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.

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.
FIRST YEAR
- 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, 60, or 50AC.

SECOND YEAR
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Complete lower division prerequisites (math, economics, R1A and R1B, ESPM social science and science core classes) to declare the major.
- Review college guidelines for study abroad.

THIRD YEAR
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Focus on upper division requirements and electives.
- Ask your college advisor about the Raessler College Honors Program.

FOURTH YEAR
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

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 JusticeCorp Member
  - Paralegal Specialist, Dept. of Justice Real Estate Agent
  - Senior Editor, CALmatters
  - Special Education Teacher
  - Transportation Assoc., LA Metro Area

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

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

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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.

Discover your passions
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Learn about research opportunities for Rausser College.

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 Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library.
- Develop a plan for getting career ready.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Check out the Society and Environment Career Snapshot.

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