

Academic Rhode Map for BA Dance Performance 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, Korean, Latin, 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	Academic Major Checklist	Course
DANC 110 Introductory Ballet (F)		DANC 343 Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Dancer*	
DANC 112 Introductory Jazz (F)		DANC 360 Seminar in Dance*	
DANC 116 Beginner Modern Dance Technique (F)* (must be repeated)		DANC 381 Dance Company III* (repeat 3X)	
DANC 181 Dance Company I*(take both semesters)		DANC 405 Choreography II*	
DANC 210 Intermediate Ballet (Sp)*		Select 9-11 credits from: DANC 114 Intro Tap Dance (F odd yrs), DANC 112 Intro Jazz (Sp), DANC 214 Intermed. Tap (F even yrs)*, DANC 316 Advanced Modern (Sp even yrs)*, DANC 321 Dance for Musical Theatre (Sp)*; DANC 324 Improvisation/Performance*; DANC 333 Dance Studio Teaching and Styles*, DANC 491 Independent Study* or DANC 492 Independent Performance* NOTE: DANC 212, 316 and 321 may be repeated for credit.	
DANC 212 Intermediate Jazz (Sp)			
DANC 215W Contemporary Dance and Culture (WID)			
DANC 216 Intermediate Modern Dance (F)*			
DANC 281 Dance Company II* (take both semesters)			
DANC 303 Dance Production*			
DANC 304 Choreography I (F even yrs)*		Cognates	
DANC 309W Dance History (Sp odd yrs)* (WID)		BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology*	
DANC 316 Advanced Modern Dance (Sp even yrs)*		HPE 221 Nutrition	

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 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 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.
- 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
FYW 100 First Year Writing or FYS 100 First Year Seminar	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--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied: Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101
DANC 110 Introductory Ballet (F) or DANC 112 Introductory Jazz (F)	2	
DANC 116 Beginner Modern Dance Technique (F)*	2	Prereq. for DANC 116 must be a dance major/minor or have consent.
DANC 181 Dance Company I	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of Director
DANC 215W Contemporary Dance and Culture (WID)	4	Satisfies Gen Ed Art (A)
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	18	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102 (if needed), or other Gen Ed course	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed).
DANC 181 Dance Company I*	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of Director
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology*	4	Prereq. Math Milestone; Gen Ed Natural Science (NS) satisfied; must get C or better
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	13	Make appointment with advisor in Feb. to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these categories: Literature (L); History (H); Math (M); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	Complete Gen Ed Math (M)*; prereqs vary—see catalog.
DANC 110 Introductory Ballet (F) or DANC 112 Introductory Jazz (F)	2	Completed DANC 110 and DANC 112
DANC 116 Beginner Modern Dance Technique (F)*	2	Completed two courses of DANC 116
DANC 281 Dance Company II*	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of Director
DANC 216 Intermediate Modern Dance (F)*	2	Prereq is DANC 215
HPE 221 Nutrition	3	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these categories: Literature (L); History (H); Math (M); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)	4	
Another Gen Ed if needed, elective, or course in minor	4	
DANC 281 Dance Company II*	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of Director
DANC 210 Intermediate Ballet (Sp)*	2	Prereq. DANC 110
DANC 212 Intermediate Jazz or Gen ed, elective, or course in a minor; could also take a dance elective	2-4	Prereq for DANC 212 is DANC 112. Need nine to eleven elective credits in dance
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-15	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these categories: Literature (L); History (H); Math (M); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	
Elective Dance credit	2-3	Need nine to eleven elective credits in dance. Prereqs. vary—see catalog
DANC 303 Dance Production*	2	Prereq. is DANC 181
DANC 304 Choreography I (F even yrs)* or elective DANC credit	2-3	Prereq. for DANCE 304 is by consent of instructor
DANC 343 Anatomy and Kinesiology for the Dancer	3	Prereq. is BIOL 108
DANC 381 Dance Company III*	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of director
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits, minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS
Elective Dance credit	2-3	Need nine to eleven elective credits in dance. Prereqs. vary—see catalog
DANC 212 Intermediate Jazz (Sp)* or elective	2-3	Prereq. for DANC 212 is DANC 112; Complete DANC 212
DANC 309W Dance History (Sp odd yrs)* (WID) or DANC 316 Advanced Modern Dance (Sp even yrs)*	2-3	Prereq. for DANC 309 is DANC 215 or DANC 215W, or consent. Prereq. for DANC 316 is DANCE 216
DANC 381 Dance Company III*	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of Director
DANC 405 Choreography II*, or elective	2-3	Prereq. DANC 304
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	13-17	Make appointment in Feb. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Elective Dance credit	2-3	Need nine to eleven elective credits in dance. Prereqs. vary—see catalog
DANC 304 Choreography I (F even yrs)* or elective	3	Prereq. for DANCE 304 is by consent of instructor. Completed DANC 304
DANC 360 Seminar in Dance* or elective DANC credit	2-3	Prereqs for DANC 360 are 6 credit hours of dance courses and consent
DANC 381 Dance Company III*	1	Prereq. is Membership in the RIC Dance Co. and consent of Director
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major. Need a minimum of 12 credits to be full time
# CREDITS EARNED	12-14	Make appointment in Sept. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
DANC 309W Dance History (Sp odd yrs)* (WID) or DANC 316 Advanced Modern Dance (Sp even yrs)*	2-3	Prereq. for DANC 309 is DANC 215 or DANC 215W, or consent. Prereq. for DANC 316 is DANCE 216. Completed DANC 309 and DANC 316
DANC 360 Seminar in Dance* or elective DANC credit	2-3	Prereqs for DANC 360 are 6 credit hours of dance courses and consent. Completed DANC 360
DANC 405 Choreography II*, or elective	2-3	Prereq. DANC 304; completed DANC 405
Electives	3-6	Need a minimum of 12 credits to be full time
Requirements and GPA		All ten Gen Ed courses and second lang. req. completed. Need minimum of 120 earned credits to graduate, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in major.
# CREDITS EARNED	12-15	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Dance Department website:

<https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-music-theatre-and-dance/dance-program>

NOTE: The total credit count for the BA Dance Performance major is a minimum of 61 credits (depending on elective choices), and there are 40 credits of Gen Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. However, 8 Gen Ed. credits for A and NS will double-count, making the total 93 credits, leaving room for 27 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, but could go toward a minor, or other electives.