

BISP Certificate Program: Education, Society, and the Student

BISP Certificate Overview

The BISP Certificate in Education, Society and the Student is for visiting students who are interested in understanding how institutions in society and culture influence students and educational institutions. This may be of interest to students studying teacher education, special needs education, higher education, adult education, educational research, and other types of training and educational learning experiences.

Students pursuing this BISP Certificate will learn about the connections between social, cultural, and behavioral factors and education institutions as well as key insights into how these factors impact students in different ways. Students will acquire a good foundation in understanding social inequalities and education disparities that exist throughout the world and how they affect various aspects of education.



"This is my second time and when I got the chance to study here again I grabbed the chance as fast as possible. I have better contact with my professors and the student environment is unlike any other. I really had no idea that this was gonna be such an inspirational year!"

**Jeanette Erlandsen, Special Education,
University in Oslo**

Learning Goals

By pursuing this BISP certificate, you will gain:

- UC Berkeley academic credit in a focused set of courses tailored to your interests in education and society and their impact on the student.
- Faculty guidance on a culminating certificate project in which you will synthesize learnings and insight gained in your coursework and research at UC Berkeley.
- Research and analytical skills through approaching issues in education from multiple perspectives.
- Communication and presentation skills through your participation in the BISP Certificate Program and coursework.

Sample Courses

For a more complete list of pre-approved courses, click [here](#).

- Sociology of Education
- Ideas of Education
- Gender and the Politics of Childhood
- What is the Role of Race in Urban Schools?
- Language and Communication Disorders
- Sociology of the Life Course
- Social Psychology
- Cross-Cultural Communications

About BISP

BISP provides study opportunities at UC Berkeley for visiting international and domestic students for one or two semesters. BISP supports its students beginning to end, and provides a robust set of activities to get to know students from around the world. Due to the pandemic we are mostly a virtual program, which provides unique opportunities for students to participate in our program near and far away. BISP sponsors qualified students by way of invitation to apply with UC Berkeley Extension who provide the means for enrolling in Berkeley courses on a space availability basis (many courses have space!), processes tuition and fees, and provides the necessary visa documents when possible for international students.

Applying for the BISP Certificate is Easy!

- Please fill out a **simple inquiry form on our Contact page**. We recommend doing this right away to receive relevant and timely information about the program and deadlines, and to ask questions.
- For more information about BISP Certificates, visit bisp.berkeley.edu/certificates
- Spring 2021: BISP Goes Virtual! More information is available at bisp.berkeley.edu/virtual

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