

Spring 2020: P/NP Grading Policy for the Global Studies Major

As you are aware, the UC-Berkeley campus has made the default grading option for every course this term P/NP. You also have the option to select a letter grade option by May 8, 2020. The Interdisciplinary Social Science Programs (ISSP) which houses the Global Studies major will accept P/NP grades for all lower-division and upper-division courses that count towards the major for the spring 2020 semester ONLY. This includes courses taken at UC-Berkeley as well as other universities and community colleges. Again, we want to assure you that classes taken this semester towards the Global Studies major will satisfy major requirements even though you received P grades.

Global 45 & Global 10a Grading Information

Students are required to earn a B- or better in GLOBAL 45 in order to declare the Global Studies major. In addition, students must also earn a C or better in GLOBAL 10A. Even though grades are P/NP this term, instructors in these courses will be calculating grades as if they are not. That means that your instructors, Professors Gottreich and Zook, will be keeping track of your grades using the standard letter grading plan. They will report the grades to the program's advisors who can then determine whether or not you are eligible to declare one of these majors. If you earn a B- or better in GLOBAL 45, whether or not you choose to have the letter grade on your transcript, you will be admitted to the major. If you earn a C+ or a C in GLOBAL 45, you ordinarily will not be admitted to the major. For this semester only, we will allow you to be admitted to Global Studies if you complete an upper-division course from the list below, in the academic year 2020-21, and earn a B- or better. If you do not earn at least a B- in one of those courses, you will need to find another major. If you earn a C-, D+, D, or D-, you will receive a P grade. Please note that normally only grades of C- and above would be eligible for a P grade. We are therefore expanding the number of students who will Pass, but to be clear, students who receive any of these grades (C-, D+, D, or D-) will not be eligible for the major.

Course List

GLOBAL 100 (D, P, S); GLOBAL 110 (E, L, K, M, Q); GLOBAL 102; POLECON 100; POLECON 101

Questions? Contact a major Advisor