

# 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.

Click [here](#) for more detailed information about this certificate, and a pre-approved course list.



*"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

- Sociology of Education
- Developmental Psychology
- Gender and the Politics of Childhood
- What is the Role of Race in Urban Schools?
- Introduction to Applied Language Studies
- Sociology of Childhood
- Sociology of the Family
- Language Revitalization: Theory and Practice
- Social Psychology

## About BISP

The Berkeley International Study Program (BISP) invites qualified students to take coursework for one or two semesters from UC Berkeley's outstanding faculty and to be fully engaged in the university community.

BISP's mission is to connect the brilliance of Berkeley to students around the world. We provide an immersive study abroad opportunity through collaborative partnerships and high-impact programming that enriches the academic and intercultural experience for all.

You are welcome here.

## Applying for the BISP Certificate is Easy!

- Apply through your home university, or fill out our inquiry form to get started as an independent student: [bisp.berkeley.edu/contact](https://bisp.berkeley.edu/contact)
- Contact us to learn more about specific course options: [bisp@berkeley.edu](mailto:bisp@berkeley.edu)
- For more information about BISP Certificates, visit [bisp.berkeley.edu/certificates](https://bisp.berkeley.edu/certificates)
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