



MINOR IN POVERTY, JUSTICE, AND HUMAN CAPABILITIES (PJHC)

The Program in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities (PJHC) provides students with a multifaceted understanding of human well-being, both in the US and internationally. PJHC collaborates with a number of departments and centers, including the Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality (CSWGS) where it is housed, to offer Rice undergraduates the PJHC minor.

This unique interdisciplinary minor emphasizes a “capabilities approach,” which considers what people are able to do and be, such as live to old age and engage in economic and political activities, rather than considering strictly what material goods they possess or do not possess.

The PJHC minor combines high-caliber undergraduate courses with service-learning experiences for students to work with agencies that help people and disadvantaged communities in Houston, throughout the United States, and abroad. Through academic and experiential learning opportunities, students explore a deeper understanding of the structural factors underlying poverty, human well-being, and potential policy solutions.

PJHC minor requirements include:

- A minimum of six (6) courses, or eighteen (18) credit hours.
- Two required core courses: PJHC 371 and PJHC 394.
- Three electives, with one from each of the following categories: Global South, Race and Ethnicity, and General (a broad list including courses from a variety of departments).
- One of five capstone options: (i) PJHC 470, (ii) HIST 421, (iii) HIST 484, (iv) SOCI 469 & SOCI 470, or (v) SWGS 494, SWGS 496, & SWGS 497.
- Three PJHC service credits from direct service-learning experiences. Declared minors are eligible to participate in these service-learning experiences after completing PJHC 371 and at least one approved elective.

To see a complete list of approved elective courses, visit:
<https://cswgs.rice.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/pjhc>

NOTE: To petition for the approval a course not on the list of electives (see next page), please contact Dr. Kerry Ward, PJHC Director of Undergraduate Studies.

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PJHC MINOR REQUIRED CORE COURSES

PJHC 371

Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities

This course provides an overview of the study of poverty, justice, and human capabilities. The course considers theory and economic policy oriented toward improving human well-being in the US, Asia, Africa, and other regions. Readings address not just material deprivations but also gender, racial and ethnic disparities, health status, education, human rights, and political freedoms.

PJHC 394

Human Development in Global and Local Communities

This course explores poverty and gender in local and global communities. Readings consider human deprivations and well-being in the context of social norms, gender relations, and governmental structures. Also examined are policies meant to improve human capabilities, including both the overall effects of such policies and their differential consequences for children, women, and men.

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SPRING 2021 COURSE LIST

Core, Capstone, & Service-Learning Courses

PJHC 394: Human Development in Global & Local Communities
WARD ~ 3:10PM - 4:30PM TR (Fully Online)

HIST 428: Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking: Global & Local
WARD ~ 1:30PM - 4:10PM F (Fully Online)

SOCI 470: Inequality & Urban Life
BOLGER ~ 2:45PM-5:15PM M (Face-to-Face)

PJHC 300: Digital Stories
MANKAD ~ TBA (Fully Online)

SWGS 496: Engaged Research Practicum
THOMAS ~ TBA (Fully Online)

SWGS 497: Engaged Research Seminar
THOMAS ~ TBA (Fully Online)

Race and Ethnicity Electives

ASIA 399: Women in Chinese Literature
QIAN ~ 3:10PM - 5:50PM T (Fully Online)

ENGL 371: Chicano/a Literature
DEL HIERRO ~ 4:00PM - 5:20PM WF (Fully Online)

HIST 227: Latin American Cultural Traditions *Distribution Group I*
METCALF ~ 11:00AM - 11:55AM MWF (Fully Online)

HIST 428: Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking: Global & Local
WARD ~ 1:30PM - 4:10PM F (Fully Online)

RELI 216: Religion & Black Lives Matter *Distribution Group I*
PINN ~ 9:40AM- 11:00AM TR (Fully Online)

RELI 312: The Religious Thought of Martin L. King, Jr. & Malcolm X *Distribution Group I*
PINN ~ 1:30PM - 2:50PM TR (Fully Online)

SOCI 301: Social Inequality *Distribution Group II*
BRYAN ~ 3:10PM - 4:30PM TR (Fully Online)

SOCI 309: Race & Ethnic Relations *Distribution Group II*
CONSINDINE ~ 9:40AM – 11:00AM TR (Fully Online)

SOCI 424: Race & Ethnicity Seminar
BRATTER ~ 1:30PM - 4:10PM W (Fully Online)

Global South Electives

ENGL 383: Global Fictions *Distribution Group I*
WOOD ~ 12:15PM - 1:10PM MWF (Fully Online)

ENGL 387: Topics in Cultural Studies: Novels Now
DERRICK ~ 11:20AM - 12:40PM TR (Fully Online)

ENGL 397: Graphic Novel in African American Literature
CASTROMAN ~ 1:30PM - 2:25PM MWF (Fully Online)

RELI 328: Religion & Global Poverty
BONGMBA ~ 11:20AM - 12:40PM TR (Fully Online)

General Electives

ANTH 381: Medical Anthropology *Distribution Group II*
VARVAREZOU ~ 1:30PM - 4:10PM W (Fully Online)

ANTH 477: Special Topics: Interactions in Healthcare
VARVAREZOU ~ 1:30PM - 4:10PM F (Fully Online)

BIOE 360: Appropriate Design for Global Health
BOND/RICHARDS-KORTUM ~ 4:00PM - 5:20PM MW (Fully Online)

BIOS 122: Biology for Voters *Distribution Group III*
CAPRETTE ~ 11:20AM - 12:40PM TR (Face-to-Face)

ENGL 354: Queer Literary Cultures: Quarantined Sexualities
CHOATE ~ 9:40AM - 11:00AM TR (Fully Online)

ENGL 382: Feminist Theory
LURIE ~ 1:30PM - 2:50PM TR (Fully Online)

HEAL 222: Principles of Public & Community Health
DIEP ~ 9:45AM – 10:40AM MWF (Fully Online)

POLI 332: Urban Politics *Distribution Group II*
MARSCHALL ~ 1:30PM - 2:50PM TR (Fully Online)

PSYC 331: Psychology of Gender *Distribution Group II*
KING ~ 1:30PM - 2:50PM TR (Fully Online)

SOCI 438: Family Seminar
BRATTER ~ 1:30PM - 4:10PM M (Fully Online)

SWGS 201: Introduction to LGBT Studies *Distribution Group I*
RIEDEL ~ 1:30PM - 2:50PM TR (Fully Online)