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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.

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

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Bachelor of Arts

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Pursue either the Design 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.

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 scholarhip student 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.

FRAMES OF THE MAJOR

Berkeley Architecture was founded on strong principles of multidisciplinary collaboration and respect for experimentation.

― Renee Chow, Dean, CED