

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

Berkeley Rausser
College of Natural Resources



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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 vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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.

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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.



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“ *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

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.

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 **Student Ambassador Leadership Program** and **Peer Advisor Leadership Program**.
- Attend **Student Environmental Resource Center** meetings to engage with sustainability issues on campus.

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DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

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	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
Explore your major	<p>Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Review major and college requirements.</p> <p>Talk to the college's peer advisors about life in the major.</p> <p>Try to take ESPM 5, C22AC, 60, or 50AC.</p>	<p>Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Complete lower division prerequisites (math, economics, R1A and R1B, ESPM social science and science core classes) to declare the major.</p> <p>Review college guidelines for study abroad.</p>	<p>Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Focus on upper division requirements and electives.</p> <p>Ask your college advisor about the Rausser College Honors Program.</p>	<p>Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</p> <p>Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</p> <p>Complete any "bucket list" courses and finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</p>	<p>Jobs and Employers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development Assoc., Brandworkers Worker Ctr. Energy Program Specialist, DOEE Food Access Coord., Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Assoc. GIS Tech., Municipal Government JusticeCorp Member Paralegal Specialist, Dept. of Justice Real Estate Agent Senior Editor, CALmatters Special Education Teacher Transportation Assoc., LA Metro Area <p>Graduate Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural Sciences, Masters Ecology, PhD Environmental Science, Masters Journalism, Masters Latin American Studies, Masters Law, JD <p>Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.</p>
Connect and build community	<p>Take advantage of the college's Student Resource Center.</p> <p>Join a student group such as the Student Organic Garden Association.</p> <p>Consider living in the Global Environment Theme House.</p> <p>Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.</p>	<p>Start attending events in the college.</p> <p>Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</p> <p>Attend Student Environmental Resource Center meetings to engage with issues on campus.</p>	<p>Help other students as a Rausser College Peer Advisor or Student Ambassador.</p> <p>Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader to welcome new students to UC Berkeley.</p> <p>Seek mentorship from your professors, faculty, and graduate student instructors.</p>	<p>Join a professional organization related to your interests.</p> <p>Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.</p> <p>Continue maintaining connections with professors and graduate students, and ask for letters of recommendation from 2-3 connections.</p>	
Discover your passions	<p>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.</p> <p>Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.</p> <p>Learn about research opportunities for Rausser College.</p>	<p>Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.</p> <p>Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through faculty-initiated SPUR, URAP or SURF-SMART programs.</p> <p>Check out research by your peers at a college poster session.</p>	<p>Apply for a Travel Grant to fund travel for academic conferences or research.</p> <p>Find research and funding opportunities in the OURS database, SPUR, or URAP.</p> <p>Explore the Berkeley Food Institute, Center for Effective Global Action, and Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity.</p>	<p>Teach your own DeCal course.</p> <p>Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.</p> <p>Present your research at a college poster session or submit it to the Berkeley Scientific Journal.</p>	
Engage locally and globally	<p>Attend the Calpalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization.</p> <p>Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center.</p> <p>Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</p>	<p>Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.</p> <p>Get involved with the California Outdoor Engagement Coalition.</p> <p>Consider joining BSFC, CalPIRG, SERC, PSC, ASUC, or other student organizations.</p>	<p>Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.</p> <p>If interested in environmental policy, look into UCDC or Cal in the Capital.</p> <p>Apply your skills in projects for the Green Initiative Fund, or apply to do research with the Travel Grant.</p>	<p>Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Americorps, or U.S. Department of State.</p> <p>Present your learnings at a conference such as the Clinton Global Initiative: University Conference. Look into travel grants from the college and ASUC.</p>	
Reflect and plan your future	<p>Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.</p> <p>Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.</p> <p>Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.</p> <p>Check out the Society and Environment Career Snapshot.</p>	<p>Take advantage of career and pre-health advising for Rausser College students.</p> <p>Explore career fields through the Career Connections Series or a winter externship.</p> <p>Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.</p> <p>Plan internships and attend internship fairs.</p>	<p>Conduct informational interviews.</p> <p>Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.</p> <p>Update your resume and LinkedIn profile, and join the Society and Environment LinkedIn Group.</p> <p>Attend career and graduate school fairs.</p>	<p>Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.</p> <p>Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.</p> <p>Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</p>	

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