

# Academic Rhode Map for BA History 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
HIST 281W History Matters: Methods and Skills* (WID)	
HIST 282W History Matters II: Historical Research* (WID)	
HIST 389W History Matters III: Senior Research Project* (WID)	
One 200 or 300-level course from U. S. History* (see list at end of map)	
One 200 or 300-level course from European History* (see list at end of map)	
One 200 or 300 level course from Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East* (see list at end of map)	
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NOTE: Of these SEVEN required electives, THREE must be at the 200-level and FOUR must be at the 300-level. At least ONE of these courses must primarily focus on history pre-1800.	

**Note: Connections courses cannot be used toward the major**

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. 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 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); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS), or Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB).	4	Math Gen Ed. recommended, many have Math Milestone as a prerequisite, as do most NS.
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)
Choose History Gen Ed (H)	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
Gen Ed Distribution course from <b>one</b> of these GE categories: Arts (A); Literature (L); Math (M); Natural Sciences (NS); or Social and Behavioral (SB).	4	Complete Gen Ed Math (MATH 139 recommended; prereq. is Math Milestone). Note: For Gen Ed, only one course per category
Choose ONE 200 or 300-level U. S. History Course*	3	Prereq. Gen Ed HIST (H).
Gen Ed--Second Lang 102* (if needed), or 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	15	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>
HIST 281W History Matters: Methods and Skills*(WID)	3	Prereq. Gen Ed HIST (H).
Choose ONE 200 or 300-level European history course*	3	Prereq. Gen Ed HIST (H).
One 200 or 300-level Africa, Asia, Latin America, or Middle East history course*	3	Prereq. Gen Ed HIST (H).
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.
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Complete Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 46 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	12-14	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. HIST offers several Connections courses but these cannot be counted toward the major.
HIST 282W History Matters II: Historical Research* (WID)	3	Prereq. HIST 281 or HIST 281W
Gen Ed course, elective, or possible second major or minor	3-4	Prereqs. vary—see catalog
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 62 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-15	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
200 or 300-level history course*	3	Prereq. any HIST Gen Ed. course
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Elective or course in another major or a minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 78 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	13-14	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>
200 or 300-level history course*	3	Prereq. any HIST Gen Ed. course
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Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If pursuing minor or second major make sure you have registered for this with the relevant department prior to audit
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 92 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	12-14	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>
200 or 300-level history course	3	Prereq. any HIST Gen Ed. course
HIST 389W History Matters III: Senior Research Project* (WID) or elective, or course in another major or minor	2-4	Prereq. for HIST 389W is HIST 282 or HIST 282W
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	If any courses are taken for 3 credits, need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits)
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
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	14-15	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>
HIST 389W History Matters III: Senior Research Project*(WID), or elective, or course in another major or minor	2-4	Prereq. for HIST 389W is HIST 282 or HIST 282W. Complete HIST 389W
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	May need one additional course for full-time status (12 credits).
Elective or course in another major or minor	3-4	
Requirements and GPA		Need minimum of 120 earned credits, with minimum of 2.0 GPA overall and in the major
# CREDITS EARNED	14-16	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

**U. S. History:** HIST 201 U.S. History 1400 to 1800; HIST 202 U.S. History from 1800 to 1920; HIST 203 U.S. History from 1920 to the Present; HIST 209 The American Revolution; HIST 217 American Gender and Women’s History; HIST 218 American Foreign Policy: Cold War and Beyond; HIST 219 Popular Culture in 20<sup>th</sup> Century America; HIST 243 Latino Peoples and US History; HIST 320 American Colonial History; HIST 322 The Early American Republic; HIST 323 The Gilded Age and Progressive Era; HIST 324 Crises of American Modernity, 1914-1945; HIST 325 Superpower America, 1945-1990 ; HIST 328 History of the American West; HIST 329 Civil War and Reconstruction; HIST 330 History of American Immigration; HIST 331 Rhode Island History; HIST 332 The American Presidency; HIST 334 African American History; or HIST 336 The United States and the Emerging World

**European History:** HIST 220 History of Greece; HIST 221 The Roman Republic; HIST 222 The Roman Empire; HIST 223 Medieval History; HIST 224 The Glorious Renaissance; HIST 234 Challenges and Confrontations: Women in Europe; HIST 235 Voices of the Great War: Writers of the Western Front; HIST 306 Protestant Reformations and Catholic Renewal; HIST 307 Europe in the Age of Enlightenment; HIST 308 Europe in the Age of Revolution, 1789 to 1850; HIST 309 Europe in the Age of Nationalism, 1850 to 1914; HIST 310 Twentieth-Century Europe; HIST 311 The Origins of Russia to 1700; HIST 312 Russia from Peter to Lenin; HIST 313 The Soviet Union and After; HIST 315 Western Legal Systems; HIST 316 Modern Western Political Thought ; HIST 317 Politics and Society; or HIST 318 Tudor-Stuart England

**Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East History:** HIST 236 Post-Independence Africa; HIST 238 Early Imperial China; HIST 239 Japanese History through Art and Literature; HIST 241 Colonial and Neocolonial Latin America; HIST 242 Modern Latin America; HIST 340 The Muslim World from the Age of Muhammad to 1800; HIST 341 The Muslim World in Modern Times, 1800 to the Present; HIST 342 Islam and Politics in Modern History; HIST 345 History of China in Modern Times; or HIST 348 Africa under Colonial Rule

**Note: ALL the above courses have any Gen Ed. HIST course as their prerequisite.**

**For more information, check the History Department website;**

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

**The total credit count for the major is 33-35 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. This leaves 45-47 credits that may need to include two secondary language courses and RIC 100 but could also include a second major or a minor, or just be taken as electives.**