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.

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.

ADVISORY

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, 1-3pm
Summer: Tuesday - Friday 10am-12pm, 1-3pm

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

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.

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.

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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.

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## DESIGN YOUR JOURNEY

### FIRST YEAR
- Meet your CED advisor in 250 Bauer Wurster Hall or virtually via Zoom.
- Review the Urban Studies Major Handbook for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.
- Enroll in ENV DES 1 Intro to Environmental Design and ENV DES 5 Cities and Sites.

### SECOND YEAR
- Complete your lower division major requirements.
  - Consider additional academic degree programs and whether you wish to pursue any minors, certificates or simultaneous degrees.
  - Consider doing a course thread in the Historical and Modern City or certificate in Global Urban Humanities.

### THIRD YEAR
- Continue following the graduation plan in your major handbook.
  - Check your degree progress in your Academic Progress Report (APR) in CalCentral.
  - Complement your major with a summer minor or CED minor such as History of the Built Environment.
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Complete any “dream list” courses and finish remaining major, college, and university requirements.
  - Enroll in a required upper division capstone course, such as a thesis, research or planning studio, or field experience.

### FOURTH YEAR
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### Connect and build community
- Meet other CED students at a CED social event.
- 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.

### Discover your passions
- Join the CED Info Hub—the central place for announcements and enrichment opportunities.
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.

### 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.
  - Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
  - Explore career resources on the CED website.
  - Attend the CED Career Fair to learn about possible careers.

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### Jobs and Employers
- Adviser, 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
- Plan Planner, Central Park Conservancy
- Research Asst., Capalidge
- 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

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