

# Academic Rhode Map for BA Psychology 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
PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 221W Research Methods I: Foundations* (WID)	
PSYC 320 Research Methods II: Behavioral Sciences*	
<b>THREE courses from:</b> PSYC 215 Social Psychology [or PSYC 251 Personality*], PSYC 230 Human Development*, PSYC 249 Cognitive Psychology*, or PSYC 254 Introduction to Psychological Disorders* [Note: Cannot count both PSYC 215 AND PSYC 251]	
<b>ONE course from:</b> PSYC 351 Psychology of Intersectionality*, PSYC 355 Psychology of Social Class*, PSYC 356 Psychology of Genders and Sexualities*, PSYC 424 Health Psychology*, PSYC 429 Psychology of Social Change*	
<b>THREE courses from:</b> PSYC 331 Child Psychology*, PSYC 332 Adolescent Psychology*, PSYC 335 Family Psychology*, PSYC 339 Psychology of Aging*, PSYC 341 Perception*, PSYC 344 Learning*, PSYC 345 Physiological Psychology*, PSYC 347 Social Cognition*, PSYC 350 Topics*, PSYC 360 Seminar in Current Topics*, PSYC 421 Changing Behavior: Applied Behavior Analysis*, PSYC 422 Psychological Testing*, PSYC 423 Psychology and the Law*, PSYC 425 Community Psychology*, PSYC 426 Internship in Psychology*, PSYC 427 Psychology in the Workplace*, PSYC 428 Science of Happiness*, PSYC 450 Topics*, PSYC 451 Stress and Trauma*, PSYC 453 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology*, PSYC 454 Adult Psychopathology*	
<b>ONE course from:</b> PSYC 474W General Psychology Lab* (WID) or PSYC 476W Applied Lab* [Research Labs] (WID)	
Recommended: PSYC 210 Careers and Psychology: 1 Credit Note: this course is an elective and is not listed in the Rhode Map.	

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. 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 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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<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 GE categories: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); Literature (L); or Natural Sciences (NS).	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider Gen Ed-MATH 139* here, if not will need to take MATH 010. Use Mathematics Placement Exam to find out.
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)
PSYC 110 Intro to Psychology (Gen Ed SB)	4	
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	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
PSYC 215 Social Psychology or PSYC 251 Personality* or PSYC 230 Human Development* or PSYC 249 Cognitive Psychology or PSYC 254 Introduction to Psychological Disorders	4	<b>Need THREE from this group</b> but cannot include both PSYC 215 and 251. Prerequisites for PSYC 251, 230, 249 and 254 is PSYC 110 or its equivalent.
PSYC 215 Social Psychology or PSYC 251 Personality* or PSYC 230 Human Development* or PSYC 249 Cognitive Psychology or PSYC 254 Introduction to Psychological Disorders	4	<b>Need THREE from this group</b> but cannot include both PSYC 215 and 251. Prerequisites for PSYC 251, 230, 249 and 254 is PSYC 110 or its equivalent.
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), other Gen Ed Distribution course	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.

<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Gen Ed course	4	Complete MATH 139 (or other Math Gen Ed)
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	
PSYC 221W Research Methods I: Foundations* (WID)	4	Prereq. PSYC 110 or equivalent
PSYC 215 Social Psychology or PSYC 251 Personality* or PSYC 230 Human Development* or PSYC 249 Cognitive Psychology or PSYC 254 Introduction to Psychological Disorders	4	<b>Need THREE from this group</b> but cannot include both PSYC 215 and 251. Prerequisites for PSYC 251, 230, 249 and 254 is PSYC 110 or its equivalent.
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 to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept. and discuss second major or possible minor

