INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Society and Environment major introduces students to the main approaches and theory for environmental social sciences, including how social science tools can be applied to environmental problems, and how social science theories contribute to understanding environmental problems. Society and Environment graduates are well-prepared for careers in fields such as environmental consulting, education, health, or law; community, urban, or regional planning; and other related areas of environmentalism in public agencies, nonprofit conservation organizations, and private companies. Graduates are well-qualified for a variety of graduate programs, including law school, public policy school, and even public health programs.

MAJOR CONCENTRATIONS

Students can select to study Society and Environment through three areas of concentration at the upper division level: (1) US Policy and Management, (2) Global Environmental Politics, or (3) Justice and Sustainability. Students are encouraged to explore one class from each area of concentration before making a final decision for their area of concentration.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC 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, faculty, and staff. Visit nature.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

ADVISING

The Undergraduate Advisors for all Rausser College majors are located in the Office of Instruction and Student Affairs in 260 Mulford Hall.

Visit nature.berkeley.edu/advising/meet-rausser-advisors for detailed office hours and appointment booking links. You may email general advising questions to soc.env.ugrad@berkeley.edu.

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.

Not only has [Society and Environment] allowed me to explore how economics, politics, race and class, and history have integral roles in what is conserved, but it has also provided me with a true understanding of what conservation means in the United States.

– Emily Denny, S&E and English Alumna ’20

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Engage with the Berkeley Food Institute, Center for Effective Global Action Center, and Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity
- Raise Rausser College awareness with the Peer Advisor Leadership Program
- Attend Student Environmental Resource Center meetings to engage with sustainability issues on campus.
# Society and Environment

**Bachelor of Science**

## Design Your Journey

### First Year
- **Explore your major**
  - Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
  - Review major and college requirements.
  - Talk to the college's peer advisors about life in the major.
  - Try to take ESPM 5, C22AC, 60a, or 50AC.

### Second Year
- **Connect and build community**
  - Take advantage of the college’s Student Resource Center.
  - Join a student group such as the Student Organic Garden Association.
  - Consider living in the Global Environment Theme House.
  - Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.

### Third Year
- **Discover your passions**
  - Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar or student-run Decal course.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
  - Learn about research opportunities for Rausser College.

### Fourth Year
- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.
  - Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.
  - Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

### Reflect and plan your future
- **Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library**
  - Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
  - Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
  - Check out the Society and Environment Career Snapshot.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
- **Jobs and Employers**
  - Development Assoc., Brandworkers Worker Ctr.
  - Energy Program Specialist, DOEIE
  - Food Access Coord., Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Assoc.
  - GIS Tech., Municipal Government Justice Corp Member
  - Paralegal Specialist, Dept. of Justice Real Estate Agent
  - Senior Editor, CALmatters
  - Special Education Teacher Transportation Assoc., LA Metro

### Graduate Programs
- **Agricultural Sciences, Masters**
- **Ecology, PhD**
- **Environmental Science, Masters**
- **Latin American Studies, Masters**
- **Law, JD**

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

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