

Academic Rhode Map for BA English Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Creative Writing

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
ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture* (WID)	
ENGL 220W Introduction to Creative Writing* (WID)	
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar* (WID)	
TWO courses from: ENGL 371W Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction* (WID), ENGL 372W Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry* (WID), ENGL 373W Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose* (WID).	
Any 4 credit ENGL 200/300/400 level (except 460W)* (any ONE of these five remaining electives may be an additional 200-level course; you may also include more ENGL 37X workshops as these can be repeated for credit)	
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Note: If you take both ENGL 375 and ENGL 376 they can count as one of the 4-credit 300/400 level non-literature choices. ENGL 477 Internship to Professional Writing is recommended and also would count	

Note: Not required but recommended ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors (1 credit; graded S/U)

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 right prerequisites for a course you plan to take. 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 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 (FYW 100P)	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. Needed as prereq. for ENGL 200W and ENGL 220W
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	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); Math (M); History (H); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 139 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, another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Gen Ed--Literature	4	Needed as prerequisite for ENGL 200W
Requirements and GPA		Aim for at least 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
First Year Seminar (FYS 100)	4	Complete FYS
ENGL 220W Introduction to Creative Writing* (WID)	4	Prereq. for 220W is FYW or complete college writing req.
ENGL 200W Reading Literature and Culture* (WID)	4	Prereq. Gen Ed Literature and FYW
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, or ENGL 205 or 220.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
139 MATH Gen Ed (M). If taken, choose Gen Ed (NS)	4	Complete MATH 139 (or other Gen Ed Math course)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors*	1	Not required but recommended; prereq. FYW 100 or completion of the college writing requirement, and completion of at least 15 credit hours.
ENGL 200/300/400 level electives*	4	Of these you may include one 200-level, but the others must be 300-400 level (this can include more writing workshops 37XW or 461W)
ENGL 371W Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction* (WID), ENGL 372W Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry* (WID), or ENGL 373W Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose* (WID).	4	Prereq. ENGL 220W. You must take TWO different courses from these three electives.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Gen Ed (NS). If taken, other Gen Ed course	4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science course
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
ENGL 371W Intermediate Creative Writing: Fiction* (WID), ENGL 372W Intermediate Creative Writing: Poetry* (WID), or ENGL 373W Intermediate Creative Writing: Nonfiction Prose* (WID).	4	Prereq. ENGL 220W. You must take TWO different courses from these three electives.
ENGL 200/300/400 level electives*	4	Of these you may include one 200-level, but the others must be 300-400 level (this can include more writing workshops 37X or 461)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS Note: English offers ENGL 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, and 267 options; though these cannot count toward the major, they do count as a Gen ed. Connections
ENGL 300/400 level*, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Need FIVE ENGL elective courses in addition to named required courses; Most ENGL 300-levels use ENGL 200 or ENGL 200W or ENGL 201 as the prereq.; creative writing ones use ENGL 220W. Need both ENGL 375 and 376 to count as fulfilling ONE of these requirements.
ENGL 300/400 level* or possible second major or minor	3-4	Need FIVE ENGL elective courses in addition to named required courses (this can include more writing workshops 37X or 461)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major/minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major/minor	3-4	
ENGL 300/400 level* or possible second major or minor	3-4	ENGL 300-levels use ENGL 200 or ENGL 200W or ENGL 201 as the prereq.; creative writing ones use ENGL 220W. Need both ENGL 375 and 376 to count as fulfilling ONE of these requirements.
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Gen Ed course, elective or possible second 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		Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	13-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. and get form to enroll in ENGL 460W if ready.

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
ENGL 300/400 level* or possible second major or minor	3-4	Consider taking ENGL 477 Internship in Professional Writing, with a prerequisite of 3.0 GPA and permission of chair or instructor.
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar* (WID), elective, or course in another major or minor	3-4	Prerequisite for ENGL 460 is four 300/400-level ENGL courses or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with department secretary.
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
ENGL 460W Senior Seminar* (WID), elective, or course in another major or minor	4	Prerequisite for ENGL 460 is four 300/400-level ENGL courses or by consent of department chair. Will need form from advisor to enroll with the department secretary. Complete ENGL 460W
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If elective courses are 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

Prerequisite for most Literature 300/400 level courses is ENGL 200W; for Creative Writing 300/400 level courses it is ENGL 220W; for Professional Writing it is ENGL 222W.

For more information, check the English Department website:

<https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-english/department-english-undergraduate-programs>

There is also a 20-credit minor in Professional Writing (PW) that you may wish to consider in addition to the Creative Writing major (some courses may be able to double count). See details at the website listed above.

NOTE: The total credit count for this major is 40 credits and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100, making an overall total of 80 credits (without secondary language/RIC 100). This leaves room for 40 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses (and RIC 100), but could go toward another major, or a minor or electives.