MINOR IN SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Spanish and Portuguese

Upon completing the minor in Spanish and Portuguese, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an advanced level of communicative proficiency when writing, speaking, listening to, reading and translating Spanish or Portuguese, including a high degree of ability in interacting with native Spanish or Portuguese speakers and text.
2. Demonstrate analytical competence and independent and critical thinking skills by analyzing and responding to Spanish or Portuguese communications, including: identifying and evaluating arguments, ideas, and evidence, constructing critical responses to Spanish or Portuguese texts, and pursuing independent study or research in some facet of Spanish or Portuguese language or culture.

Requirements for the Minor in Spanish and Portuguese

Students pursuing the minor in Spanish and Portuguese must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A maximum of 2 courses (6 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For additional departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies tab.
- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A high degree of ability in interacting with native Spanish or Portuguese speakers and text.

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.

The determination of distribution eligibility is done initially as part of the new course creation process (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/courseprocess/). Additionally, as part of an annual roll call (https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/distribution_credit/) coordinated each Spring by the Office of the Registrar, course distribution eligibility is routinely reviewed and reaffirmed by the Dean’s Offices of each of the academic schools.

Faculty and leadership in the academic schools are responsible for ensuring that the courses identified as distribution-eligible meet the criteria as set in the General Announcements (https://qa.rice.edu/

Distribution Credit Information

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Elective Requirements

Select 3 elective courses from departmental (SPPO) course offerings at the 300-level and above.  

Total Credit Hours 18

Footnotes and Additional Information

1 Courses not used to fulfill the Core Requirements may be taken to fulfill Elective Requirements. The same course may not be used to satisfy more than one requirement for this minor.

Policies for the Minor in Spanish and Portuguese

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in Spanish and Portuguese should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (https://qa.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 (https://qa.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.

Departmental Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the minor in Spanish and Portuguese should be aware of the following departmental 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 departmental Director of Undergraduate Studies (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.
undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/#text). Students are responsible for ensuring that they meet graduation requirements by completing coursework designated as distribution at the time of course registration.

Distribution courses from Spanish and Portuguese deal in questions of broad humanistic interest, including topics in history, literature, linguistics, culture, and art and film. They utilize methodologies characteristic of the Humanities, prompting students to probe a variety of components in the literary, cultural, and social life of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking communities.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Modern and Classical Literatures and Cultures website: https://cultures.rice.edu

Opportunities for the Minor in Spanish and Portuguese

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 (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/) (summa cum laude, magna cum laude, and cum laude) and Distinction in Research and Creative Work (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

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