

FALL 2020 AND SPRING 2021

P/NP GRADING POLICY FOR GLOBAL STUDIES MAJORS

As you are aware, the UC Berkeley campus extended the deadline to select the P/NP option for Fall 2020 courses until December 4, 2020. We expect students will also be given a longer period to decide on the P/NP option in Spring 2021. 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 in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021**. This includes courses taken at UC Berkeley, as well as at other universities and community colleges. Again, we want to assure you that classes* taken toward the GLOBAL STUDIES major during these two semesters will satisfy major requirements even if you receive P grades.

GLOBAL 45 GRADING INFORMATION

Students are required to earn a B- or better in GLOBAL 45 in order to declare the GLOBAL STUDIES major. Even if you select P/NP in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021, instructors in these courses will keep records of the grades you would have received had you not selected the P/NP option. The instructors will report those grades to the program's advisors, who can then determine whether or not you are eligible to declare the major. 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+ in GLOBAL 45, you ordinarily would not be admitted to the major. For Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 **only**, we will allow you to be admitted to the major if you complete an upper-division course from the list below in academic year 2020-21 or Fall 2021 and earn a B- or better. We are therefore expanding the number of students who will be admitted to the major, but to be clear, students who receive grades of C, C-, D+, D, D-, NP, or F will not be eligible for the major.

GLOBAL STUDIES COURSES

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

UC BERKELEY CAMPUS RULE ON THE NUMBER OF UNITS TAKEN P/NP

The P/NP policy noted above does not affect the campus rule that stipulates that P grades can account for no more than 1/3 of total units completed at UC Berkeley.

MINIMUM GPA FOR DECLARING THE GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR

The P/NP policy noted above does not affect the 2.7 GPA requirement to declare the GLOBAL STUDIES major. The GPA will be calculated based on those courses taken for a grade.

- Questions? Contact a GLOBAL STUDIES Advisor