

BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Program Learning Outcomes for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Global Affairs

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in Global Affairs, students will have:

1. Developed a broad understanding of global affairs as the interdisciplinary study of how global, regional, and local phenomena are interconnected. (*Substantive Knowledge*)
2. Learned how to choose responsibly and creatively from a menu of theoretical frameworks and methodologies to critically evaluate global public policy problems. (*Critical Thinking*)
3. Gained a deep understanding of the diverse organizations and movements through which globally minded individuals strive to have an impact. (*Citizenship*)
4. Developed and refined their ability to communicate and to persuade in written, oral, and visual formats in more than one language. (*Communication*)

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Global Affairs

For general university requirements, see [Graduation Requirements \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Global Affairs must complete:

- A minimum of 17 courses (51 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours required to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 5 courses (15 credit hours) taken at the 300-level or above.
- A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) from the Core Requirements.
- A minimum of 8 courses (24 credit hours) from the Elective Requirements.
- A minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) in a single world language other than English (Arabic (ARAB), Chinese (CHIN), French (FREN), German (GERM), Hebrew (HEBR), Italian (ITAL), Japanese (JAPA), Korean (KORE), Portuguese (PORT), or Spanish (SPAN)) from the Language Requirement.
- A minimum of 1 course (3 credit hours) from the Capstone Requirement.
- A maximum of 5 courses (15 credit hours) from study abroad or transfer credit **after** matriculation at Rice may be applied towards specific major requirements. For additional program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the [Policies](#) (p. 5) tab.

The courses listed below satisfy the requirements for this major. In certain instances, courses not on this official list may be substituted upon approval of the major's academic advisor or, where applicable, the

department's Director of Undergraduate Studies. (Course substitutions must be formally applied and entered into Degree Works by the major'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.

Summary

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Global Affairs		51
Total Credit Hours Required for the BA Degree with a Major in Global Affairs		120

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
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Core Requirements

GLBL 200		3
HIST 249	GLOBALIZATION IN WORLD HISTORY	3
POLI 211	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
POLI 212	INTRODUCTION TO COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3

Elective Requirements

Select a total of 8 courses from the Areas of Specialization listed below. At least 1 course must be taken from each of the 3 Areas of Specialization (see course lists below):

Global Order, Peace, and Conflict	
Global Wealth and Sustainability	
Regional Communities and Identities	

Language Requirement

Select 4 courses from a single language other than English (see course list below)¹

Capstone Requirement

GLBL 400		3
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Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Global Affairs

Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements *	38
University Graduation Requirements (https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements/) *	31

Total Credit Hours	120
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Footnotes and Additional Information

- * **Note:** [University Graduation Requirements](#) include 31 credit hours, comprised of Distribution Requirements (Groups I, II, and III), FWIS, and LPAP coursework. In some instances, courses satisfying FWIS or distribution requirements may additionally meet other requirements, such as the Analyzing Diversity (AD) requirement, or some of the student's declared major, minor, or certificate requirements. [Additional Credit Hours to Complete Degree Requirements](#) include general electives, coursework completed as upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), and/or any other additional academic program requirements.

¹ Students must develop language proficiency in a single world language other than English by taking at least 4 courses (12 credit hours) in one of the following language course offerings: Arabic (ARAB), Chinese (CHIN), French (FREN), German (GERM), Hebrew (HEBR), Italian (ITAL), Japanese (JAPA), Korean (KORE), Portuguese (PORT), or Spanish (SPAN). Students who attain advanced proficiency or fluency in a language other than English before completing at least 4 language courses (12 credit hours) will substitute coursework that covers a country or region in which said language is spoken. Approved coursework in Arabic (ARAB), Chinese (CHIN), French (FREN), German (GERM), Hebrew (HEBR), Italian (ITAL), Japanese (JAPA), Korean (KORE), Portuguese (PORT), or Spanish (SPAN) may be used to fulfill up to 2 courses (6 credit hours) of the 8 courses (24 credit hours) in the Elective Requirements. Please consult the Global Affairs major advisor for questions. See course lists below.

