

BISP Certificate Program: Inequalities and Social Justice

BISP Certificate Overview

The BISP Certificate in Inequalities and Social Justice is for visiting students who are interested in understanding how individuals, organizations, and society as a whole are affected by inequities and injustices. This pertains to subjects in the social sciences, professions serving people or working within organizations, and many other types of work impacting humans and culture in all societies across the globe.

Students pursuing this BISP Certificate will learn about key mechanisms and institutions in which individuals and groups are categorized, the power imbalances between them, and the causes and consequences of these inequities. Social structures that maintain and reproduce inequalities and social injustice are examined by looking at race, social class, gender and systemic forces within the broader institutions of families, neighborhoods, government, health, education, and the labor force, among others.

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



What I liked best about BISP is that you can actually get to live the UC Berkeley experience, just as any regular student. I didn't feel like "the international students group".

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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 inequalities and social justice.
- 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 inequalities and social justice from multiple perspectives.
- Communication and presentation skills through your participation in the BISP Certificate Program and coursework.

Sample Courses

- African American History and Race Relations: 1860–2016
- Climate Justice
- Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality
- Introduction to Gender & Women's Studies
- Lives of Struggle: Minorities in a Majority Culture
- Punishment, Culture, and Society
- The Philosophy of Race, Ethnicity, and Citizenship
- Sociology of Education

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
- Learn more about our program! More information is available at bisp.berkeley.edu/program

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