

Academic Rhode Map for BA Economics Major at Rhode Island College

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found in the online catalog; 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, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. **Courses with an asterisk* have prerequisites. Courses with a "W" in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.**

Academic Major Checklist	Course
ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*	
ECON 215 Principles of Macroeconomics*	
ECON 314 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory/Applications* (F)	
ECON 315 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory/Analysis* (Sp)	
ECON 449W Introduction to Econometrics* (F) (WID)	
ECON 462W Seminar in Economic Research* (Sp) (WID), or ECON 492 Independent Study II	
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting*	
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)	
FIN 301 Financial Management*	
MATH 177 Quantitative Business Analysis*	
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*	
ONE course from: ECON 235 Economics of Race, Gender and Ethnicity (Sp), ECON 331 Topics in Global Economics* (even yrs.), ECON 337 Economics of Climate Change and Sustainability* (odd yrs.)	
THREE courses from ECON 421 International Economics*, 422 Economics of Developing Countries*, 431 Labor Economics*, 433 Economics of Government*, 435 Urban Economics*, 436 Industrial Organization and Market Structure*, 437 Environmental Economics*, ECON 490 Independent Study in Economics* or 491 Independent Study I*	

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 you will need to take 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 Milestone (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. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- 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
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	FYW 100P is a 6-credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website.
RIC 100 Introduction to RIC	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	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	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Gen Ed—MATH 177	4	Prerequisite is Math Milestone, MATH 120, or satisfactory score on Math Placement Exam
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 16 earned credits (While 12 is fulltime, 16 credits are preferred to stay on track to graduate in 4 years). Math Milestone completed. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	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
ECON 214 Microeconomics or ECON 215 Macroeconomics*	3	Prerequisite is Math Milestone completed
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS), or elective/minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Need a minimum of 30 earned credits. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	14-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
ACCT 201 Principles of Accounting*	3	Prereq is. 30 college credits
ECON 214 Microeconomics or ECON 215 Macroeconomics*	3	Prerequisite is Math Milestone completed
ENGL 230W Workplace Writing* (WID)	4	Prerequisite FYW or College Writing Requirement
MATH 248 Business Statistics I*	4	Prerequisite is MATH 177. Satisfies Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	18	Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester, and discuss possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
ONE from ECON 235 Race, Gender, and Ethnicity (Sp), ECON 331 Global Economics* (even yrs.), or ECON 337 Climate Change and Sustainability* (odd yrs.)	4	Prereq. for ECON 331 is ECON 200 and Completion of College Math Competency, or ECON 214, or ECON 215. Prereq. for ECON 337 is ECON 200 and Completion of Math Milestone, or ECON 214.
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	Choose a category you have not previously taken
FIN 301 Financial Management* or ECON 315 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory/Analysis* (Sp)	4	Prerequisites for FIN 301 are ACCT 201 and MATH 177. Prerequisites for ECON 315 are ECON 214, ECON 215 and MATH 177
Gen Ed Distribution course, elective/minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
ECON 314 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory/Analysis* (F)	4	Prerequisites are ECON 214, ECON 215 and MATH 177
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB); History (H); Literature (L), or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	
ONE from ECON 235, 331*, 337* or Elective or course for minor	3-4	Prereq. for ECON 331 is ECON 200 and Completion of College Math Competency, or ECON 214, or ECON 215. Prereq. for ECON 337 is ECON 200 and Completion of Math Milestone, or ECON 214.
ECON 449W Introduction to Econometrics* (F) (WID)	4	Prerequisites are ECON 214, ECON 215, and MGT 239
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prerequisites are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
FIN 301 Financial Management* or ECON 315 Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory/Analysis* (Sp)	4	Prerequisites for FIN 301 are ACCT 201 and MATH 177. Prerequisites for ECON 315 are ECON 214, ECON 215 and MATH 177
ONE from: ECON 421*, 422*, 431*, 433*, 435*, 436*, 437*, or 490/491*	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Elective or course for minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
ECON 314 Intermediate Microeconomic Theory/Analysis* (F) or ECON 449W Introduction to Econometrics* (F) (WID)	4	Prerequisites for ECON 314 are ECON 214, ECON 215 and MATH 177. Prerequisites for ECON 44 are ECON 214, ECON 215, and MGT 239. Complete both ECON 314 and ECON 449W
ONE from: ECON 421*, 422*, 423*, 431*, 433*, 435*, 436*, 437*, or 490/491*	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
Elective or course for minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
ONE from: ECON 421*, 422*, 423*, 431*, 433*, 435*, 436*, 437*, or 490/491*	4	Varied prerequisites--check catalog
ECON 462W Seminar in Economic Thought (Sp)* (WID), or ECON 492 Independent Study II*	4	Prerequisites for ECON 462W are ECON 314, ECON 449 and one additional Economics course at the 400 level; successful completion of ECON 491 is required for enrollment in ECON 492
Elective or course for minor	3-4	
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Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Economics and Finance Department website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-economics-and-finance>

NOTE: The total credit count for the Economics major is 57 credits, although 8 of those may be offset against Gen Ed. courses (AQSR, M), which leaves 32 more credits of Gen Ed. and possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. The minimum credit count will be 89 credits (without secondary language and RIC 100), which would leave 31 elective credits.