

BISP Certificate Program: Language and Culture

BISP Certificate Overview

The BISP Certificate in Language and Culture is a great option for students studying foreign languages, humanities, international relations, linguistics, and a variety of other subject areas, as well as for students who are looking for a focused set of courses to complement their language learning.

In this BISP Certificate option, we recognize that one of the best ways to get a fully immersive experience in language learning is to also learn about the cultures that speak those languages. With this in mind, we have the opportunity for students to select courses that match the language they wish to learn. UC Berkeley offers instruction in more than 60 different languages, and countless additional courses are offered related to the regions in which these languages are spoken. There is a great deal of flexibility in this certificate, especially for students who may already be at the intermediate or advanced level in the language, so please talk to an advisor early to explore additional course options which may be available to you.



"After taking classes at Berkeley, I have a new point of view of my own country and the world in general. The professors were excellent, helpful and nice."

Wenxin Yang, English and French, Xi'an Jiaotong University

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 language and culture.
- 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 language and culture from multiple perspectives.
- Communication and presentation skills through your participation in the BISP Certificate Program and coursework.

Sample Courses

There are many languages and cultures to choose from, please see the complete list [here](#).

Slavic Languages (sample courses for a single language of choice)

- One language: Russian (elementary, intermediate, or advanced)
- Two Culture: Introduction to Russian/East European/Eurasian Cultures
Europe/Russia in Global Context

French Language (sample courses for a single language of choice)

- One Language: French (elementary, intermediate, or advanced)
- Two Culture: Modern French History
Art in the 20th Century

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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