

MINOR IN SOCIOLOGY

Program Learning Outcomes for the Minor in Sociology

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

1. Gain a richer understanding of the social world, including class, race, gender, ethnicity, education, family, occupation, deviancy, health and global citizenship as well as how the human social world impacts its environment.
2. Apply sociological knowledge and training to understand theory and policy oriented around issues of human well-being in the US and globally, including how to understand the relationship between inequality and factors like race, class, gender and education.
3. Gain an in-depth understanding of the role of theory OR research methods, depending on their preference. This means they will be able to apply sociological knowledge and training to understand theory and policy oriented around issues of human well-being in the US and globally, including how to understand the relationship between inequality and factors like race, class, gender and education. Alternatively, students will be able to apply methodological, theoretical, and research skills to carry out empirical research projects.

Requirements for the Minor in Sociology

Students pursuing the minor in Sociology must complete:

- A minimum of 6 courses (18 credit hours) to satisfy minor requirements.
- A minimum of 5 courses (15 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](#) (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 and entered into Degree Works by the minor's [Official Certifier](https://registrar.rice.edu/facstaff/degreeworks/officialcertifier/) (<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 Minor in Sociology		18

Minor Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
SOCI 101 or SOCI 231	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY ¹ SOCIAL PROBLEMS	3
SOCI 380 or SOCI 381	SOCIAL THEORY RESEARCH METHODS	3

Elective Requirements

Select 3 courses from departmental (SOCI) course offerings at the 300-level or above	9
Select 1 course from departmental (SOCI) course offerings at the 400-level	3

Total Credit Hours 18

Footnotes and Additional Information

¹ Only one of these courses (SOCI 101 or SOCI 231) may fulfill minor requirements. Neither course may be used to fulfill Elective Requirements.

Policies for the Minor in Sociology

Program Restrictions and Exclusions

Students pursuing the minor in Sociology should be aware of the following program restriction:

- As noted in [Majors, Minors, and Certificates](https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/academic-opportunities/majors-minors-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/) (<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 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 Sociology 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 program director (and/or the program's official transfer credit advisor) on an individual case-by-case basis.
- Transfer credit coursework from online-only courses cannot be applied or used to meet any of the minor's course requirements.

Additional Information

For additional information, please see the Sociology website: <https://sociology.rice.edu/>.

Opportunities for the Minor in Sociology

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/) (<https://ga.rice.edu/undergraduate-students/honors-distinctions/>)

university/). Some departments have department-specific Honors awards or designations.

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