Course Lists to Satisfy Requirements

Elective Requirements

Students must complete a total of 8 courses (24 credit hours) from the Areas of Specialization listed below as electives. At least 1 course (3 credit hours) must be taken from each of the 3 Areas of Specialization. The remaining 5 courses (15 credit hours) may be taken from any of the Areas of Specialization. Below is an illustrative list of courses. Student may consult with the major advisor to apply courses not on this list.

Area of Specialization: Global Order, Peace, and Conflict		
Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 316	BLACK DECOLONIAL FEMINISMS IN THE AMERICAS	3
ANTH 317	REVOLUTIONS AND UTOPIAS	3
ANTH 379	WHAT IS THE GLOBAL SOUTH?	3
ANTH 430	WHEN HUMAN RIGHTS FAIL: THE ANTHROPOLOGY OF HUMAN RIGHTS	3
ANTH 431	GLOBAL INDIGENOUS POLITICS	3
ASIA 242	CHINA'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, 1500-PRESENT: FROM THE CELESTIAL EMPIRE TO AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE	3
ASIA 244	KOREA AND EMPIRES: FROM THE MONGOLS TO THE COLD WAR	3
ASIA 368 / HIST 368	THE AGE OF ISLAMIC EMPIRE	3
ENGL 222 / ASIA 222	THE WORLD AND SOUTH ASIA	3
ENGL 380	POSTCOLONIAL VISIONS	3
ENGL 398 / AAAS 398	SLAVERY IN 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY FILM AND FICTION	3
HART 367	ARCHITECTURES OF POWER, RESISTANCE, AND COEXISTENCE: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	3
HIST 248 / AAAS 248	AFRICA AND THE GLOBAL COLD WAR	3
HIST 345	THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES' ENGAGEMENT WITH ASIA, 1780 TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 358	HUMANITARIANISM FROM THE 19TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 359	THE UNITED STATES IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD	3
HIST 388	POLITICS, LAW, AND GLOBALIZATION	3

HIST 408	THE JAPANESE EMPIRE	3
HIST 412	EMPIRE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW	3
HIST 428	MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING: GLOBAL AND LOCAL	3
HIST 429	BORDERLANDS HISTORY	3
HIST 435	SLAVE REBELLIONS IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD	3
HIST 455	THE HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS	3
POLI 319	WORLD LEGAL SYSTEMS	3
POLI 369	PROTEST, RESISTANCE, AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE	3
POLI 371	CIVIL WARS	3
POLI 372	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	3
POLI 373	WAR AND POLITICS	3
POLI 374	STRATEGIC INTERACTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3
POLI 375	INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION	3
POLI 391	UNDERSTANDING THE RUSSO-UKRAINIAN WAR	3
POLI 469	CIVIL WAR AND TERRORISM	3
POLI 471	PROTEST AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE	3
POLI 472	AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY	3
POLI 478	US - CHINA: CONFLICT AND COOPERATION	3

Area of Specialization: Global Wealth and Sustainability		
Code	Title	Credit Hours
ANTH 210	EAT ME: FOOD AND CULTURE IN GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	3
ANTH 307	THE GLOBAL LIFE OF CORPORATIONS	3
ANTH 340	NEOLIBERALISM AND GLOBALIZATION	3
ANTH 357	CONSERVATION, INDIGENEITY, DISPLACEMENT	3
ANTH 372	CULTURES OF CAPITALISM	3
ANTH 377	SOUTH ASIAN ECOLOGIES	3
ASIA 307 / MDHM 307	MEDICINE AND EMPIRE IN ASIA	3
ECON 203	MACROECONOMICS	3
ECON 355	FINANCIAL MARKETS	3
ECON 365 / HIST 365	WORLD ECONOMIC HISTORY	3
ECON 422	INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND FINANCE	3
ECON 450	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3
ECON 460	ADVANCED TOPICS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	3
HART 408	EXTRACTIVE ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM IN LATIN AMERICA	3
LALX 345 / ENST 345	BIODIVERSITY AND CONFLICT IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH	3
LALX 350	PIRATES, REBELS, NARCOS: LATIN AMERICAN OUTLAWS IN THE POLITICAL-CULTURAL IMAGINATION	3
POLI 324 / FREN 324 / RELI 476	FROM DECOLONIZATION TO GLOBALIZATION	3

