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P/NP GRADING POLICY FOR POLITICAL ECONOMY MAJORS

As you are aware, the UC Berkeley campus has 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 Political Economy 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 Political Economy major during these two semesters will satisfy major requirements even if you receive P grades.

\*See below for grading information related to GLOBAL 45.

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GLOBAL 45 GRADING INFORMATION

Students are required to earn a B- or better in GLOBAL 45 in order to declare the Political Economy 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 if you had 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 PE 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.

● POLECON COURSES: ​POLECON 100; POLECON 101

● Questions? ​Contact a Political Economy Advisor

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.

GPA REQUIREMENT FOR DECLARING THE PE MAJOR

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