

Academic Rhode Map for BA Environmental Studies 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
ENST 200W Environmental Studies* (Sp) (WID)	
ONE from: COMM 201W Writing for Strategic Communication* (WID), COMM 242 Message, Media, and Meaning; ENG 231W Multimodal Writing* (WID), or ENG 232W Public and Community Writing* (WID)	
BIOL 100 Fundamental Concepts of Biology*	
BIOL 240 Biostatistics and Experimental Design* 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* (Sp)	
One from POL 102 American Government, or POL 103 Global Politics	
ECON 200 Introduction to Economics or ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*	
One from COMM 240, GEOG 100W, 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 302W*). See catalog for full list, and check for restrictions.	
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 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. 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) or 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
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	Those with * have Math Milestone or Math Placement Exam as the prereq. 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	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
Gen Ed History course	4	Gen Ed History completed. This will be the prerequisite for the HIST 258 that is needed.
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 and minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Oct.

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	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 PCSI 214* or PSCI 217 (take only ONE PSCI courses)	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
ENST 200W Environmental Studies* (Sp) (WID)	4	Prereq. FYW 100 or FYS 100. ENST 200W completed
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102, * other Gen Ed course, or required course for major/minor	3-4	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	15-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in March

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
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 PCSI 214* or PSCI 217(take only ONE PSCI courses)	4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Gen Ed course in Art (A) or Literature (L)	4	
ONE from: POL 102, POL 103, ANTH 101, ANTH 102, or SOC 200—any one will satisfy Gen Ed. SB	3-4	Select something you need to complete Cultural Environment or Human Environment Interface
Required course in the major/minor—“depth course”	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment with advisor in Oct. to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss possible minor

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SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
ONE from: COMM 201W Writing for Strategic Communication* (WID), COMM 242 Message, Media, and Meaning; ENG 231W Multimodal Writing* (WID) or ENG 232W Public and Community Writing* (WID)	4	Prereq. for COMM 201W, ENGL 231W or 232W is FYW 100 or completion of College Writing Requirement
Gen Ed course in Art (A); or Literature (L); or ONE from COMM 240, GEOG 100, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200	4	
HIST 258 (if completed Gen Ed. History); --OR PHIL 325 (Sp)	3-4	Prereq. HIST 258 is any Gen Ed. History course. PHIL 325 is 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	Math Gen Ed and all 3 Gen Ed (NS) courses completed
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Make appointment in March with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
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 302W*	4	
Gen Ed course in Art (A); or Literature (L); or ONE from COMM 240, GEOG 100W, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200.	4	Completed ONE from COMM 240, GEOG 100W, GEOG 201, SOC 204, or SUST 200
ECON 200 Introduction to Economics or ECON 214 Principles of Microeconomics*	3-4	Prereq. for ECON 214 is completed Math Milestone.
HIST 258 Environmental History; or if completed, another "depth course."	3-4	Prereq. Any Gen Ed. HIST course or consent of department chair. Complete HIST 258
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Make appointment in Oct. 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.
Gen Ed course if any needed or course required in the major—"depth course"	4	All Gen Ed courses completed.
PHIL 325 Environmental Ethics* (Sp), or if completed, another "depth course"	3-4	Prereq. 30 completed credits or any 100/200-level PHIL course. Complete PHIL 325
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		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. 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	14-16	Make appointment in March with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS
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		Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment in Oct. with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
Elective or course in the major	4	Consider doing an additional elective field course
Required course in the major (if needed)	4	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		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	15-16	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Environmental Studies Program website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/environmental-studies-program>

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES MINOR

Environmental Studies	ENST 200W
The Natural Environment	One course: BIO 100*, CHEM 105, PSCI 212, PSCI 214*, PSCI 217
The Human Environment	One course: ANTH 101, ANTH 102, COMM 240, ECON 214*, GEOG 100W, GEOG 201*, HIST 258*, PHIL 325*, POL 102, POL 103, SOC 200, SOC 204, SUST 200
Depth Courses	Two courses: ANTH/ENST 301*, ANTH 307*, ANTH 334*, ANTH 338*, ANTH 343*, ANTH 347*, ECON 331*, ECON 337*, ENG 315*, GEOG 202/PBAD 202, GEOG 206, GEOG 338/POL 338 (F)*, HIST 357, INGO 300/POL345*, INGO 301*, PHIL 320*, POL 300*, POL 301W*, POL 341 (Sp)*, POL 355*, SOC 302W*, 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 second major, minors or electives.