POLI 364	GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	3
POLI 456	GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT	3
POLI 463	HOW TO MAKE AND BREAK GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAINS	3
POLI 467	THE POLITICS OF GLOBAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEES	3
RELI 328	RELIGION AND GLOBAL POVERTY	3
SMGT 396	THE OLYMPIC GAMES	3

Area of Specialization: Regional Communities and Identities
Code Title Credit Hours

ANTH 402	US-MEXICO RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	3
ASIA 213	TRANSNATIONAL ART AND CULTURE IN ASIA BEFORE THE TWENTIETH CENTURY	3
ASIA 223	SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES	3
ASIA 229	MODERN EAST ASIA: CULTURE, HISTORY, AND SOCIETY	3
ASIA 260	ASIAN RELIGIOUS ENVIRONMENTS	3
ASIA 295	INTRODUCTION TO TRANSNATIONAL ASIAN STUDIES	3
ASIA 310	ASIAN BORDERLANDS: FROM FRONTIERS TO BORDERED LANDS	3
ASIA 328 / HIST 384 / SWGS 384	MODERN GIRL AND ASIA IN THE WORLD	3
ASIA 342	EAST ASIAN ORTHODOXIES AND HERESIES: LAW AND SOCIETY IN TRADITIONAL CHINA, KOREA, AND VIETNAM	3
ASIA 360	TRANSNATIONAL CHINA: CHINA AND THE CHINESE DIASPORA	3
ENGL 381 / SWGS 327	TOPICS IN WOMEN WRITERS	3
ENGL 383	GLOBAL FICTIONS	3
ENGL 397	TOPICS IN LITERATURE AND CULTURE	3
FREN 354 / AAAS 355	VOICES OF HAITI	3
FREN 478 / ARCR 478	THE FRENCH CARIBBEAN	3
HART 211 / AAAS 211	AFRICAN MODERNISM	3
HART 212	WOMEN ARTISTS IN TWENTIETH CENTURY LATIN AMERICA	3
HART 265	A VISUAL CULTURE TRAVELOGUE: ART AND POLITICS IN MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3
HART 309	CONTEMPORARY ART OF AFRICA	3
HART 318	AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES: IMAGE & THEORY	3
HART 329	RACE AND ART IN MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3
HART 338	HART IN THE WORLD SPRING SEMINAR	3
HART 372 / SIA 372 / MDEM 373	CHINESE ART AND THE WORLD	3

