Department of Global Studies

Criteria for petitioning courses towards Global Studies major requirements

Area on the major sheet	**What types of courses can be approved for this area**
Pre-major requirements areas I + II	These must be completed as stated on the major sheet (unless completed through equivalent courses pre-approved for transfer on assist.org; please discuss with an advisor if you transferred from somewhere else prior to arriving at UCSB so we can help you identify appropriate courses for transfer/petition credit)
Prep for the major requirements:	
Prep area I	Courses to be used by petition in this area have to be a pretty exact match for one of the courses listed (eg. UCSB's Econ 1, Econ 2, Anthro 2, Soc 1, etc.) If you have a transfer course approved on assist.org, that course should automatically fulfill this area. If you transferred from somewhere else, you can petition courses with the same title/focus (not just the same department name); be prepared to show a syllabus as part of your petitions application process, and ask our advising office if you're not sure.
Prep area II (the foreign language requirement; "quarter 6 or the equivalent in a modern foreign language")	Courses to be used by petition in this area have to mimic the same level of language proficiency (beginning or intermediate) that you're trying to fulfill. ● UCSB levels 1-3 = beginning year, 4-6 = intermediate year. ● Be prepared to show a syllabus to the department (contact the undergraduate advisor) that teaches this language here at UCSB if the level isn't clear from what's listed in the title/course description for guidance on appropriate equivalent level at UCSB. ● In some cases, students have been able to use an extra course not needed elsewhere in the requirements that is at a higher-than-quarter-6 level to substitute for the "quarter 6" requirement. Contact us for more info.
Upper division requirements (<u>all courses petitioned for these areas MUST also be upper division courses - this is a College requirement</u>):	
Area I	Global 110, 120, 130 and 140: These courses must be taken at UCSB, with our Global Studies faculty members
Area II Additional UCSB courses approved for use in this area	Area IIA courses: These courses must be taken at UCSB unless very specifically approved with *prior* transfer coursework; do not plan to take these on a UCEAP program. With few exceptions (special seminars/internship courses/fieldwork courses that aren't content-based), any "Global Studies" upper division department content course not currently on the major sheet can fit this area if it's not already being used elsewhere for the Global major. Area IIB courses: Courses petitioned in this area must meet the following criteria: ● 20th-21st century history focus ● social/political/cultural/historical topics applied to at least 3+ different regions (not just countries) of the world
Area III Additional UCSB course approved for use in this area	Courses petitioned in this area must meet the following criteria: ● 20th-21st century history focus ● social/political/cultural/historical topics applied to ONE specific region (or a country within that region) ● *REMEMBER* You must complete your 2-3 area III courses in 1 region, not in multiple regions (but you can take them as electives if they don't fit your chosen region, you just wouldn't be able to petition them for that area III region)

How to petition a course:

1. Complete the course for a letter grade and watch for it to show up on your Major and GE Progress Check on GOLD (it will appear under "all credit accepted"). Plan to submit your petition request by about 2 quarters before you plan to graduate OR as late as week 7 of your final quarter, if you're completing the course in that final quarter.
2. Access the Google Form (you must be logged in to your UCSB Gmail account) on the Global Studies Undergraduate Advising page of the department website. Direct link to the form: https://forms.gle/L3BYq4fmDqEkEkrK9 Be prepared to attach course syllabi, if possible, to prevent delays in verifying course appropriateness for this area.
3. Fill in all required fields and click "submit." If received by week 7 of the current quarter, your petition will be processed this quarter. If received afterwards, it will be processed in the following quarter. (Exceptions will be made only if you have declared degree candidacy for the current quarter - please email global-advising@ucsb.edu if this is the case so that we are aware you have submitted a petition beyond our usual deadline.)
4. Once processed, your petition continues to the College of Letters and Science for final approval, and when they approve it, you will receive a confirmation email and you will see the change reflected in your Major and GE Progress Check. Be advised: this part of the process can take several weeks; be patient. As long as you have used the guidelines above for which classes can apply where, you can be pretty assured that they will be accepted, and you can plan your next quarter's schedule(s) accordingly.

Special note on double major/major+minor crossovers: Remember, you can have up to TWO upper division courses crossing over between the upper division requirements of the two majors, or ONE course for a major and a minor. Also, weird EAP unit counts don't have to affect this crossover - we can be creative in taking the right amount of units so it stays under the 8 unit crossover cap for double majors or the 4 unit cap for a major and a minor.

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Area on the major sheet	**What types of courses can be approved for this area**
Pre-major requirements/ 2018 requirements prep areas I + III	These must be completed as stated on the major sheet (unless completed through equivalent courses pre-approved for transfer on assist.org; please discuss with an advisor if you transferred from somewhere else prior to arriving at UCSB so we can help you identify appropriate courses for transfer/petition credit) Prep area III options (ONLY for students on the 2018-2019 major requirements) include upper division substitute courses on this list
Prep for the major requirements:	
Prep area II (on the 2018-2019 requirements)/prep area I (on all requirements thereafter)	Courses to be used by petition in this area have to be a pretty exact match for one of the courses listed (eg. UCSB's Econ 1, Econ 2, Anthro 2, Soc 1, etc.) If you have a transfer course approved on assist.org, that course should automatically fulfill this area. If you transferred from somewhere else, you can petition courses with the same title/focus (not just the same department name); be prepared to show a syllabus as part of your petitions application process, and ask our advising office if you're not sure.
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Foreign language requirement: part III* ***NOTE: Beginning with the 2026-2027 major sheet, this area is no longer required!***	Courses to be used by petition in this area have to meet one of the following criteria: ● specifically labeled "advanced" OR approved by the undergraduate advisor of the department that teaches the language at UCSB as at a skill level higher than quarter 6 (intermediate level). For Spanish and Portuguese courses taught in English, if the instructor allows, you can choose to complete the work for the course in that language (instead of in English) and use this form as a record that you and the instructor made this agreement. Upload a copy of the form with your petition request. ● Upper or lower division courses taught in the language (whether or not the course is from that language's department - ex: content courses in Sociology that are taught in Spanish could be petitioned towards this requirement if desired)
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