GLOBAL INFORMATION AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STUDIES:  
Guidelines for Declaring  
the Intensive Sociology Major GISES or GISES Minor

Global Information and Social Enterprise Studies (GISES): The GISES intensive major and minor are designed for highly motivated, self-directed and enterprising students who have demonstrated the capacity to design and complete an honors-quality project for a civil society group. GISES is sponsored and administered by the Department of Sociology. Students are required to apply sociological materials and information technologies covered in GISES courses---social analysis, software applications, project management, entrepreneurship---into a coherent project practicum (SOCY 196G). Accordingly, students are responsible for knowing and fulfilling all of the major or minor requirements, meeting all deadlines without prompting, and performing at an honors-quality standard.

Prerequisites: Before declaring the GISES major students are required to complete the following five Sociology courses with a cumulative 2.8 GPA or higher: SOCY 1, 15, 30A, B, C. Students wishing to pursue the minor are required to complete the following four Sociology courses with grades of C or better: SOCY 15, 30A, B, C.

Elective courses: Six upper-division electives are required for the major; four upper-division electives are required for the minor. Students may select any 5-unit, upper-division courses at UCSC as long as the student's choice of electives are justified by the student and approved by the director of GISES and the undergraduate advisor.

IMPORTANT: Students must justify how each proposed elective contributes to the completion of their specific GISES project. Written justification, no more than a few sentences, must be submitted to the undergraduate advisor prior to enrollment in the Project Practicum.

Project Practicum Proposal: All students majoring or minoring in GISES are required to complete a project. See “Guidelines for Completion of the GISES Project Practicum (SOCY 196G)” for specific information.