HIST 221	UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS	3
HIST 223 / AAAS 223	FREEDOM AND STRUGGLE IN MODERN AFRICA	3
HIST 225	EUROPE SINCE 1945	3
HIST 227	LATIN AMERICAN CULTURAL TRADITIONS	3
HIST 228	MODERN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 237	RADICAL MOVEMENTS IN THE AMERICAS	3
HIST 256	EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY, 1890-1945	3
HIST 257	AUTHORITARIANISM: FROM THE EARLY MODERN ERA TO THE PRESENT	3
HIST 275	MODERN MIDDLE EAST	3
HIST 312	ENVIRONMENT, MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 319	ATOMIC AMERICA	3
HIST 354	RACE AND ETHNICITY IN LATIN AMERICA	3
HIST 374	JEWISH HISTORY, 1500-1948	3
HIST 378	MODERN ARAB HISTORY	3
LALX 158 / SPAN 158	INTRODUCTION TO LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES	3
LALX 330	SUBVERSIVE STORYTELLING IN LATINX TV & FILM	3
LALX 378	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICAL THOUGHT: IDENTITY, LIBERATION, MODERNITY	3
LALX 390	RECLAIMING THE FUTURE: CONTEMPORARY TECHNOLOGY, CULTURE & SOCIETY IN LATIN AMERICA	3
LING 205 / SWGS 205	LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY	3
LING 304	APPLIED SOCIOLINGUISTICS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH	3
LING 324 / AAAS 324	FROM SLAVERY TO HIP HOP. LINGUISTIC LIBERATION IN THE AFRICAN DIASPORA	3
LING 419	MULTILINGUALISM	3
POLI 333	LEGISLATURES AROUND THE WORLD	3
POLI 354	LATIN AMERICAN POLITICS	3
POLI 356	POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IN CONTEMPORARY DEMOCRACIES	3
POLI 366	SOUTH ASIAN POLITICS	3
POLI 392	JERUSALEM	3
POLI 457	CONDITIONS OF DEMOCRACY	3
POLI 466	POLITICAL PARTIES AND VOTING BEHAVIOR IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES	3
RELI 338	THE CHURCH OF AFRICA	3
RELI 348 / AAAS 348	CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM IN AFRICA	3
RELI 356	MAJOR ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY ISLAM	3
RELI 424	RELIGION AND POLITICS IN AFRICA	3

SOCI 340	SOCIOLOGY OF IMMIGRATION	3
SPAN 406	LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA: HISTORY, THEORY AND CRITICISM	3

Language Requirements

Student must complete a minimum of 4 courses (12 credit hours) as Electives from approved language course offerings in a single language other than English from the following subject codes: Arabic (ARAB), Chinese (CHIN), French (FREN), German (GERM), Hebrew (HEBR), Italian (ITAL), Japanese (JAPA), Korean (KORE), Portuguese (PORT), or Spanish (SPAN).¹

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ARAB 141	FIRST YEAR ARABIC I	3
ARAB 142	FIRST YEAR ARABIC II	3
ARAB 263	SECOND YEAR ARABIC I	3
ARAB 264	SECOND YEAR ARABIC II	3
ARAB 301	THIRD YEAR ARABIC I	3
ARAB 302	THIRD YEAR ARABIC II	3
ARAB 354	CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF MEDIA ARABIC	3
CHIN 141	FIRST YEAR CHINESE I	3
CHIN 142	FIRST YEAR CHINESE II	3
CHIN 206	ACCELERATED SECOND-YEAR CHINESE FOR HERITAGE LEARNERS	3
CHIN 263	SECOND YEAR CHINESE I	3
CHIN 264	SECOND YEAR CHINESE II	3
CHIN 301	THIRD YEAR CHINESE I	3
CHIN 302	THIRD YEAR CHINESE II	3
CHIN 311	ACCELERATED INTERMEDIATE CHINESE I	3
CHIN 312	ACCELERATED INTERMEDIATE CHINESE II	3
CHIN 319	SPECIAL TOPICS: ADVANCED CHINESE I	3
CHIN 332 / ASIA 332	MODERN CHINESE LITERATURE AND ITS MOVIE ADAPTATIONS	3
CHIN 334 / ASIA 334	TRADITIONAL CHINESE TALES AND SHORT STORIES	3
CHIN 401	FOURTH YEAR CHINESE I	3
CHIN 402	FOURTH YEAR CHINESE II	3
CHIN 422 / ASIA 422	THE ORIGINAL BEAUTY OF CHINESE LITERATURE	3
FREN 141	FIRST YEAR FRENCH I	3
FREN 142	FIRST YEAR FRENCH II	3
FREN 263	SECOND YEAR FRENCH I	3
FREN 264	SECOND YEAR FRENCH II	3
FREN 301	GRAMMAR AND CULTURAL LITERACY	3
FREN 302	WRITING WORKSHOP	3
FREN 307	THE MANY FACETS OF FRENCH CULTURAL IDENTITY	3
FREN 311	MIDDLE AGES TO ENLIGHTENMENT	3
FREN 312	THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TO WWII	3
FREN 313	THE FRANCOPHONE WORLD	3
FREN 314	CONTEMPORARY FRENCH SOCIETY	3
FREN 319	FRANCE: THE SOCCER EMPIRE	3

