

# BISP Certificate Program: Inequalities and Social Justice

## BISP Certificate Overview

The BISP Certificate in Inequalities and Social Justice is for visiting students who are interested in understanding how individuals, organizations, and society as a whole are affected by inequities and injustices. This pertains to subjects in the social sciences, professions serving people or working within organizations, and many other types of work impacting humans and culture in all societies across the globe.

Students pursuing this BISP Certificate will learn about key mechanisms and institutions in which individuals and groups are categorized, the power imbalances between them, and the causes and consequences of these inequities. Social structures that maintain and reproduce inequalities and social injustice are examined by looking at race, social class, gender and systemic forces within the broader institutions of families, neighborhoods, government, health, education, and the labor force, among others.



*What I liked best about BISP is that you can actually get to live the UC Berkeley experience, just as any regular student. I didn't feel like "the international students group".*

**Alan Diaz, Industrial Engineering, Systems minor  
Tecnologico de Monterrey (ITESM)**

## 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 inequalities and social justice.
- 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 inequalities and social justice 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](#).

- Global Inequalities and Growth
- Selected Topics in Social Inequality: Environmental Sociology
- Civil Rights and Social Movements in U.S. History
- Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies
- Art and Social Justice in the Harlem Renaissance
- Globalization and Minority American Communities
- Urban Sites and City Life
- Sociology of Poverty

## 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](http://bisp.berkeley.edu/certificates)
- Spring 2021: BISP Goes Virtual! More information is available at [bisp.berkeley.edu/virtual](http://bisp.berkeley.edu/virtual)

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