

Global Poverty and Practice

Minor

The Global Poverty and Practice (GPP) minor is an interdisciplinary program designed to introduce students to the theoretical frameworks, methods, and practical skills necessary to engage with global poverty and inequality in imaginative and effective ways. The "Practice Experience" is a central component of the Minor in which students partner with organizations engaged in poverty action (e.g. non-governmental organizations, community organizations, government agencies, and other poverty or development programs). In conjunction with the coursework, this real world experience, which can take place domestically or internationally, allows students to connect theories and practices of poverty action. Students from all disciplines are encouraged to undertake the minor.

Applying for the Minor

Students wishing to pursue the Global Poverty and Practice minor must submit a Minor Declaration of Intent Form to the GPP Advising Office (100H Blum Hall). Students may declare without having taken any of the courses; additionally, there are no prerequisites for the minor. The deadlines to declare are generally in early October and early March. For more information, please see the Global Poverty and Practice minor website (<http://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/education/gpp>).

Students who have a strong interest in an area of study outside their major often decide to complete a minor program. These programs have set requirements and are noted officially on the transcript in the memoranda section, but they are not noted on diplomas.

General Guidelines

1. All courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements below must be taken for graded credit.
2. A minimum of three of the upper-division courses taken to fulfill the minor requirements must be completed at UC Berkeley.
3. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required for courses used to fulfill the minor requirements.
4. Courses used to fulfill the minor requirements may be applied toward the Seven-Course Breadth Requirement, for Letters and Science students.
5. No more than one upper-division course may be used to simultaneously fulfill requirements for a student's major and minor programs.
6. All minor requirements must be completed prior to the last day of finals during the semester in which you plan to graduate. If you cannot finish all courses required for the minor by that time, please see a College of Letters and Science adviser.
7. All minor requirements must be completed within the unit ceiling. (For further information regarding the unit ceiling, please see the College Requirements tab.)

Requirements

The minor is organized around 3 core and 2 elective course requirements, in addition to the practice that is comprised of a field

experience and a reflection course. The requirements must be completed in the following sequence:

GPP 115	Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes in the New Millennium	4
GPP 105	The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice	4

Global and Area Studies elective ¹

Sectors and Methods elective ¹

Practice Experience (see below)

Capstone Reflection course:

Select one of the following:

GPP 196	Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course
	Thesis seminar

- ¹ To view the approved elective courses by semester, please see the Global Poverty and Practice Minor website (<http://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/education/gpp/requirements>). The elective courses may taken at any time during the above sequence, but will most benefit students if taken prior to the Practice Experience.

Practice Experience

An individualized global engagement practice experience is the signature element of the minor, providing an opportunity for students to connect the theory and practice of poverty and its alleviation. This practice experience can take place domestically or internationally. The minimum time expected for the practice experience is 240 hours in the field over the course of at least 6 weeks. Field work completed prior to a student beginning GPP 105 The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice, while valuable to the overall educational experience, will not be considered for the Minor's practice requirement.

Sample Plans of Study

Below are two common academic plans for completing the GPP Minor, but there are many other potential timelines for completing the Minor. Students are encouraged to speak with a GPP Advisor to discuss a plan that best works for you.

Sample Plan 1

Fall 2014

GPP 115	Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes in the New Millennium	4
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Spring 2015

GPP 105	The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice	4
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Global and Area Studies Elective

Summer 2015

Practice Experience

Fall 2015

GPP 196	Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course	3
	Sectors and Methods Elective	

Sample Plan 2

Fall 2014

GPP 115	Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes in the New Millennium	4
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GPP 105	The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice	4
Global and Area Studies Elective		
Begin Practice Experience		
Spring 2015		
GPP 196	Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course	3
Continue Practice Experience		
Sectors and Methods Elective		

GPP Staff Advisers and Peer Advisers are available to meet with students to discuss any questions they have regarding the GPP Minor.

The GPP Peer Advisers are undergraduate students who have completed a majority of the requirements for the GPP Minor, including the Practice Experience. They are a great resource for seeking information about what the Minor entails, selecting a practice experience, course planning, and much more.

The Department encourage prospective students to meet with a GPP Adviser before applying to declare the Minor. Students declared in the Minor should check in regularly with the Advisers for guidance on ensuring regular progress towards completing the Minor.

Advising Hours

Drop-in Advising hours during the fall and spring semesters are held in 100H Blum Hall at the following times:

Monday & Wednesday: 10:00am–12:00pm and 1:30pm–4:00pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 1:30pm–4:00pm

Friday: 10:00am–12:00pm

Advising during the summer term is by appointment only. Please email gppminor@berkeley.edu to set up an appointment.

Practice Experience Fellowship Funding

Students who have declared the GPP Minor are eligible to apply for a Global Poverty and Practice Fellowship which provides financial support for students' U.S. and international practice experiences. Further details can be found on the program's website (<http://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/education/gpp/funding>).

Mentorship Program

The GPP Minor Mentorship Program matches students who have recently joined the Minor with students who have completed most of the requirements for the Minor, including the practice experience. Mentees receive guidance on selecting and preparing for their practice experience as well as selecting courses.

"Careers and Futures: Conversations with Activists and Innovators in Poverty Action" Speaker Series

The "Careers and Futures" series provides a relaxed, round table environment where students can engage with a diverse range of public leaders working domestically and internationally in poverty action. These conversations allow students to understand how they can address issues of poverty and inequality through a range of career paths.

Global Poverty and Practice

GPP 105 The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice 4 Units
This course is intended to provide students with the necessary background and knowledge to undertake projects and work experience of a global scope. Students will be exposed to a diversity of methodological frameworks, introduced to the basic skills needed to effectively participate in organizations, and to understand the ethics of global service and practice. Students will be required to complete a literature review and a major project proposal.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Poverty and Practice/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Talwalker

Formerly known as: International and Area Studies 105

GPP 115 Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes in the New Millennium 4 Units

This class seeks to provide a rigorous understanding of 20th century development and thus 21st century poverty alleviation. Students will take a look at popular ideas of poverty alleviation, the institutional framework of poverty ideas and practices, and the social and political mobilizations that seek to transform the structures of poverty.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 8 hours of lecture and 2.5 hours of discussion per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Poverty and Practice/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Roy

GPP 150 Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice 4 Units

Changing topics that explore issues and problems related to the goals of the Global Poverty and Practice Minor program. The topics often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Topics change each semester. Specific descriptions of current offerings are available through the department.

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Poverty and Practice/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

GPP 150AC Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice (American Cultures) 4 Units

Changing topics that explore issues and problems related to the goals of the Global Poverty and Practice Minor program. The topics often reflect the research interests of the instructor and supplement regular curricular offerings. Topics change each semester. Specific descriptions of current offerings are available through the department.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Poverty and Practice/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

GPP 196 Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course 3 Units

This course is intended to provide students with a forum for reflection on the Practice Experience component of the Global Poverty and Practice minor. Lessons learned in the minor will be applied to the realm of public discourse through various forms of public scholarship. Issues of power and privilege, civic engagement, and tensions between tourism vs. travel and community service vs. engagement will be addressed. Students will also explore academic and professional post-graduation options.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 7 hours of seminar per week

8 weeks - 6 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Global Poverty and Practice/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Formerly known as: International and Area Studies 196