FREN 321	INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH SOCIETY AND CULTURE	3
FREN 340	GENDER AROUND THE WORLD	3
FREN 360	STREET ART: HIP HOP, GRAFFITI, AND PHOTOGRAPHY	3
FREN 407	CINEMA IN FRENCH	3
FREN 413	BLACK VENUS/VÉNUS NOIRE: REPRESENTATIONS OF BLACK WOMEN IN THE LONG 19TH CENTURY	3
FREN 414 / AAAS 414	SEX AND RACE IN THE FRENCH ATLANTIC	3
FREN 451	AMERICA THROUGH FRENCH EYES	3
FREN 453	IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP IN CONTEMPORARY FRANCE	3
GERM 141	FIRST YEAR GERMAN I	3
GERM 142	FIRST YEAR GERMAN II	3
GERM 263	SECOND YEAR GERMAN I	3
GERM 264	SECOND YEAR GERMAN II	3
GERM 305	CURRENT ISSUES IN SOCIETY, POLITICS, AND CULTURE IN GERMAN	3
HEBR 141	FIRST YEAR HEBREW I	3
HEBR 142	FIRST YEAR HEBREW II	3
ITAL 106	ACCELERATED FIRST YEAR ITALIAN	3
ITAL 141	FIRST YEAR ITALIAN I	3
ITAL 142	FIRST YEAR ITALIAN II	3
ITAL 263	SECOND YEAR ITALIAN I	3
ITAL 264	SECOND YEAR ITALIAN II	3
ITAL 301	THIRD YEAR ITALIAN I	3
ITAL 302	THIRD YEAR ITALIAN II	3
JAPA 141	FIRST YEAR JAPANESE I	3
JAPA 142	FIRST YEAR JAPANESE II	3
JAPA 263	SECOND YEAR JAPANESE I	3
JAPA 264	SECOND YEAR JAPANESE II	3
JAPA 301	THIRD YEAR JAPANESE I	3
JAPA 302	THIRD YEAR JAPANESE II	3
JAPA 401	FOURTH YEAR JAPANESE I	3
JAPA 402	FOURTH YEAR JAPANESE II	3
KORE 141	FIRST YEAR KOREAN I	3
KORE 263	SECOND YEAR KOREAN I	3
KORE 264	SECOND YEAR KOREAN II	3
KORE 301	THIRD YEAR KOREAN I	3
KORE 302	THIRD YEAR KOREAN II	3
KORE 332	LEARNING CONVERSATIONAL KOREAN THROUGH VISUAL MEDIA	3
KORE 401	CURRENT ISSUES IN KOREA THROUGH MULTIMODAL TEXTS	3
KORE 402	KOREAN FOR BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONALS	3
PORT 106	ACCELERATED FIRST YEAR PORTUGUESE FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS	3
PORT 206	ACCELERATED SECOND YEAR PORTUGUESE FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS	3

