

# BISP Certificate Program: Health and Society

## BISP Certificate Overview

The BISP Certificate in Health and Society is for visiting students who are interested in fields such as public health, health management and economics, health education, social work, psychology, sports medicine and other fields in which individual and collective matters of health have an impact. It may also be useful for students who intend to practice medicine, however, courses in the biological sciences are limited to those that have a focus on behavioral and societal issues.

The BISP Certificate in Health and Society consists of multidisciplinary fields and courses focused on the connections between social, cultural, and behavioral factors and human health, illness and health care and the resulting impact on individuals and populations. Students will acquire a good foundation in social inequalities and health disparities that exist throughout the world and that affect various aspects of health.

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



*“Having courses such as “Sociology of Health and Medicine” and “Sociology of Work” at UC Berkeley provided me with new knowledge, perspectives and experiences that I will bring with me in my future studies and work life.”*

Silja Ormaasen, Health Management and Health Economics, 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 health and society.
- Faculty guidance on a culminating certificate project in which you will synthesize learnings and insight gained through your coursework and research at UC Berkeley.
- Research and analytical skills through approaching health issues from multiple perspectives.
- Communication and presentation skills through your participation in the BISP Certificate Program and coursework.

## Sample Courses

- Sexual Cultures
- Basic Issues in Cognition
- Health Psychology
- Introduction to Human Nutrition
- Special Topics in the History of the United States: Disease, Health, and Medicine in American History
- Plagues and Pandemics
- Seminar on Social, Political, and Ethical Issues in Health and Medicine
- Selected Topics in Social Inequality: Health and Wealth

## 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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