

Academic Rhode Map for BSW Social Work 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 | Academic Major Checklist | Course |
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| POL 102 American Government | | SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I* | |
| PSYC 215 Social Psychology | | SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II* | |
| PSYC 230 Human Development* | | SWRK 326W Generalist Social Work Practice* (WID) | |
| SWRK 200 Introducing Social Work and Social Justice | | SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice* (Sp) | |
| SWRK 301 Policy Analysis and Practice* | | SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/Models *(F) | |
| SWRK 302W Social Work Research Methods I* (WID) | | SWRK 463 Seminar and Practicum I* (F) | |
| SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II* | | SWRK 464 Seminar and Practicum II* (Sp) | |
| SWRK 306 Biopsychosocial Perspectives for Social Workers* | | ONE course in Sociology at the 200-level | |

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. See note at end regarding MSW pathway choices.

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 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); Math (M); History (H); Literature (L); or Natural Sciences (NS). | 4 | If Math Milestone is completed or appropriate score on Math Placement Exam, 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) |
| SWRK 200 Introducing Social Work and Social Justice | 4 | Introductory course for the major; all SWRK courses need a minimum grade of C |
| 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 | 16 | Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 2 | CR | SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS |
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| FYW 100 or FYS 100 | 4 | Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better |
| Gen Ed-Math (M) | 4 | Complete MATH 139* prereq. is Math Milestone (or other Math Gen Ed, prereqs. vary—see catalog) |
| Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course, or no course to reduce credits | 4 | Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed) |
| PSYC 215 Social Psychology or POL 102 Amer. Gov. | 4 | Satisfies Gen Ed (SB) |
| Requirements and GPA | | Aim for minimum of 32 earned credits. Minimum 2.0 GPA |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 16 | Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

| SEMESTER 3 | CR | SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS |
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| Any needed Gen Ed from (A),(L), or (H) | 4 | |
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| PSYC 215 Social Psychology or POL 102 Amer. Gov. | 4 | PSYC 215 and POL 102 completed |
| Gen Ed-Natural Science (NS) | 4 | Complete Gen Ed NS |
| Requirements and GPA | | Aim for minimum of 48 earned credits. Minimum of 2.0 GPA |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15-16 | Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

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| SEMESTER 4 | CR | SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS |
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| Choose Gen Ed | 4 | Prereqs. for are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS. |
| SWRK 324 Diversity and Oppression I* | 3 | Prereq. is SWRK 200. Minimum grade of C |
| PSYC 230 Human Development* | 4 | Prereq. PSYC 110 or equivalent; contact the Psychology department chair to obtain permission to take PSYC 230 |
| Any 200 level Sociology course except Gen Ed (C) | 4 | |
| Requirements and GPA | | Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 15 | Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb. |

| SEMESTER 5 | CR | SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS |
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| SWRK 302W Social Work Research Methods I* (WID) | 4 | Prereqs. are completion of any mathematics or natural science general education distribution and SWRK 200, and need a minimum grade of C |
| SWRK 306 Biological Perspectives for Social Workers* | 2 | Prereq. is prior or concurrent SWRK 200; need a minimum grade of C |
| SWRK 325 Diversity and Oppression II * | 4 | Prereq. is SWRK 200; need a minimum grade of C |
| SWRK 326W Generalist Social Work Practice* (WID) | 4 | Prereqs. are SWRK 200 and prior or concurrent SWRK 324 and 325, or by consent of BSW department chair. Minimum grade of C |
| Requirements and GPA | | Aim for minimum of 80 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses. Complete application for School of Social Work |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 14 | Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 6 | CR | SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS |
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| SWRK 327 Group and Community Practice* (Sp) | 4 | Prereq. is acceptance into the BSW program and SWRK 326 or SWRK 326W. Minimum grade of C |
| SWRK 301 Policy Analysis and Practice* | 4 | Prereqs. are POL 102 , SWRK 200, or consent of BSW department chair. Minimum grade of C |
| SWRK 303 Social Work Research Methods II* | 4 | Prereq. is completion of any mathematics Gen. Ed distribution and SWRK 302, or consent of BSW department chair, and need a minimum grade of C. Satisfies Gen Ed. AQR |
| Elective | 3-4 | |
| Requirements and GPA | | Aim for minimum of 96 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses. 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 |
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| SWRK 426 Clinical Social Work: Theories/Models *(F). -OR- if accepted into Accelerated BSW/MSW program, take SWRK 432 Generalist Foundation and Skills: Direct Practice I* | 3-4 | Prereqs. for SWRK 426 are SWRK 327 and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 436 and 463. Prereqs. for SWRK 432 acceptance to the Accelerated BSW/MSW pathway and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 463. |
| SWRK 463 Seminar and Practicum I* (F) 16-18 contact hours | 5 | Prereqs. are SWRK 301, SWRK 302 or SWRK 302W, SWRK 327, and concurrent enrollment in SWRK 426 or SWRK 432 |
| Elective | 3-4 | |
| Requirements and GPA | | All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Aim for minimum of 108 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 12-13 | Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. |

| SEMESTER 8 | CR | SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS |
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| Elective | 4 | Need 12 credits to be fulltime |
| ONLY if accepted into Accelerated BSW/MSW program, must take SWRK 433 Generalist Foundation and Skills: Direct Practice II*, or elective | 3-4 | Prereqs. are acceptance to the accelerated BSW/MSW pathway and concurrent enrollment SWRK 464. |
| SWRK 464 Seminar and Practicum II* (Sp) 16-18 contact hours | 5 | Prereqs are SWRK 426 or SWRK 432; and SWRK 463 |
| Requirements and GPA | | Need minimum of 120 earned credits. Minimum overall 2.0 GPA and 2.67 in 300 level SWRK courses |
| # CREDITS EARNED | 12-13 | Attend Gradfest and Commencement |

For other information, check the Social Work website:
<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/school-social-work>

The minimum credit count for the major is 64 credits (depending on choices), and 40 credits for General Education for a total of 108 credits. However, 8 Gen Ed. credits for SB and AQSR will double-count, leaving room for up to 24 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, or can be electives, which may be also be additional SWRK options.

Note: You may consider a FIVE year option that will take you into the MSW to which you apply after 65 credits (see advisor for more details). For this you need a 3.0 GPA and a minimum of C in all SWRK courses. If accepted you would take SWRK 432 in the seventh semester and SWRK 433 in the eighth, this will raise the minimum total credits for the program to 66 (plus the Gen Eds.).