INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Environmental Economics and Policy major (EEP) offers students the opportunity to explore aspects of economic and political institutions that affect the development and management of natural resources and the environment. The program takes a problem-solving approach to issues involving renewable and fixed natural resources, and it is based on a foundation in micro-economic theory and the economics of resources and the environment.

The EEP major is open for students to declare in the Rausser College of Natural Resources (B.S.). Undergraduates applying for the major program should be strong in mathematics and have an interest in statistics and mathematical modeling.

STRUCTURE OF THE EEP MAJOR

The core requirement for the major is micro-economic theory and econometrics. These core courses are supplemented by other courses that apply the methods of social science to resource problems.

The major supplies training in basic mathematics, statistics and economics to be able to approach resource-related issues in an effective and practical manner.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Take advantage of Rausser’s small-college experience and meet fellow students with common academic interests.
- Apply for a Rausser College Travel Grant to get funded for attending research conferences and presenting your research.
- Attend a Poster Session as an observer or presenter.

What I like most about EEP is the relationships I’ve developed with professors, not only in the classrooms but through research as well.

– Caitlin Crooks
### First Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Familiarize yourself with the EEP major requirements.
  - Meet with the EEP undergraduate adviser and sketch out a four-year plan.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Take advantage of the college’s Student Resource Center.
  - Get to know the college’s peer advisors.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Apply to the Sponsored Projects for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) program and get support for a joint research project with a faculty member.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships to learn about student programs and resources.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Learn about service and leadership opportunities with the Public Service Center and LEAD Center.
  - Explore study abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

### Second Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Complete the 7-course breadth requirement for the EEP major.
  - Consider adding a minor or a summer minor.
  - Review the college guidelines for study abroad.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Get involved with one of the many student groups at Rausser College.
  - Get 1:1 mentoring from graduate students with Berkeley Connect.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Attend a poster session hosted by the Office of Student Affairs to check out research completed by your peers.
  - Visit faculty during office hours to learn more about their research and opportunities for collaboration.
  - Follow a Course Thread of your interest.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Go to events and seminars held on campus to learn about current research.
  - Look into the Moorea program if you’re interested in conducting field work abroad.
  - Apply for an internship with CalPIRG.

### Third Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Explore possible elective courses—ask your major advisor about approved electives from outside departments.
  - See if you qualify for the honors program, which is a great opportunity to do research.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Help other students as a Rausser College Peer Advisor.
  - Network with faculty and graduate student instructors to find a mentor who is conducting research on a topic that interests you.
- **Discover your passions**
  - If eligible, apply to the Rausser College Honors Program to pursue a year-long independent research project under the guidance of a faculty member.
  - Apply for funding in order to initiate your own project through SPUR.
  - Apply for a new SPUR project or URAP.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Apply for a Rausser College Travel Grant to fund travel for academic conferences or research.
  - If interested in environmental policy, look into the UCDC in Washington, D.C.
  - Consider the Alternative Breaks program to go on service trips over spring or winter break.

### Fourth Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Finish up any remaining core requirements and electives.
- **Connect and build community**
  - Reach out to graduate student instructors who can offer guidance about post-graduation opportunities and serve as mentors.
  - Become a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- **Discover your passions**
  - Complete any “bucket list” courses that you still wish to take.
  - Present your research at a college poster session.
  - Teach your own DeCal course.
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend a conference such as the Clinton Global Initiative: University Conference. Look into travel grants from the college and ASUC.
  - Look at fellowship and gap year opportunities.

### Jobs and Employers
- Analyst, Salesforce
- Auditor, KPMG
- Business Analyst, Maximus
- Business Analyst, PwC
- Business Dev. Consultant, Oracle
- Financial Analyst, KLA-Tencor
- Finance Associate, Capital Group
- Marketing Specialist, ByteDance
- Recruiting Coordinator, Cruise
- Recruiting Coordinator, Pinterest
- Tax Associate, ACG CPA
- Technical Recruiter, Crystal Equations

### Graduate Programs
- Applied Economics
- Law
- Management Science

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**What can I do with my major?**

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**Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.**

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