

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.

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



“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 student from 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 languages and cultures.
- 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

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

- One Language: – Dutch 1 (Elementary Dutch)
- Two Culture: – From New Amsterdam to New York
– Comparative Cultures: US and Europe

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

- One Language: – Russian (elementary, intermediate, or advanced)
- Two Culture: – Twentieth-Century Russian Literature
– Nationalism, Socialism, and Gender in Russia, 1800–1950

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
- Contact us to learn more about specific course options: bisp@berkeley.edu
- For more information about BISP Certificates, visit bisp.berkeley.edu/certificates
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