Bachelor of Arts

INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Urban Studies major educates students on the significance and implications of the global movement towards urbanization. The major trains undergraduates for a variety of future careers and fields of graduate study that are related to urban studies and planning. These include practice-oriented fields such as urban planning, law, non-profit management, and public policy, as well as research-oriented fields such as geography, sociology, and anthropology. Above all, the intent of the major is to produce urban citizens and global leaders.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Get involved with a CED student group such as the Berkeley Urban Studies Student Association.
- Complete a course thread in the Historical and Modern City or certificate in Global Urban Humanities.
- Study urban environments of Spain through Berkeley Summer Abroad.
- Connect with the CED community through Wurster Life, CED’s official alumni and student networking platform.

ADMISSION 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. Transfer applicants must complete two years worth of lower division coursework to be considered for admission to CED. The department offers a minor in City Planning. The minor is open to undergraduate students at UC Berkeley except those in the Urban Studies Major.

“Urban studies is the perfect combination of my love for people, justice, and life. CED has taught me to be a global citizen and view the world through an interdisciplinary lens.”

—Sosseh Taimoorian, Urban Studies major
**Urban Studies Major Handbook**

**Review the CED careers.** Attend the CED Career Fair and explore career resources on the CED Handshake, CareerMail, and Library websites. Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library for additional resources.

**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 and explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

**Reflect and plan your future.** Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library to discover your career options and goals. Explore career fields through the Career Connections Series or a winter internship. Learn about graduate and professional school opportunities and think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.

**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. Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.

**Connect and build community.** Register for Wurster Life, CED's official alumni and student networking platform. Meet other CED students at a CED social hour. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center. Join a CED student group such as the Berkeley Urban Studies Student Association.

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**First 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 course thread in the Historical and Modern City or certificate in Global Urban Humanities.

**Second Year**

- Complete the remainder of upper division major requirements.
- Enroll in ENV DES 1: Intro to Environmental Design.

**Third Year**

- Continue following the graduation plan in your major handbook.
- Check your degree progress in your Academic Progress Report (APR) in CalCentral.
- Complete your major with a summer minor or a CED minor such as History of the Built Environment.

**Fourth Year**

- 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.
- Enroll in a required upper division capstone experience course, such as a thesis, studio experience, or field experience.

**What can I do with my major?**

- **Jobs and Employers**
  - Advisory Associate, KPMG
  - Analyst, BAE Urban Economics
  - Asst. Management Analyst, City of San Diego
  - Asst. Project Manager, Habitat for Humanity
  - Asst. transit planner, City of Union City
  - Designer, IDEO
  - Designer/Drafter, CA Landscape & Design
  - Electric Bike Mechanic, Electric Bikes LA
  - Investment Analyst, Prudential
  - Junior Designer, BDE Architects
  - Park Planner, Central Park Conservancy
  - Research Assist., CapitalEdge
  - Senior Urban Planning Consultant, Hatch
  - Sourcing Coordinator, Clif Bar & Company
  - Transit Data Specialist, Swiftly
  - Transportation Planner, City of Oakland

- **Graduate Programs**
  - Energy & Resources, PhD
  - City and Regional Planning, Master’s, PhD
  - Architecture
  - City Planning
  - Landscape Architecture
  - Land Use Law
  - Real Estate Development
  - Urban Studies