**Architecture Major**

**Bachelor of Arts**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR**

The Architecture major seeks to familiarize students with the production of the built environment in historical, critical, technical, and social dimensions. The courses develop a broad and critical thinking of conceptual and methodological understanding and technical skills of the planning and design of buildings, cities, environments, across a wide range of scales.

The program comprises a rigorous approach to the discipline of architecture within a liberal arts education. Architectural design, history, theory, and technology is established addressing fundamental challenges of the XXI century engaging in architectural frontiers in:

- Nature, Built Environments & Ethics
- Equity, Justice, & Design Activism
- Fabrication, Materials, & Technology
- Critical History

**FRAMEWORK**

Scholarship is fostered through courses and campus-wide seminars and activities that contribute to the architect’s knowledge and vision within a liberal arts framework. In preparation for a fluid and evolving contemporary design practice and scholarship students explore new frontiers in theory, prototyping, simulation, and architectural representation. The breadth of subjects capitalizes in the long tradition of environmental design of CED.

Students are encouraged to explore the potentials and responsibilities of design and ecosystems as a cohesive physical and social dimension across multiple research platforms and instruments rigorously prepared to engage in future work and academia.

**AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR**

- Pursue either the Research Track or the Studio Track.
- Apply to the Design & Innovation for Sustainable Cities (DISC) program to develop creative solutions to the urgent challenges facing global cities today.
- Consider following a Course Thread, such as Human-Centered Design or Historical and Modern City.
- Explore Berkeley Art + Design programs.

**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.

**ADVISING**

Drop-in Architecture Undergraduate Advising is available at the CED Office of Undergraduate Advising at 250 Wurster Hall.

**Advising Drop-In Hours:**
Monday-Friday 10-12, 1-4pm

Call (510) 642-4943, or visit ced.berkeley.edu/students/undergraduate-advising for more information or advising questions.

**CONNECT WITH US**

**Cal Day**
Come to 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, staff, and faculty. Visit ced.berkeley.edu/academics/architecture for news and updates.

**BERKELEY ARCHITECTURE was founded on strong principles of multidisciplinary collaboration and respect for experimentation.**

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Renee Chow, Chair of Architecture

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Discover your passions
Connect with your interests outside of architecture with ENV DES 4 classes.
Attend CED lectures featuring visiting architects and professionals.
Map your skills and talents to career goals with the help of the Career Counseling Library.
Follow a Course Thread of your interest.
Consider getting a Global Urban Humanities certificate.
Look into pursuing a complementary minor within CED and related colleges.
Explore the possibility of a summer minor.

Engage locally and globally
Explore volunteer opportunities on campus.
Engage in community service through the Public Service Center.
Ask an advisor as early as possible about CED-specific summer study abroad opportunities this year.
Think about studying abroad as a sophomore, either in the spring or summer. The major handbook provides a plan for how to modify your schedule to accommodate study abroad.
Get involved with the ASUC, LEAD Center, or Golden Bear Orientation.

Reflect and plan your future
Use the Yearly Planner to help guide your career path.
Learn about the role architects play in the design industry and different fields you can explore.
Take advantage of CED-specific Career Services and Architecture Career website and Resources.
Connect with Berkeley and CED alumni.
Join Handshake and Warter Life, CED's mini version of LinkedIn.
Meet with a CED Career Counselor for tips and support.
Attend Internship fairs and take CED-sponsored courses for your internship search.
Sign up for weekly CED CareerMail emails with opportunities for Architecture majors.
Compile relevant studio and portfolio work samples for your job applications.
Explore post-graduation options at career and graduate school fairs.
Attend the CED Career Fair and other events.
Ask other students, career counselors, and instructors to review your portfolio.
Learn more about the licensure process (accreditation) in different states.
Utilize job search tools from the Career Center.

What can I do with my major?
Jobs and Employers
Architect, Studio Subtractive
Architectural Intern, Field-Paul Arc. Associate Architect, WJE Associates Business Developer
Designer, CAW Architects Designer/Draftsman, MBH Architects Field Engineer, Hensel Phelps Higher Education Lecturer
Graduate Programs
Architecture
Education
Graphic Design

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

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