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<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose Connections course (Gen Ed-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Complete Gen Ed NS (BIOL 100 suggested)
PSYC 320: Research Methods II: Behavioral Statistics*	4	Prereq. PYSC 221 or PYSC 221W or equivalent, and completion of the College Math Milestone.
PSYC 351 Psychology of Intersectionality, PSYC 355 Psychology of Social Class, PSYC 356 Psychology of Genders and Sexualities, PSYC 424 Health Psychology, PSYC 429 Psychology of Social Change or elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<b>Only need ONE from this set.</b> Prereq. for PSYC 355 is PSYC 110. Prereq. for PSYC 351 and 356 is PSYC 221 or PSYC 221W, and 45 completed credits that include 8 additional PSYC credits, and this is the same for PSYC 424 and 429 plus PSYC 110. All can also be taken with consent of department chair.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 64 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	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>
Choose 1 Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)*	4	Prereqs are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
PSYC 351 Psychology of Intersectionality, PSYC 355 Psychology of Social Class, PSYC 356 Psychology of Genders and Sexualities, PSYC 424 Health Psychology, PSYC 429 Psychology of Social Change or elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	<b>Only need ONE from this set: see above for prerequisites if still need to take.</b> Completed ONE from this set.
PSYC 331, PSYC 332, PSYC 335, PSYC 339, PSYC 341, PSYC 344, PSYC 345, PSYC 347, PSYC 350, PSYC 360 PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 425, PSYC 426, PSYC 427, PSYC 428, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 453, or PSYC 454	4	<b>Need THREE from this group.</b> Prereqs. vary—see catalog. All can also be taken with consent of department chair.
Elective or course in another major or a 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	14-16	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>
PSYC 331, PSYC 332, PSYC 335, PSYC 339, PSYC 341, PSYC 344, PSYC 345, PSYC 347, PSYC 350, PSYC 360 PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 425, PSYC 426, PSYC 427, PSYC 428, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 453, or PSYC 454	4	Need THREE from this group. Prereqs. vary—see catalog. All can also be taken with consent of department chair.
Elective or course toward minor/major	3-4	
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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.

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<b>SEMESTER 7</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 7 CHECKPOINTS</b>
PSYC 331, PSYC 332, PSYC 335, PSYC 339, PSYC 341, PSYC 344, PSYC 345, PSYC 347, PSYC 350, PSYC 360 PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 425, PSYC 426, PSYC 427, PSYC 428, PSYC 450, PSYC 451, PSYC 453, or PSYC 454	4	Need THREE from this group. Prereqs. vary—see catalog. All can also be taken with consent of department chair.
Choose 1 PSYC 474W Research Methods III: General Psychology Lab” (WID) or PSYC 476W Research Methods III Applied Lab* (WID), or elective, or course toward minor/major	3-4	See below for prerequisites for PSYC 474 and 476.
Elective or course toward minor/major	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.

<b>SEMESTER 8</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS</b>
Choose 1 PSYC 474W Research Methods III: General Psychology Lab” (WID) or PSYC 476W Research Methods III Applied Lab* (WID), or elective is already done	3-4	Prerequisite for PYSC 474 is PSYC 320; and at least TWO from PSYC 215, PSYC 230, PSYC 249, PSYC 251 or PSYC 254; and at least ONE course from PSYC 331, PSYC 332, PSYC 335, PSYC 339, PSYC 341, PSYC 344, PSYC 345, PSYC 347, PSYC 349, PSYC 351, PSYC 355, PSYC 456, or PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 424, PSYC 425, PSYC 426, PYSC 427, PYSC 428, PSYC 249, PSYC 451, PSYC 453, or PSYC 454, or consent of department chair. Prerequisite for PSYC 476W is PSYC 320 and at least one course from PSYC 351, PSYC 354, PSYC 356, PSYC 421, PSYC 422, PSYC 423, PSYC 424, PSYC 425, PSYC 453, or PSYC 454, or consent of department chair.
Elective or course toward minor/major	3-4	
Elective or course toward minor/major	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	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**For other information, check the Psychology Department website:**

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/departments-psychology>

The total credit count for the major is 44 credits, and 40 credits for General Education, although 4 of those may be offset against one Gen Ed. course (SB), which leaves 36 more credits of Gen Ed. (and possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100), but the minimum total is 80 credits. This leaves 40 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100 but could also include a second major or minors, or just taken as electives.