MINOR IN AFRICAN STUDIES

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in African Studies

Upon completing the minor in African Studies, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to complicate and challenge their understanding of African history, culture, and politics by critically examining the diversity of Africans’ own historical and contemporary perspectives.
2. Understand topics in African Studies in their interdisciplinary contexts, including being able to make connections between African religions, cultures, and politics as well as understand reasons for changes to these relationships across historical time.
3. Identify and explain key theoretical developments in African Studies, in addition to being able to identify and apply interdisciplinary methodologies to topics in African Studies.
4. Demonstrate the ability to read critically and evaluate a variety of sources on African religious thought, customs, and spirituality and critically apply their insights from these sources.

Requirements for the Minor in African Studies

Students pursuing the minor in African Studies must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) at the 300 level or above.
- A maximum of 3 courses (9 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies tab.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this minor. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the minor’s academic advisor (or official certifier). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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Elective Requirements

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Footnotes and Additional Information

1 All courses listed in the Core Requirement also fulfill the 100% African Content requirement. Any course not chosen to fulfill the Core Requirement may be chosen to fulfill the 100% African Content requirement.
The Elective Requirements (100% African Content and/or 25% African Content coursework) must be taken from at least 3 of the following 6 subject codes: Anthropology (ANTH), English (ENGL), French (FREN), Art History (HART), History (HIST), Religion (RELI).

Students must select at least 3 courses (9 credit hours) and may select up to 5 courses (15 credit hours) from the 100% African Content coursework, in addition to the Core Requirement.

Students may select up to 2 courses (6 credit hours) from the 25% African Content coursework, or they may select additional 100% African Content coursework to reach the 6 total required courses (18 credit hours) for the minor.

Policies for the Minor in African Studies

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in African Studies should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-certificates), i.) students may declare their intent to pursue a minor only after they have first declared a major, and ii.) students may not major and minor in the same subject.

Transfer Credit

For Rice University’s policy regarding transfer credit, see Transfer Credit (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university’s official list of transfer credit advisors on their website: http://oaa.rice.edu. Students are encouraged to meet with their academic program’s transfer credit advisor when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Program Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in African Studies should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 3 courses (9 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit in African languages may be applied to the minor. This may include courses on African languages or other individualized study in African languages with advisor approval. "African languages" does not include the languages of European colonial powers or Arabic. Other languages spoken on the continent, including Afrikaans, will be accepted.

- Requests for transfer credit will be considered by the program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.

For additional information, please see the African Studies website: http://africanstudies.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the Minor in African Studies

Academic Honors

The university recognizes academic excellence achieved over an undergraduate's academic history at Rice. For information on university honors, please see Latin Honors (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

See https://humanities.rice.edu/student-life for tables of fellowships, prizes, and internships/practica that may be relevant to this minor.