INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Sustainable Environmental Design major offers students a critical understanding of the sustainability challenges facing urban regions in California and around the globe, and equips students with the technical, analytical, and design tools key to devising creative solutions.

Features of the program include gateway courses on the cultural and scientific bases of sustainability (ED 198-01 & LD ARCH 12); a critical approaches course (ENV DES 102); a methods/technology course (LD ARCH / GEOG C188); upper division courses and concentrations around sustainability; and a capstone workshop (ENV DES 106).

ADOPTION TO THE MAJOR

Students 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 into CED and declare SED if admission requirements are met and space is available. Transfer applicants must complete two years worth of lower division coursework to be considered for admission to CED.

CED offers a minor in Sustainable Design. The minor is available to CED and non-CED students.
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Bachelor of Arts

FIRST YEAR

- Meet your CED advisor in 290 Wurster Hall.
- View the Sustainable Environmental Design Major Handbook for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.
- Enroll in ENV DES 198: Designing Sustainability, ENV DES 1 Intro to Env. Design, and LD ARCH 12 Env. Science for Sustainable Development.

SECOND YEAR

- Complete your lower division major requirements.
- Take ENV DES 4A. Design and Activism, 4B. Global Cities, or 4C. Future Ecologies. You must complete two of these courses by the end of your second year.
- Consider a CED minor or minor outside of CED.

THIRD YEAR

- Continue following the graduation plan in your major handbook.
- Check your degree progress using the Academic Progress Report (APR) in CalCentral.
- Consider a certificate in Design Innovation or Global Urban Humanities.

FOURTH YEAR

- Complete a degree check to ensure timely completion of remaining graduation requirements.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses.
- Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
- Take the SED Capstone Class ENV DES 106.
- Sustainable Environmental Design Workshop.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers

- Account Executive, Houzz
- Account Manager, Google
- City Planner, City of Grover Beach
- Designer, Issey Miyake
- Draftsperson, De Meza Arch.
- Fellow, Climate Corps
- Interactive Designer, Square
- Planner, Samtrans
- Project Coordinator, PAE Consulting
- Project Engineer, Turner Construction
- Sustainability Consultant, SPHERA
- Sustain. Design Specialist, HK
- Waste Zero Specialist, Recology

Graduate Programs

- SED graduates can pursue graduate programs in multiple disciplines, including but not limited to City Planning, Architecture, Business, and Natural Resources.

Explore your major

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Connect and build community

- Register for Wurster Life, CED’s official alumni and student networking platform.
- Meet your fellow students at a CED social hour or SED town hall.
- Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
- Join a CED student group such as SEDinc.

Discover your passions

- Subscribe to the CED advising blog for enrichment opportunities and announcements.
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Explore Berkeley Arts + Design with HUM 20.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.
- Browse faculty projects and research taking place in CED.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.

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.
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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.
- Explore career resources on the CED website.
- Attend the CED Career Fair to learn about possible careers.
- Discuss your career options and goals with the CED Career Counselor in Wurster Hall.
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- Conduct informational interviews. Use WursterLife to network with CED alumni.
- 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.
- Attend Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.