PORT 301	THIRD YEAR PORTUGUESE I	3
PORT 302	BRASIL: CULTURA E SOCIEDADE	3
SPAN 141	FIRST YEAR SPANISH I	3
SPAN 142	FIRST YEAR SPANISH II	3
SPAN 204	SPANISH FOR HERITAGE STUDENTS II	3
SPAN 263	SECOND YEAR SPANISH I	3
SPAN 264	SECOND YEAR SPANISH II	3
SPAN 303	SPANISH FOR HERITAGE STUDENTS III	3
SPAN 321	SPECIAL TOPICS: ADVANCED SPANISH I	3
SPAN 322	SPECIAL TOPICS: ADVANCED SPANISH II	3
SPAN 323	SPANISH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICUM I	3
SPAN 328	GAZING AT DISASTER: VISUAL CULTURE AND CATASTROPHE IN LATIN AMERICA	3
SPAN 330	HISPANIC WRITING SEMINAR	3
SPAN 332	APPROACHES TO HISPANIC LITERATURES	3
SPAN 335	ASIAN LATIN(X) AMERICAN ENCOUNTERS	3
SPAN 350	DIALECTS IN CONTACT: SEARCHING FOR THE "INTERNATIONAL" FORM OF SPANISH	3
SPAN 351	ECOFEMINISM & POETRY. ECOLOGY, FEMINISM & SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH MULTIMEDIA POETRY IN LATIN AMERICA	3
SPAN 356	RACE, GENDER, CLASS, & ENVIRONMENT IN CENTRAL AMERICAN CULTURES	3
SPAN 375	THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR	3
SPAN 392	A REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN: TRENDS IN CONTEMPORARY CUBAN CULTURE	3
SPAN 402	THE CITY IN LATIN AMERICA	3
SPAN 434	LANGUAGE IDEOLOGIES AND LANGUAGE IDENTITIES	3
SPAN 438	LANGUAGE AND MIGRATION: MULTICULTURALISM AND MULTILINGUALISM IN CONTEXT	3
SPAN 451	WITNESSING, TRUTH & TRAUMA: TESTIMONIAL WRITING IN MEXICO & CENTRAL AMERICA	3
SPAN 453	BORDER NARRATIVES	3

Footnotes and Additional Information

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Policies for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Global Affairs

Transfer Credit

For Rice University's policy regarding transfer credit, see [Transfer Credit \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/transfer-credit/). Some departments and programs have additional restrictions on transfer credit. Requests for transfer credit must be approved for Rice equivalency by the designated transfer credit advisor for the appropriate academic department offering the Rice equivalent course (corresponding to the subject code of the course content). The Office of Academic Advising maintains the university's official list of [transfer credit advisors \(https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/\)](https://oaa.rice.edu/advising-network/transfer-credit-advisors/) on their website: <https://oaa.rice.edu>. Students are encouraged to meet with the applicable transfer credit advisor as well as their academic program director when considering transfer credit possibilities.

Program Transfer Credit Guidelines

Students pursuing the major in Global Affairs should be aware of the following program-specific transfer credit guideline:

- No more than 5 courses (15 credit hours) of transfer credit from U.S. or international universities of similar standing as Rice may apply towards specific major requirements **after** matriculation at Rice.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Global Affairs website: <https://politicalscience.rice.edu/undergraduate/global-affairs/>.

Opportunities for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Global Affairs

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 \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](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 \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

Fifth-Year Master's Degree Option for Rice Undergraduate Students

In certain situations and with some terminal master's degree programs, Rice students have an option to pursue a master's degree by adding an additional fifth year to their four years of undergraduate studies.

Advanced Rice undergraduate students in good academic standing typically apply to the master's degree program during their junior or senior year. Upon acceptance, depending on course load, financial aid status, and other variables, they may then start taking some required courses of the master's degree program. A plan of study will need to be approved by the student's undergraduate major advisor and the master's degree program director.

As part of this option and opportunity, Rice undergraduate students:

- must complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree and the master's degree independently of each other (i.e. no course may be counted toward the fulfillment of both degrees).
- should be aware there could be financial aid implications if the conversion of undergraduate coursework to that of graduate level reduces their earned undergraduate credit for any semester below that of full-time status (12 credit hours).
- more information on this *Undergraduate - Graduate Concurrent Enrollment* opportunity, including specific information on the registration process can be found [here \(https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/undergraduate-graduate-concurrent-enrollment/\)](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/undergraduate-graduate-concurrent-enrollment/).

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