ed SB/major: ANTH 101, ANTH 102, or SOC 200	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
ENST 200 (WID) or one of the following Gen Ed SB/Major courses: POL 202, or POL 203	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 and 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
BIOL 240* or Math Gen Ed: MATH 240* (do not take BOTH MATH and BIOL statistics courses) or one of these Natural Sciences Gen Ed not yet taken: BIOL 100; CHEM 105; PSCI 212 or PSCI 214 or PSCI 217(take only ONE PSCI courses)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog
ENST 200 (WID) or one of the following Gen Ed SB/major: ANTH 101, ANTH 102, or SOC 200:	4	<input type="checkbox"/> ENST 200 completed
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102,* other Gen Ed course, or required course for major/minor	3-4	<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	15-16	<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>
BIOL 240* or Math Gen Ed: MATH 240* (do not take BOTH MATH and BIOL statistics courses) or one of these Natural Sciences Gen Ed not yet taken: BIOL 100; CHEM 105; PSCI 212 or PSCI 214 or PSCI 217(take only ONE PSCI courses)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Gen Ed course in Art (A); History (H) or Literature (L)	4	
ONE from: POL 202, POL 203, ANTH 101, ANTH 102, or SOC 200-- OR: HIST 258 (if completed Gen Ed. History); --OR PHIL 325	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Select something you need to complete Cultural Environment or Human Environment Interface
Required course in the major/minor—"depth course"	4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 48 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 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>
ONE from: COMM 201 Writing for News* (WID), COMM 242 Message, Media, and Meaning; ENG 231 Multimodal Writing* (WID) or ENG 232 Public and Community Writing* (WID)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for COMM 201, ENGL 231 or 232 is FYW 100 or completion of College Writing Requirement
Gen Ed course in Art (A); History (H) or Literature (L); or ONE from ANTH 214, COMM 240, GEOG 100, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200	4	
HIST 258 (if completed Gen Ed. History); --OR PHIL 325	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. HIST 258 is any Gen Ed. History course <input type="checkbox"/> PHIL 325 30 completed credits
BIOL 241* or Math Gen Ed: MATH 240* (do not take BOTH MATH and BIOL statistics courses) or one of these Natural Sciences Gen Ed not yet taken: BIOL 100; CHEM 105; PSCI 212 or PCSI 214 or PSCI 217(take only ONE PSCI courses)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Math Gen Ed <b>and</b> all 3 Gen Ed (NS) courses completed
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 in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
If you do not plan to take GEOG 201, choose ONE Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR) from ANTH 307*, POL 300*, or SOC 302* (WID)	4	
Gen Ed course in Art (A); History (H) or Literature (L); or ONE from ANTH 214, COMM 240, GEOG 100, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200.	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Completed ONE from ANTH 214, COMM 240, GEOG 100, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200
ECON 200 Introduction to Economics or ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics* or GEOG 301 Natural Resource Management*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for ECON 214 is completed Math competency <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. for GEOG 301 is any 100/200 level GEOG course
HIST 258 (if completed Gen Ed. History); --OR PHIL 325. If both complete take another "depth course"	3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete HIST 258 and PHIL 325
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	15-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Gen Ed course if any needed or course required in the major—"depth course"	4	<input type="checkbox"/> All Gen Ed courses completed.
Required course in the major—"depth course"	4	
Elective or course in minor	3-4	If pursuing minor make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed <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	14-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Capstone in ENST: Choose seminar or Internship course or Field course (now or next semester)	4-8	Seminar: ENST 461* (F) Internships options: ENST 462,* INGO 303* and INGO 304,* POL 327* (Sp), POL 328*, GEOG 463,* Field course options: ANTH 482,* ANTH 483,*
Required course in the major	4	
Elective or course in minor	3-4	If elective course is 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
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	12-16	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
Elective or course in the major	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Consider doing an additional elective field course
Required course in the major (if needed)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> All FOUR depth courses completed.
Elective or course in minor	4	
Elective or course in minor	3-4	If elective course is 3 credits, 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	15-16	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Environmental Studies Department website: <http://www.ric.edu/environmentalstudies/>

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MINOR**

Environmental Studies	ENST 200 (WID)
The Natural Environment	One course: BIO 100, CHEM 105, PSCI 212, PSCI 214, PSCI 217
The Human Environment	One course: ANTH 101, ANTH 102, ANTH 214, COMM 240, ECON 214, GEOG 100, GEOG 201, GEOG 301, HIST 258, PHIL 325, POL 202, POL 203, SOC 200, SOC 204, SUST 200
Depth Courses	Two courses: ANTH/ENST 301, ANTH 307, ANTH 325, ANTH 334, ANTH 338, ANTH 343, ANTH 347, ECON 331, ECON 337, ENG 315, GEOG 202, GEOG 206, GEOG 301, GEOG 307, GEOG 338, HIST 357, INGO 300/POL345, INGO 301, PHIL 320, POL 300, POL 301 (WID), POL 341 (Sp), POL 342, POL 355, PSCI 340, SOC 302 (WID), SOC 404, XXX 350

**NOTE:** The minimum total credit count for this major is 64 credits (depending on choices), and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. However, 16 Gen Ed. credits for AQR, M, NS, and SB could double-count, making the total 88 credits, leaving room for 32 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could go toward a minor or electives.