INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Landscape Architecture major centers upon creative and ecologically tuned design, and introduces students to the breadth of knowledge common to the profession. This program leads to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in landscape architecture and provides the necessary education for students interested in entry-level professional practice.

The B.A. degree is certified by the State of California and counts as part of the education/experience requirement of the Uniform National Examination (U.N.E.) as well as for the Landscape Architects Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) for licensure.

ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

First-year applicants must declare the major at the time of application to the College of Environmental Design (CED). However, current UC Berkeley students may apply to change colleges into CED if admission requirements are met and space is available. Transfer applicants must complete lower division college and major requirements prior to Berkeley to be considered for admission to CED.

CED also offers a minor in History and Theory of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design. The minor is open to all UC Berkeley students except Landscape Architecture majors.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with the college as a CED Admissions Ambassador, or as a member of the Undergraduate Student Council or a CED Student Organization such as the American Society of Landscape Architects.
- Complete a course thread or certificate in Design Innovation or Global Urban Humanities.

“Landscape architecture combines my interests in design, ecology, habitat preservation, history, and social studies. My degree has prepared me for a variety of career fields.” – Justin Panganiban, Landscape Architecture major, City and Regional Planning minor

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 for the latest version of this major map.
**FIRST YEAR**
- Meet with your CED advisor in 250 Bauer Wurster Hall or virtually via Zoom.
- Review the Landscape Architecture Major Handbook for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.
- Enroll in ENV DES 1 intro to Environmental Design and ENV DES 5 Cities and Sites.
- Join the Student Learning Center or student-run DeCal course.
- Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
- Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
- Explore study abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.
- Attend the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career resources on the CED and Landscape Architecture websites.
- Attend the CED Career Fair to learn about possible careers.
- Meet with the CED Career Counselor to discuss career options and goals.
- Explore career fields through the Career Connections Series or a winter externship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
- Plan internships and attend internship fairs.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Complete lower division major requirements and the college's breadth requirements.
- Consider additional academic degree programs and whether you want to pursue any minors, certificates or simultaneous degrees.
- Consider doing a course thread or certificate in Design Innovation or Global Urban Humanities.
- Apply to be a CED Admissions Ambassador or part of the CED Undergraduate Student Council.
- Attend college events like the CED Lecture Series and CED Circus.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar. Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.
- Browse faculty research taking place in CED.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP.
- Consider being a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.
- Apply your design skills in projects for Design for America, Solar Spring Break, or the Fung Fellowship.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Continue following the graduation plan in your major handbook.
- Check your degree progress in your Academic Progress Report (APR) in CalCentral.
- Complement your major with a summer minor or CED minor.
- Represent CED on the Student Advisory Council on Undergraduate Education or another campus committee.
- Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
- Check out CED research opportunities.
- Find research and funding opportunities in the OURS database.
- Apply for CED prizes and awards to fund your studies and projects.
- Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.
- Apply your design skills in projects for Design for America, Solar Spring Break, or the Fung Fellowship.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- Conduct informational interviews. Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Update your resume, portfolio, and LinkedIn profile.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.
- Utilize job search tools from the Career Center. Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
- Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “dream list” courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and university requirements.
- Join a professional association such as the American Society of Landscape Architects.
- Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.
- Teach your own DeCal course.
- Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
- Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.
- Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program.
- Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps. Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**
Graduates of the Landscape Architecture program work in a variety of areas, including private landscape architecture firms in the San Francisco Bay Area and across the country. Graduates work in the landscape architecture division of municipal public works departments as well as for environmental agencies and community non-profit groups. Alumni also pursue graduate study in Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA) programs at top universities across the United States as well as programs in Architecture and City & Regional Planning.

**Jobs and Employers**
- Founder and Principal, ATLAS Lab Landscape Architect, Carducci & Assoc.
- Landscape Designer, Peter Koenig Designs
- Planning Intern, City of Berkeley
- Senior Landscape Designer, HDR
- Senior Lecturer, UC Berkeley

**Graduate Programs**
- Landscape Architecture, Masters
- Architecture, Masters
- City and Regional Planning, Masters