BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) DEGREE WITH A MAJOR IN SOCIAL POLICY ANALYSIS

Program Learning Outcomes for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree with a Major in Social Policy Analysis

Upon completing the BA degree with a major in Social Policy Analysis, students will be able to:

1. Understand social policy as an interdisciplinary field and demonstrate the ability to synthesize key knowledge, theories, and research across different disciplines in the social sciences.

2. Develop critical analysis, problem solving and research skills in order to design and evaluate evidence-based interventions for social problems.

3. Demonstrate the ability to communicate policy research and findings in written and oral formats.

Requirements for the BA Degree with a Major in Social Policy Analysis

For general university requirements, see Graduation Requirements (ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-requirements). Students pursuing the BA degree with a major in Social Policy Analysis must complete:

- A minimum of 14 courses (42-43 credit hours) to satisfy major requirements.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours required to satisfy degree requirements.
- A minimum of 60 credit hours outside the major.
- A minimum of 9 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 program guidelines regarding transfer credit, see the Policies 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

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Degree Requirements

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<td>ECON 307 / STAT 310</td>
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Footnotes and Additional Information

* Includes coursework completed as distribution credit, FWIS, LPAP, upper-level, residency (hours taken at Rice), 60 hours outside of the major (if applicable), and any additional academic program requirements. The “hours outside of the major” requirement may include all of the above university requirements.

1 MATH 111 and MATH 112 may substitute for the MATH 101 requirement.

Course Lists to Satisfy Requirements

Elective Requirements

Students must complete a total of 5 courses (15 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 (see below for course lists for each Area):

Groups and Identities

Institutions

Policies, Processes, and Outcomes

Total Credit Hours Required for the Major in Social Policy Analysis | 42-43 |

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University Requirements* | 60 |

Total Credit Hours | 120 |
### Area of Specialization: Groups and Identities

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Select at least 1 course from the following:

- ANTH 354 / SWGS 353: ILLNESS, DISABILITY, AND THE GENDERED BODY
- LING 205 / SWGS 205: LANGUAGE AND SOCIETY
- LING 303: LANGUAGE AND GENDER
- LING 322: LANGUAGE AND ETHNICITY
- POLI 330: MINORITY POLITICS
- PSYC 331 / SWGS 331: PSYCHOLOGY OF GENDER
- PSYC 475: STEREOTYPING AND PREJUDICE
- SOCI 301: SOCIAL INEQUALITY
- SOCI 309: RACE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS
- SOCI 313: DEMOGRAPHY
- SOCI 329: MULTIRACIAL AMERICA

### Area of Specialization: Institutions

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Select at least 1 course from the following:

- ANTH 326: LAW, POWER AND CULTURE
- ANTH 341 / HURC 341: MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE: EXHIBITING ART, EXHIBITING CULTURE
- ANTH 345: THE POLITICS OF THE PAST: ARCHAEOLOGY IN SOCIAL CONTEXT
- ECON 210: BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS
- ECON 239: LAW AND ECONOMICS
- ECON 343: CORPORATE FINANCE
- ECON 355: FINANCIAL MARKETS
- ECON 365 / HIST 365: WORLD ECONOMIC HISTORY
- ECON 435: INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION
- ECON 439: ADVANCED TOPICS IN LAW AND ECONOMICS
- ECON 452: RELIGION, ETHICS, AND ECONOMICS
- ECON 455: MONEY AND BANKING
- POLI 317: THE CONGRESS
- POLI 318: THE PRESIDENCY
- POLI 321: AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
- POLI 332: URBAN POLITICS
- POLI 335: POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
- POLI 336: POLITICS OF REGULATION
- POLI 342: POLITICS OF THE JUDICIARY
- PSYC 231: INDUSTRIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC 420 / POLI 420 / COMP 435: ELECTION SYSTEMS, TECHNOLOGIES, AND ADMINISTRATION
- SOCI 308: HOUSTON: THE SOCIOLOGY OF A CITY
- SOCI 310: URBAN SOCIOLOGY
- SOCI 314: SCIENCE AT RISK? OUT OF THE LAB AND INTO PUBLIC SPHERE

### Area of Specialization: Policies, Processes, and Outcomes

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Select at least 1 course from the following:

- ECON 418: ECONOMIC FORECASTING
- ECON 432: POLITICAL ECONOMY
- ECON 437 / ENST 437: ENERGY ECONOMICS
- ECON 450: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- ECON 462: ECONOMICS OF HUMAN CAPITAL
- ECON 470: MARKET DESIGN
- ECON 479: ECONOMIC MODELING AND PUBLIC POLICY
- ECON 480 / ENST 480: ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS
- ECON 481: HEALTH ECONOMICS
- ECON 483: PUBLIC FINANCE
- ECON 484: PUBLIC ECONOMICS
- ENST 445: SEMINAR IN URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND LIVABILITY RESEARCH METHODS AND APPLICATIONS
- ENST 446: LAB IN ENGAGED URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND LIVABILITY RESEARCH
- POLI 356: REPRESENTATION AND POLICY MAKING
- POLI 435: SEMINAR ON MONEY AND POLITICS
- POLI 438: RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY
- PSYC 345: HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
- PSYC 346: STRESS AND HEALTH ACROSS THE LIFESPAN
- PSYC 435: POLLUTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
- PSYC 445: ADVANCED SEMINAR IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
- SMGT 361: SPORT FINANCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- SOCI 321: CRIMINOLOGY
- SOCI 344: SOCIOLOGY OF MENTAL HEALTH
- SOCI 345: MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY
- SOCI 368: SOCIOLOGY OF DISASTER
- SOCI 406: BASIC DEMOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES
- SOCI 422: SOCIAL AUTOPSIES: HOW SOCIETY KILLS US
- SOCI 425: POPULATION HEALTH SEMINAR
- SOCI 465 / SWGS 465: GENDER AND HEALTH
- SOCI 466 / BUSI 464 / GLHT 464: SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
- SOCI 319: SOCIOLOGY OF WORK AND OCCUPATIONS
- SOCI 325: SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
- SOCI 358: CRIME, PUNISHMENT AND SOCIETY
Policies for the BA Degree with a Major in Social Policy Analysis

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 major in Social Policy Analysis 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 may apply towards the major.
• Request 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 Social Policy Analysis website: https://socialpolicy.rice.edu/.

Opportunities for the BA Degree with a Major in Social Policy Analysis

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.

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