INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Landscape Architecture major centers upon creative and ecologically tuned design, and introduces students to the breadth of knowledge common to the profession. This program leads to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in landscape architecture and provides the necessary education for students interested in entry-level professional practice.

The B.A. degree is certified by the State of California and counts as part of the education/experience requirement of the Uniform National Examination (U.N.E.) as well as for the Landscape Architects Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.) for licensure.

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
Bachelor of Arts

ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

Students 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 into CED. Transfer applicants must complete two years worth of lower division coursework to be considered for admission to CED.

CED also offers a minor in History and Theory of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Design. This program is an introduction to conceptual issues of landscape architecture and is open to all majors at UC Berkeley except Landscape Architecture.

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ADVISING

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

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

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

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– Justin Panganiban, Landscape Architecture major, City and Regional Planning minor

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# Landscape Architecture

**Bachelor of Arts**

## First Year

- **Explore your major**
  - Stop by 350 Wurster Hall to meet with your CED advisor.
  - Review the Landscape Architecture Major Handbook for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.
  - Enroll in ENV DES 1: Intro to Environmental Design.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Register for WursterLife, CED’s official alumni and student networking platform.
  - Meet other CED students at a CED social hour.
  - Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.
  - Join a CED student organization such as the American Society of Landscape Architects.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Subscribe to the CED advising blog for enrichment opportunities and announcements.
  - Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
  - Explore Berkeley Arts + Design with HUM 20.
  - 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 abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Visit the Career Center and Career Counseling Library.
  - Check out the Career Center Yearly Planner.
  - Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
  - Explore career resources on the CED website and attend the CED Career Fair.

## Second Year

- **Explore your major**
  - Complete lower division major requirements and the college’s breadth requirements.
  - Take CED’s "Big Ideas" courses: ENV DES 4A: Design and Activism, 4B: Global Cities, or 4C: Future Ecologies. You must complete two of these courses by the end of your second year.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Apply to be the CED Community Fellow or part of the CED Undergraduate Student Council.
  - Start attending college events like the CED Lecture Series and CED Circus.
  - Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.
  - Explore campus life beyond Wurster Hall.

- **Discover your passions**
  - Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.
  - Browse faculty projects and research taking place in CED.
  - Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through URAP and SURF-SMART.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Help prospective and incoming students as a CED Admissions Ambassador.
  - Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
  - Check out local design events such as San Francisco Design Week.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Meet with CED Career Counselor in Wurster Hall to discuss career options and goals.
  - Explore career fields through the Career Connections Series or a winter externship.
  - Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help.
  - Plan internships and attend internship fairs.

## Third Year

- **Explore your major**
  - Continue following the graduation plan in your major handbook.
  - Check your degree progress in your Academic Progress Report (APR) in CalCentral.
  - Consider doing a course thread or certificate in Design Innovation or Global Urban Humanities.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Represent CED on the Student Advisory Council on Undergraduate Education or another campus committee.
  - Consider becoming a Golden Bear Orientation Leader and welcome new students to UC Berkeley.
  - If you haven’t already, register for WursterLife.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - 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.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Check your degree progress in your Academic Progress Report (APR).
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.
  - Finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.
  - Complement your major with a summer minor or CED minor.

## Fourth Year

- **Explore your major**
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.

- **Connect and build community**
  - Join a professional organization related to your interests, such as the American Society of Landscape Architects.
  - Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.

- **Engage locally and globally**
  - Consider doing a course thread or certificate.
  - Complete any "bucket list" courses.

- **Reflect and plan your future**
  - Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
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## Graduation Programs

- **Bachelor of Arts**
- **Master of Landscape Architecture (MLA)**
- **Master of Science in City and Regional Planning (MS-CRP)**

## Jobs and Employers

- **University of California, Berkeley**
  - UC Berkeley professors and graduate student instructors.
  - Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.

- **Non-profit organizations**
  - Find opportunities with community non-profit groups.

- **Government agencies**
  - Explore opportunities with federal and municipal public works departments.

- **Private firms**
  - Work in landscape architecture firms in the San Francisco Bay Area and across the country.

- **Internships**
  - Participate in internships, both on and off-campus.

- **Fellowships**
  - Apply to fellowships such as the UC Berkeley Student and Alumni Fellowships.

- **Teaching opportunities**
  - Consider teaching at the university or community college level.

- **Graduate study**
  - Pursue graduate study in Architecture, Urban Planning, or Environmental Studies.

## What Can I Do with My Major?

- **Urban design and planning**
- **Landscape design**
- **Environmental design**
- **Policy analysis**
- **Community development**
- **Project management**
- **Research**

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

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