Global Poverty and Practice

Minor

The Global Poverty & 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 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 & 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 & 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 three core and two 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:

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<td>Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes</td>
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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 be 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. Students partner with domestic or international non-governmental or community organizations, government agencies, or other poverty or development programs, on various dimensions of poverty action – from community health and food security to education and economic justice. 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, while valuable to the overall educational experience, will not be considered for the minor’s practice requirement.

Sample Plans of Study

Below are three possible 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 adviser to discuss a plan that best works for you.

Sample Plan 1

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

Sample Plan 3  
Summer 2018  
GPP 115  Global Poverty: Challenges and Hopes  4  
Fall 2018  
GPP 105  The Ethics, Methods, and Pragmatics of Global Practice  4  
Sectors and Methods Elective  
Begin Practice Experience 
Spring 2019  
GPP 196  Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course  3  
Global and Area Studies Elective  
Continue Practice Experience  

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 and Wednesday, 10 -12pm and 1:30 - 4 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday,  1:30 - 4 p.m.  
Friday, 10 - 12 pm  

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’ US 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. 

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Please visit http://blumcenter.berkeley.edu/academics/gpp/requirements/ for an up to date listing of courses for the GPP Minor.  

Expand all course descriptions [+]
Collapse all course descriptions [-]
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.
Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice: Read More [+]
Rules & Requirements
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor
Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.
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.
Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice: Read Less [-]

GPP 150 Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice 4 Units
Offered through: International and Area Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2015, 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.
Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice: Read More [+]
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.
Special Topics in Global Poverty and Practice: Read Less [-]

GPP 196 Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course 3 Units
Offered through: International and Area Studies
Terms offered: Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018
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.
Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course: Read More [+]
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
Global Poverty and Practice Capstone Course: Read Less [-]