Global Poverty and Practice

Overview

The Global Poverty and Practice program is an undergraduate minor, administered by The Blum Center for Developing Economies.

The Blum Center was established in March 2006 to improve the wellbeing of the three billion people in the world who live on less than two dollars a day.

Our mission is to improve the well-being of poor people in developing countries by designing, adapting and disseminating scalable and sustainable technologies and systems and by educating and inspiring a new generation of global citizens. The Blum Center addresses the needs of the poor in developing countries by leveraging UC and LBNL expertise and preparing students with the theoretical understanding, applied skills and experiential learning that enable them to become agents of change in the struggle against global poverty.

Undergraduate Program

Global Poverty and Practice (http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2014-15/undergraduate/degree-programs/global-poverty-practice): Minor

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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