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).

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Complete a certificate in Design Innovation or Global Urban Humanities.
• Complete a minor in CED.
• Get involved as a CED Admissions Ambassador, Community Fellow, or member of the Undergraduate Student Council.
• Connect with the CED community through student organizations.

“SED students have the exciting opportunity not only to craft their own studies, but to make an impact on future generations of Sustainable Environmental Designers.”

– Kevin Zamzow-Pollock, SED Alumnus

ADOPTION 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 offers a minor in Sustainable Design. The minor is open to all UC Berkeley students except Sustainable Environmental Design majors.
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Bachelor of Arts

FIRST YEAR
- Meet your CED advisor in 250 Bauer Wurster Hall or virtually via Zoom.
- View the Sustainable Environmental Design Major Handbook for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.
- Enroll in ENVS 198: Designing Sustainability, ENVS 1 Intro to Env. Design, and LD ARCH 12: Env. Science for Sustainable Development.

SECOND YEAR
- Complete your lower division major requirements.
- Consider doing a CED minor or minor outside of CED.
- Consider a certificate in Design Innovation or Global Urban Humanities.

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, Issy 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, HOK
- 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.

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

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