**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.

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**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.

**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
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Explore your major
- Meet your CED advisor in 230 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.
- Complete your lower division major requirements.
- Consider additional academic degree programs and whether you want 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.

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.
- Apply to be a CED Admission Ambassador.
- CED Community Fellow or a member of the CED Undergraduate Student Council.
- Attend college events like the CED Lecture Series and CED Circus.
- Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
- Explore campus beyond Bauer Wurster Hall.

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.
- Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course.
- Browse faculty research taking place in CED.
- Assist faculty in their research through LIRAP.
- Attend seminars and workshops hosted by the Institute of Urban and Regional Development.
- Check out CED research opportunities.
- Find research and funding opportunities in the OURS database.
- Apply for CED prizes and awards to fund your studies and projects.

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.
- Help prospective and incoming students as a CED Admissions Ambassador.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- Check out events from SPUR and other local organizations.
- Work with a community organization in an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.
- Get inspired by what others have done in the City & Regional Planning online gallery.

Reflect and plan your future
- Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career resources on the CED website.
- Meet with the CED Career Counselor to discuss your career options and goals.
- Explore career fields through the Career Connections Series or a winter internship.
- Learn about graduate and professional school.
- Think about doing an internship and attend an internship fair.
- Conduct informational interviews.
- 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.
- Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

First Year
- Complete your lower division major requirements.
- Consider additional academic degree programs and whether you want 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.

Second Year
- Meet your CED advisor in 230 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.
- Complete your lower division major requirements.
- Consider additional academic degree programs and whether you want 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
- 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.
- 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.

What can I do with my major?
Jobs and Employers
- Advisory Associate, KPMG
- Analyst, BAE Urban Economics
- Asst. Management Analyst, City of San Diego
- 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 Asst., CapitalEdge
- Senior Urban Planning Consultant, Hatch
- Sourcng 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

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

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