

# Frequently Asked Questions About the New Declaration Policy for the Global Studies Major

1. What is the difference between the previous declaration policy (pre-fall 2024) and the new declaration policy (fall 2024 & onward) for the Global Studies major?

Previous Declaration Policy for the GS Major (pre-Fall 2024)	New Declaration Policy for the GS Major (Fall 2024 and onward)
Complete <b>three</b> of the five lower-division courses. The three courses must include Global 45 with a minimum grade of B- or higher; Global C10A with a minimum grade of C or higher, and any one of the remaining three lower-division courses (Econ 1 or 2; Stat 2 or 20 or Data C8; Global 10B) with a passing grade.	Complete <b>three</b> of the five lower-division courses. The three courses must include <b>Global C10A with a minimum grade of C or higher and any two of the remaining four required lower-division courses</b> (Global 10B, Global 45, Econ 1 or 2, Stat 2, 20 or Data C8) <b>with a passing grade.</b>
Have a <b>cumulative UCB GPA of 2.00 or higher.</b>	Have a <b>cumulative UCB GPA of 2.00 or higher</b> (same as before).
Complete the online major declaration workshop for Global Studies.	Complete the <a href="#">online major declaration workshop</a> for Global Studies (same as before).

2. I got a C+ (or lower) in the Global 45 course in the previous semester. Will I be eligible to declare the GS major if I meet the requirements under the new policy?

Yes, you can declare the GS major, if you meet the requirements outlined in the *New Declaration Policy for the GS Major (Fall 2024 and onward)*.

3. What would cause me to be denied admission into the Global Studies major?

Not meeting any one of the three requirements outlined in the *New Declaration Policy for the GS Major (Fall 2024 and onward)*.

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## 4. I was denied admission in an earlier semester under the previous policy, can I apply again with the new policy?

Any student who meets the requirements that are listed under the *New Declaration Policy for the GS Major (Fall 2024 and onward)* may apply to declare the GS major.

## 5. Is Global Studies a High Demand Major?

No, effective Fall 2024, Global Studies will no longer be a High Demand Major. While the Global Studies major was initially placed on the High Demand Major (HDM) list in Fall 2022, the major was taken off the HDM list in March 2024 after the prerequisite requirements were changed to be less restrictive. The HD Major policies do **not** apply to the Global Studies major. It is possible for all undergraduates to declare the Global Studies major, even if admitted to UC Berkeley as a different major.

## 6. Will I still have to go through a Comprehensive Review in order to declare the Global Studies major?

No. Since Global Studies is no longer a High Demand Major, a Comprehensive Review is not required to declare the major.

## 7. Why is the Global Studies major making this policy change?

To increase access to the Global Studies major at UC Berkeley. The new streamlined admissions requirements will significantly ease the course burden and major uncertainty for many students. Our goal is for students to experience less uncertainty and anxiety about whether they will be able to declare the Global Studies major at UC Berkeley and graduate on time.

If you have any other questions about the new policy, please email your inquiry to [global\\_polecon@berkeley.edu](mailto:global_polecon@berkeley.edu).