MINOR IN ASTRONOMY

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Astronomy

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

1. Demonstrate a broad knowledge of basic astronomical or solar system topics.
2. Acquire and demonstrate knowledge in several advanced topics of their choosing.

Requirements for the Minor in Astronomy

Students pursuing the minor in Astronomy must complete:

- A minimum of 27 credit hours to satisfy minor requirements.
- A maximum of 1 course (3 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit. For departmental guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies (p. 1) 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 where applicable, the Program Director. (Course substitutions must be formally applied upon approval of the minor’s academic advisor, or where applicable, certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted).

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Policies for the Minor in Astronomy

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in Astronomy should be aware of the following program restrictions:

- As noted in Majors, Minors, and Certificates (https://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 (https://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 (https://
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 Astronomy should be aware of the following departmental transfer credit guidelines:

• 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.

Additional Information
For additional information, please see the Physics and Astronomy website: https://physics.rice.edu/

Opportunities for the Minor in Astronomy

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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