Managerial Studies is an interdepartmental, nonprofessional program designed to provide undergraduates with an understanding of the environment in which businesses and other organizations exist today and of some of the tools employed by management in the commitment of its financial and human resources.

All students pursuing the managerial studies major must also complete at least one of the established departmental or interdepartmental majors, other than an area major. The managerial studies major is not the equivalent of an undergraduate business major at other universities.

Bachelor’s Program

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Managerial Studies (ga.rice.edu/programs-study/departments-programs/social-sciences/managerial-studies/managerial-studies-ba)

Managerial Studies does not currently offer an academic program at the graduate level.

Program Director

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For Rice University degree-granting programs: To view the list of official course offerings, please see Rice’s Course Catalog (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/!SWKSCAT.cat?p_action=cata)

To view the most recent semester’s course schedule, please see Rice’s Course Schedule (https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/!SWKSCAT.cat)

Managerial Studies (MANA)

MANA 238 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Managerial Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Seminar, Lecture, Laboratory, Internship/Practicum
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Lower-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

MANA 404 - MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS IN A CONSULTING SIMULATION
Short Title: MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATIONS
Department: Managerial Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Managerial Studies. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: The capstone course for the MANA curriculum, students work on professional-level skills in communication sub-disciplines involving business strategy, writing in business and management contexts, intercultural communication challenges, and the presentation of business analysis. The class format combines elements of a workshop along with a lecture/discussion-oriented teaching environment. Students apply knowledge gained in Managerial Studies’ previous courses - including economics, psychology, statistics, accounting, policy studies, and finance - to cases that require complex communications for multiple audiences. Recommended Prerequisite(s): Completion of eight Managerial Studies required courses.

MANA 477 - SPECIAL TOPICS
Short Title: SPECIAL TOPICS
Department: Managerial Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Internship/Practicum, Lecture, Seminar, Laboratory
Credit Hours: 1-4
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Topics and credit hours may vary each semester. Contact department for current semester’s topic(s). Repeatable for Credit.

MANA 498 - INDEPENDENT STUDY
Short Title: INDEPENDENT STUDY
Department: Managerial Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Independent Study
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Managerial Studies. Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Independent research project with a Faculty member in the Jones Graduate School of Management. Only for students in the Honors Program of Managerial Studies. Must have the approval of the Director of Managerial Studies and the participating Jones School Faculty Member. Instructor Permission Required.
MANA 499 - LEGAL THEMES IN ENGINEERING AND MANAGING PRACTICE

Short Title: LEGAL THEMES IN ENGI PRACTICES
Department: Managerial Studies
Grade Mode: Standard Letter
Course Type: Lecture
Credit Hours: 3
Restrictions: Enrollment is limited to Undergraduate, Undergraduate Professional or Visiting Undergraduate level students.
Course Level: Undergraduate Upper-Level
Description: Introduction to fundamental legal concepts of the American legal system for upper level undergraduate students, primarily aimed at what engineers, scientists and other professionals could expect to encounter in their professional careers. The primary focus is to provide students with the basic tools to understand and interact with lawyers. Cross-list: MECH 456.

Description and Code Legend

Note: Internally, the university uses the following descriptions, codes, and abbreviations for this academic program. The following is a quick reference:

Course Catalog/Schedule
  • Course offerings/subject codes: MANA

Program Description and Code
  • Managerial Studies: MANA

Undergraduate Degree Description and Code
  • Bachelor of Arts degree: BA

Undergraduate Major Description and Code
  • Major in Managerial Studies: MANA