

# Global Poverty and Practice

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## Overview

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

The GPP Minor gives students an opportunity to examine contemporary forms of poverty, wealth, and inequality through academic course work and practical experience. The program trains students to critically and historically engage with complex issues of poverty and inequality, equipping them with methodologies and skills of engagement, and encouraging the reflexivity necessary for meaningful practice. Central to the minor is a fieldwork opportunity in which students connect theories and practices of poverty action through partnering with nongovernmental or community organizations, government agencies, or other poverty or development programs in California and around the world.

**Students graduating with a minor in Global Poverty and Practice will be able to demonstrate a basic understanding of the following:**

1. Scholarly approaches to understanding poverty, wealth, and inequality in a historical and global context.
2. Knowledge of international development and domestic poverty alleviation policies, programs, institutions, and social movements.
3. An ability to critically engage in public debates about poverty and poverty action through written texts, as well as through the use of social, digital, and visual media.
4. Knowledge of the history and contemporary politics of poverty and inequality in a particular place or world region, in preparation for the practice requirement of the minor.
5. Analytical and practical skills gained through the practice experience in a particular sector of poverty action (e.g., agricultural and rural development, urban poverty, public health, human rights, legal systems, education, energy resources, and sustainable technology), at various scales (e.g., community, global) and in various forms (e.g., government policy, social movements).
6. An understanding of different modalities and relations of power involved in poverty action, developed through historically informed analytical skills, the practice experience, and critical reflection.

## Undergraduate Program

Global Poverty and Practice (<http://guide.berkeley.edu/archive/2015-16/undergraduate/degree-programs/global-poverty-practice>) : Minor

## Graduate Program

There is no graduate program in Global Poverty and Practice

## Global Poverty and Practice

GPP 105 The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice 4 Units  
Offered through: International and Area Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

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

Offered through: International and Area Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

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 140 Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice 2 Units**

Offered through: International and Area Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2016

A short course designed to accommodate 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**

**Prerequisites:** Consent of instructor

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

**Hours & Format**

**Fall and/or spring:** 8 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 150 Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice 4 Units**

Offered through: International and Area Studies

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016

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**

Offered through: International and Area Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2015

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**

Offered through: International and Area Studies

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

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