

# Academic Rhode Map for BA Theatre Major at Rhode Island College with Concentration in Design/Technical

**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	Concentration in Design/Technical	Course
THTR 091 Portfolio Review (every semester)		THTR 232 Technical Theatre Principles (Sp)*	
THTR 105 Introduction to the Theatre		THTR 233 Architecture and Décor (Sp)*	
THTR 110 Fundamentals of Theatrical Design and Production		THTR 330 Theatrical Design Concepts (F)*	
THTR 178 Theatre Production I (x2)		THTR 378 Theatre Production III* (x2)	
THTR 278 Theatre Production II*		THTR 440W History of the Theatre: Origins to 1800*(WID)	
THTR 460W Seminar in Theatre (Sp)* (WID)		THTR 441W History of the Theatre: 1800 to the Present* (WID)	
<b>Concentration in Design/Technical</b>		THTR 478 Theatre Production IV* (x2)	
THTR 217 Fundamentals of Stage Management (Sp)*		Choose FOUR courses from: THTR 411 Technical Direction*; THTR 412 Scene Design*; THTR 413 Sound Design*; THTR 414 Costume (F)*; THTR 415 Lighting*; THTR 416 Makeup; THTR 417 Stage Management*; THTR 418 Scenic Painting*; THTR 425 Fundamentals of Directing*; THTR 480 Workshop*; THTR 490-492 Independent Study options*, or THTR 493 Special Problems in Design*	
THTR 228 Basic Design Principles for the Theatre (F)*			
THTR 230 Stagecraft (Sp)*			
THTR 231 Scenography (Sp)*			

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 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 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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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS</b>
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 <b>one</b> of these categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L), Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB)	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 satisfied: another Gen Ed Distribution course.	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	0	Presentation at close of every semester
THTR 105 Introduction to the Theatre OR THTR 110 Fundamentals of Theatrical Design and Production	3	
THTR 178 Theatre Production I	1	In performance, technical, costumes/makeup or stage/theatre management
Requirements and GPA		Math Milestone completed. Minimum 2.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS</b>
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW, for FYW, grade C or better
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	0	Presentation at close of every semester
THTR 105 Introduction to the Theatre OR THTR 110 Fundamentals of Theatrical Design and Production	3	Completed THTR 105 and 110
THTR 178 Theatre Production I	1	In performance, technical, costumes/makeup or stage/theatre management
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or another Gen Ed Distribution course in a needed category.	4	Complete Second Lang 102* s(if needed)
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Gen Ed Math (M)
Requirements and GPA		Need a minimum of 30 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.

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course	4	Complete Natural Sciences Gen Ed
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THTR 091 Portfolio Review	0	Presentation at close of every semester
THTR 228 Basic Design Principles for the Theatre	3	Prereqs. THTR 105 and 110
THTR 278 Theatre Production II*	1	Prereq. THTR 178 (or could take this next semester)
ENGL 203 Career Readiness for Humanities Majors*	1	<b>Not required but recommended</b> ; prereq. FYW 100 or completion of the college writing requirement, and completion of at least 15 credit hours
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 45 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-13	Make appointment with advisor in Sept. to discuss your schedule for next semester, and discuss possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these categories: Arts (A); History (H); Literature (L), Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS); or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB), or elective	<b>3-4</b>	Most M and NS Gen. Ed. courses have a prerequisite, most often Math Milestone
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	<b>0</b>	Presentation at close of every semester
THTR 217 Fundamentals of Stage Management (Sp)*	<b>3</b>	Prereqs. THTR 105 and 110
THTR 230 Stagecraft (Sp)*	<b>3</b>	Prereqs. THTR 105 and 110
THTR 231 Scenography (Sp)*	<b>3</b>	Prereqs. THTR 105 and 110
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 60 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>12-13</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Additional Gen Ed Distribution course, or elective	<b>3-4</b>	
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	<b>4</b>	Prereqs. are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	<b>0</b>	Presentation at close of every semester
THTR 330 Theatrical Design Concepts (F)*	<b>3</b>	Prereqs. are THTR 228 and 231
THTR 378 Theatre Production III*	<b>1</b>	Prereq. is THTR 278
THTR 440W History of the Theatre: Origins to 1800* (WID) OR THTR 441W History of the Theatre: 1800 to the Present* (WID)	<b>4</b>	Prereqs are TWO 200 level THTR courses. BOTH need to be taken, in either order; take either ONE now or sometime in the next three semesters
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	<b>15-16</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	<b>4</b>	Prereqs are 45 earned credits and FYW and FYS.
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	<b>0</b>	Presentation at close of every semester
THTR 232 Technical Theatre Principles (Sp)*	<b>3</b>	Prereq. is THTR 230
THTR 233 Architecture and Décor (Sp)*	<b>3</b>	Prereqs. are THTR 105 and 110
THTR 378 Theatre Production III*	<b>1</b>	Prereq. is THTR 278
THTR 440W History of the Theatre: Origins to 1800* (WID) OR THTR 441W History of the Theatre: 1800 to the Present* (WID)	<b>4</b>	Prereqs are TWO 200 level THTR courses
400 level THTR elective	<b>3</b>	Prereqs. vary—see catalog; need FOUR THTR electives
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	<b>18</b>	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS</b>
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	0	Presentation at close of every semester
400 level THTR elective	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
400 level THTR elective, or other elective	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog; need FOUR THTR electives
THTR 478 Theatre Production IV*	1	Prereq. is THTR 378
Elective	3-4	
Elective	2-4	Need 12 credits to be fulltime
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	12-15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS</b>
THTR 091 Portfolio Review	0	Presentation at close of every semester
400 level THTR elective	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
400 level THTR elective, or other elective	3	Prereqs. vary—see catalog; need FOUR 400 level THTR electives
THTR 460W Seminar in Theatre (Sp)* (WID)	3	Prereq. senior standing or consent of depart. chair
THTR 478 Theatre Production IV*	1	Prereq. is THTR 378
Elective	3-4	Completed THTR 440W and THTR 441W
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-14	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For more information, check the Theatre programs on the Department website:**

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

**Note:** The total credit count for the major is 57 credits, and 40 credits for General Education for an overall total of 97. This leaves 23 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100, could include a minor, or just taken as electives.