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## CONNECT WITH US

### Cal Day

Come to Berkeley's annual **Open House** in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

### Golden Bear Orientation

Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley **orientation** program for all new students.

### Events

Attend department events with students, staff, and faculty. Visit [ced.berkeley.edu/news-events](https://ced.berkeley.edu/news-events) for news and updates.

## ADVISING

Advising for prospective and current students is available in-person in the CED Office of Undergraduate Advising in 250 Bauer Wurster Hall and virtually via Zoom. See [ced.berkeley.edu/advising/connect-with-advising](https://ced.berkeley.edu/advising/connect-with-advising) for the advising schedule.

### Advising Hours:

Fall/Spring: Monday - Friday, 10am-12pm, 1-4pm

Summer: Monday - Friday, 10am-12pm, 1-4pm

Visit [ced.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-advising](https://ced.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-advising) for more information or with advising questions.

## HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone's Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

Visit [ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps](https://ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps) for the latest version of this major map.

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# ARCHITECTURE

*Bachelor of Arts*

**Berkeley**  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

## INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The **Architecture** major seeks to familiarize students with the production of the built environment in historical, critical, technical, and social dimensions. The courses develop a broad and critical thinking of conceptual and methodological understanding and technical skills of the planning and design of buildings, cities, environments, across a wide range of scales.

The program comprises a rigorous approach to the discipline of architecture within a liberal arts education. Architectural design, history, theory, and technology is established addressing fundamental challenges of the XXI century engaging in architectural frontiers in:

- Nature, Built Environments & Ethics
- Equity, Justice, & Design Activism
- Fabrication, Materials, & Technology
- Critical History



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“ **Berkeley Architecture was founded on strong principles of multidisciplinary collaboration and respect for experimentation.** ”

– Renee Chow, Dean, CED

## FRAMEWORK

Scholarship is fostered through courses and campus-wide seminars and activities that contribute to the architect's knowledge and vision within a liberal arts framework. In preparation for a fluid and evolving contemporary design practice and scholarship students explore new frontiers in theory, prototyping, simulation, and architectural representation. The breadth of subjects capitalizes in the long tradition of environmental design of CED.

Students are encouraged to explore the potentials and responsibilities of design and ecosystems as a cohesive physical and social dimension across multiple research platforms and instruments rigorously prepared to engage in future work and academia.

## AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Pursue either the Design Research Track or the Studio Track.
- Apply to the Design & Innovation for Sustainable Cities (**DISC**) program to develop creative solutions to the urgent challenges facing global cities today.
- Consider following a **Course Thread**, such as Human-Centered Design or Historical and Modern City.
- Explore **Berkeley Art + Design programs**.

Explore  
your major

FIRST YEAR

Review the **Architecture Major Handbook** for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.

Enroll in ENV DES 1 Intro to Environmental Design (Fall) and ENV DES 5 Cities and Sites (Spring).

Sit in on public studio reviews.

Connect with a **CED advisor** in 250 Bauer Wurster Hall or virtually via Zoom.

SECOND YEAR

Enroll in ARCH 11A (Fall) and ARCH 11B (Spring) as introductions to architecture studios.

Finish your lower division major requirements and the college's breadth requirements.

Explore **CED summer programs, certificates and minors**

THIRD YEAR

Consider which track you will choose: **Design Research track** or **Studio track**.

Enroll in ARCH 130 Intro to Arch Design Theory and Criticism or ARCH 112 The Social Life of Building in the fall, and in ARCH 140 Energy and Environment or ARCH 160 Intro to Construction in the spring.

FOURTH YEAR

Prior to enrolling in the fall, choose Design Research Track or Studio Track.

Studio Track: Choose studios based on interest in the subject matter.

Design Research Track: Work with your instructor to choose courses that will help support and define your research topic.

WHAT CAN I DO  
WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers

Architect, Studio Subtractive

Architectural Intern, Field Paoli Arch.

