INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Environmental Economics and Policy major (EEP) offers students the opportunity to explore aspects of economic and political institutions that affect the development and management of natural resources and the environment. The program takes a problem-solving approach to issues involving renewable and fixed natural resources, and it is based on a foundation in micro-economic theory and the economics of resources and the environment.

The EEP major is open for students to declare in the Rausser College of Natural Resources (B.S.) as well as the College of Letters and Science (B.A.). Undergraduates applying for the major program should be strong in mathematics and have an interest in statistics and mathematical modeling.

“...What I like most about EEP is the relationships I’ve developed with professors, not only in the classrooms but through research as well.”

- Caitlin Crooks

STRUCTURE OF THE EEP MAJOR

The core requirement for the major is micro-economic theory and econometrics. These core courses are supplemented by other courses that apply the methods of social science to resource problems.

The major supplies training in basic mathematics, statistics and economics to be able to approach resource-related issues in an effective and practical manner.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Take advantage of Rausser’s small-college experience and meet fellow students with common academic interests.
- Apply for a Rausser College Travel Grant to get funded for attending research conferences and presenting your research.
- Attend a Poster Session as an observer or presenter.
ENGLISH ECONOMICS AND POLICY

Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Arts

Familiarize yourself with the EEP major requirements.
Meet with the EEP undergraduate adviser and sketch out a four-year plan.
Be aware that this major is offered in both Rausser College and L&S. Make sure you are satisfying requirements for the correct college.

In either college, EEP majors are still responsible for completing the 7-course breadth requirement.
Consider adding a minor or a summer minor.
Review the college guidelines for study abroad.

Explore possible elective courses—ask your major advisor about approved electives from outside departments.
See if you qualify for the honors program, which is a great opportunity to do research.

Reach out to graduate student instructors who can offer guidance about post-graduation opportunities and serve as mentors.
Become a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.

Apply to the Sponsored Projects for Undergraduate Research (SPUR) program and get support for a joint research project with a faculty member.
Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships to learn about student programs and resources.

Attend a poster session hosted by the Office of Student Affairs to check out research completed by your peers.
Visit faculty during office hours to learn more about their research and opportunities for collaboration.
Follow a Course Thread of your interest.

If eligible, apply to the Rausser College Honors Program to pursue a year-long independent research project under the guidance of a faculty member.
Apply for funding in order to initiate your own project through SPUR.
Apply for a new SPUR project or URAP.

Meet with the major advisor about approved electives from L&S.

Explore the resources at the Career Center.
Join Handshake to find Berkeley-specific career opportunities and workshops.
Create a LinkedIn profile and resume.
Connect with alumni through the Career Connection Series and Cal Alumni Externship program.

Check out the EEP Career Snapshot for information about career options.
Conduct informational interviews with people in careers you are curious about.
Take advantage of career and pre-health advising for Rausser College students.

Applying to grad school? Take GRE/LSATs over the summer and start asking for recommendation letters.
Research potential graduate programs.

Attend Employer Information Sessions and network with professionals from a variety of industries.
Pursue On-Campus Recruitment.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?

Jobs and Employers
- Analyst, Salesforce
- Auditor, KPMG
- Business Analyst, Maximus
- Business Analyst, PwC
- Business Dev. Consultant, Oracle
- Financial Analyst, KLA-Tencor
- Finance Associate, Capital Group
- Marketing Specialist, ByteDance
- Recruiting Coordinator, Cruise
- Recruiting Coordinator, Pinterest
- Tax Associate, ACG CPA
- Technical Recruiter, Crystal Equation

Application Economics
- Law
- Management Science

Graduate Programs
- Applied Economics
- Law
- Management Science

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

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