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 the college as a CED Admissions Ambassador or member of the Undergraduate Student Council or CED student organization 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 Studies in international contexts through Berkeley Summer Abroad.

ADMISSION 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. 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.

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

“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

ADVISING

Advising for prospective and current students is available in-person at the CED Office of Undergraduate Advising in 250 Bauer Wurster Hall and virtually via Zoom. See ced.berkeley.edu/advising/connect-with-advising for the advising schedule.

Advising Hours:
Fall/Spring: Tuesday - Friday 10am-12pm, 1-4pm
Summer: Tuesday - Friday 10am-12pm, 1-3pm

Visit ced.berkeley.edu/advising/undergraduate-advising for more information or with advising questions.

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 ced.berkeley.edu/news-events for news and updates.