MINOR IN POLITICS, LAW AND SOCIAL THOUGHT

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought

Upon completing the minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought, students will be able to:

1. Understand the main lines of political, legal, and social thought in their historical context through original sources.
2. Analyze and evaluate complex texts in political, legal, and social thought through a close reading and critical interpretation of arguments, metaphors, images, and the emotions that drive political arguments.
3. Compare different authors and texts and formulate complex arguments across different traditions in the history of political thought.
4. Develop and communicate their own arguments about politics, law, and society in research papers, class presentations, and discussions.

Requirements for the Minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought

Students pursuing a minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy the minor requirements.
- A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from the same subject code (i.e., GERM, HIST, etc.) may be used to meet the Elective Requirements.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credits. For additional program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies tab.
- A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) taken at Rice University.

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 where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the minor’s Official Certifier (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier). Students and their academic advisors should identify and clearly document the courses to be taken.

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Minor Requirements

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Elective Requirements

Select 5 electives from the Electives list below

Total Credit Hours 18

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To complete the Politics, Law and Social Thought minor, students must complete a total of 5 elective courses (15 credit hours) from the following Rice departmental course offerings. If a student takes more than 1 course from the Core Requirement list, that extra course may be used toward the Elective Requirements. Ultimately no more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) from the same subject code (i.e., GERM, HIST, etc.) may be used to meet the Elective Requirements for the minor.

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**Practica**

Students may count one practicum with 3 credit hours toward the Elective Requirements for the minor, as long as the practicum substantively reflects the thematic focus of the minor in PLST. As general guidance, acceptable practica are concerned with the public dimension of law or fall into the area of public policy. Proposed practica have to be approved by the director before the official start date of the practicum. Practica must adhere to the requirements and policies governing practica as they have been established by the School of Humanities and/or the School of Social Sciences.

**Policies for the Minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought**

**Program Restrictions and Exclusions**

Students pursuing the minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought 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: https://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 Politics, Law and Social Thought should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guidelines:

- No more than 2 courses (6 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards the minor.
• 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.
• Transfer credit coursework received via the articulation of AP, IB or A-level credit will not be considered towards minor requirements.
• Transfer credit from online-only courses may not be used to count towards the minor.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Politics, Law and Social Thought website: https://politics.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the Minor in Politics, Law and Social Thought

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.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Politics, Law and Social Thought website: https://politics.rice.edu/.

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