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 428, (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

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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### PJHC Minor

#### Fall 2022 Course List

**Core Courses & Capstone Courses**

- **PJHC 300: PJHC Service Reflection**
  - GRAHAM ~ T 12:00PM – 12:50PM
- **PJHC 371: Poverty, Justice, & Human Capabilities**
  - STRASSMANN ~ 10:50AM – 12:05PM TR
  - STRASSMANN ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR

**Race & Ethnicity Electives**

- **EDUC 304: Race, Class, Gender in Education**
  - CREAR ~ 6:00PM – 9:05PM W
- **ENGL 267: Intro to African-American Literature**
  - CASTROMAN ~ 9:25AM – 10:40AM TR
- **HIST 220: Mexico: 1910 to Present**
  - SUAREZ-POTTS ~ 10:50AM – 12:05PM TR
- **HIST 251: Brazil: Continuity & Change**
  - METCALF ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR
- **HIST 331: The Cuban Revolution**
  - SUAREZ-POTTS ~ 1:00PM – 2:15PM TR
- **LALX 158: Introduction to Latin American Studies**
  - LOPEZ ALONSO ~ 11:00AM – 11:50AM MWF
- **POLI 325: African American Politics**
  - HAYES ~ 9:25AM – 10:40AM TR
- **POLI 459: Gender & Representation in Latin America**
  - SCHWINDT-BAYER ~ 2:30PM – 5:00PM T
- **PSYC 333: Multicultural Psychology**
  - LESANE BROWN ~ 10:50AM – 12:05PM TR
- **RELI 312: MLK & Malcolm X**
  - HOMEWOOD ~ 2:00PM – 2:50PM MWF
- **SOCI 301: Social Inequality**
  - BRYAN ~ 1:00PM – 2:15PM TR
- **SOCI 309: Race & Ethnic Relations**
  - CONSIDINE ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR
- **SOCI 363: African American-Jewish Relations**
  - FURMAN ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR
- **SOCI 389: Race, Gender, Class in Film**
  - BRATTER ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR

**General Electives**

- **ANTH 477: Representations of Disability**
  - FIETZ ~ 2:00PM – 5:00PM R
- **BIO 122: Biology for Voters**
  - JOHNSON ~ 10:50AM – 12:05PM TR
- **ECON 481: Health Economics**
  - HO ~ 9:25AM – 10:40AM TR
- **GLHT 201: Introduction to Global Health**
  - TAYLOR ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR
- **HEAL 222: Principles of Public & Community Health**
  - PERKINS ~ 9:00AM – 9:50AM MWF
- **HEAL 498: Special Topics in Health Sciences**
  - DIEP ~ 2:00PM – 3:15PM MW
- **POLI 260: Advocating for Change**
  - VANN ~ TR 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR
- **SOCI 319: Work & Occupations**
  - CHAVEZ ~ 2:00PM – 3:15PM MW
- **SWGS 101: Introduction to Women & Gender**
  - TBA ~ TBA

**Global South Electives**

- **ECON 450: Economic Development**
  - CALVI ~ 5:15PM – 6:30PM TR
- **ENGL 383: Global Fictions**
  - JOSEPH ~ 1:00PM – 1:50PM MWF
- **FREN 324: From Decolonization to Globalization**
  - WOOD ~ 1:00PM – 2:15PM TR
- **GLHT 314: Sustainable Water Purification for the Developing World**
  - LOYO ROSALES ~ MW 11:00AM – 12:15PM
- **HIST 220: Mexico: 1910 to Present**
  - SUAREZ-POTTS ~ 10:50AM – 12:05PM TR
- **HIST 251: Brazil: Continuity & Change**
  - METCALF ~ 2:30PM – 3:45PM TR
- **HIST 328: Environment & Health in Latin America**
  - LOPEZ ALONSO ~ 11:00AM – 11:50AM MWF
- **HIST 331: The Cuban Revolution**
  - SUAREZ-POTTS ~ 1:00PM – 2:15PM TR
- **LALX 158: Introduction to Latin American Studies**
  - LOPEZ ALONSO ~ 11:00AM – 11:50AM MWF
- **POLI 238: Elections 2022**
  - ALFORD ~ 6:30PM – 9:00PM T