Associate Architect, WJE Associates

Business Developer

Designer, CAW Architects

Designer/Drafter, MBH Architects

Field Engineer, Hensel Phelps

Higher Education Lecturer

Junior Architect, Design Draw Build

Junior Architect, Hart Howerton

Junior Designer, BDE Architecture

Jr. Designer, Butler Armsden Arch.

Project Engineer, Swinerton Builders

Researcher

Graduate Programs

Architecture

Construction Management

Education

Graphic Design

Landscape Architecture

Real Estate Development

Sustainable Design

Urban Design

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

Connect  
and build  
community

Join the **CED Info Hub**—the central place for announcements and enrichment opportunities.

Explore CED **student organizations** and other opportunities outside of CED.

Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the **Student Learning Center**.

Focus on your wellness and engage with services from **University Health Services**.

Join the **CED Undergraduate Student Council** and **CED Admissions Ambassadors** to represent the Architecture undergraduate student body within the College and with prospective students.

Go to instructor office hours to build connections with faculty and graduate student instructors.

Focus on your wellness and engage with services from **University Health Services**.

Meet with faculty instructors to learn about the field and build your network.

Attend workshops and events at the **Jacobs Institute for Design Innovation** or **Berkeley Arts + Design**.

Focus on your wellness and engage with services from **University Health Services**.

Stay connected with classmates and instructors as you prepare for graduation.

Become a **Golden Bear Orientation** Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.

Focus on your wellness and engage with services from **University Health Services**.

Discover  
your passions

Discover new interests in a **Freshman Seminar** or student-run **DeCal course**.

Stay up to date with recent **news and events** offered by CED and attend a lecture series.

Map your skills and talents to career goals with the help of the **Career Counseling Library**.

Follow a **Course Thread** of your interest.

Consider getting a **Global Urban Humanities certificate**.

Explore a **minor within CED** or other colleges, or the possibility of completing a **summer minor**.

Familiarize yourself with **CED Prizes + Awards** and apply by deadlines.

Use the **research resources** provided to CED students.

Get involved with one of the **research centers** in Bauer Wurster Hall.

Apply for a **fellowship** to fund your own independent research.

Enroll in non-major courses which spark your interest.

Develop your own research through the Design Research track.

Choose a project that addresses a building typology or drawing style that interests you with Studio track.

Engage  
locally and  
globally

Explore **volunteer** opportunities on campus.

Engage in community service through the **Public Service Center**.

Ask an advisor as early as possible about CED-specific summer study abroad opportunities this year.

Think about **studying abroad** as a sophomore, either in the spring or summer term. The **Architecture Major Handbook** provides a sample graduation plan for those interested in studying abroad.

Get involved with the **ASUC, LEAD Center, or Golden Bear Orientation**.

As you start your own studios, visit the **CED online gallery** to see what other students have done before.

Think of upper division CED courses outside of Architecture that pique your interest. You must choose three upper division courses in Landscape Architecture, Environmental Design, and City and Regional Planning to meet graduation requirements.

Pick a studio or research topic that solves an issue in a community with which you are connected.

Pursue **fellowships** as an option after Berkeley.

Explore gap year opportunities that you may wish to pursue before your next big adventure.

Reflect  
and plan  
your future

**Develop a plan** for getting career ready.

Learn about the role architects play in the design industry and different fields you can explore.

Take advantage of **CED Career Services** including resources for Architecture students.

Connect with Berkeley and CED alumni.

Join **Handshake** and **LinkedIn**.

Meet with a **CED Career Counselor** to support you in your career journey.

**Attend Career fairs** and take CED-sponsored courses for your internship search.

Sign up for weekly **CED CareerMail** emails with opportunities for Architecture majors.

Compile relevant studio and portfolio work samples for your job applications.

Explore post-graduation options at **career and graduate school fairs**.

Conduct **informational interviews**.

Attend the **CED Career Fair** and other events.

Ask other students, career counselors, and instructors to review your portfolio.

Learn more about the licensure process (accreditation) in different states.

Utilize **job board tools** in your job search