

BISP Certificate Program: Current and Historical Politics

BISP Certificate Overview

The BISP Certificate in Current and Historical Politics is available for visiting students who are interested in current-day political and societal issues, examining political history, public policy, law, power and governance, criminal justice, conflicts and war, NGOs, social movements, human rights, globalization, immigration, international relations, journalism, media, among other areas of work that involve politics. The political focus may be on the U.S. and/or other regions in the world.

Politics affects every aspect of human life and society and this BISP Certificate consists of multidisciplinary fields and courses focused on current and historical perspectives including history, sociology, and economics. Students can choose to focus their courses on a particular interest in politics, or study more broadly with a variety of political topics.

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



"My professors inspire me to study, they make me want to learn! My colleagues are outstanding and showed me that studying and cooperating will make us go far!"

Pedro Branco, Law, University of Brasilia

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 politics.
- 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 political and historical issues from multiple perspectives.
- Communication and presentation skills through your participation in the BISP Certificate Program and coursework.

Sample Courses

- African History
- Emergence of the Modern Middle East
- Language and Identity
- Punishment, Culture, and Society
- Seminar on Social, Political, and Ethical Issues in Health and Medicine
- Sociology of Poverty
- The Ancient Mediterranean World
- Worldings: Regions, Peoples and States

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!

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- 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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