INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Society and Environment major introduces students to the main approaches and theory for environmental social sciences, including how social science tools can be applied to environmental problems, and how social science theories contribute to understanding environmental problems. Society and Environment graduates are well-prepared for careers in fields such as environmental consulting, education, health, or law; community, urban, or regional planning; and other related areas of environmentalism in public agencies, nonprofit conservation organizations, and private companies. Graduates are well-qualified for a variety of graduate programs, including law school, public policy school, and even public health programs.

MAJOR CONCENTRATIONS

Students can select to study Society and Environment through three areas of concentration at the upper division level: (1) US Policy and Management, (2) Global Environmental Politics, or (3) Justice and Sustainability. Students are encouraged to explore one class from each area of concentration before making a final decision for their area of concentration.

"Not only has [Society and Environment] allowed me to explore how economics, politics, race and class, and history have integral roles in what is conserved, but it has also provided me with a true understanding of what conservation means in the United States."

– Emily Denny, S&E and English Alumna ’20

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Engage with the Berkeley Food Institute, Center for Effective Global Action Center, and Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity
- Raise Rausser College awareness with the Student Ambassador Leadership Program and Peer Advisor Leadership Program
- Attend Student Environmental Resource Center meetings to engage with sustainability issues on campus
### Bachelor of Science in Society and Environment

#### Design Your Journey

**First Year**
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Review major and college requirements.
- Talk to the college’s peer advisors about life in the major.
- Try to take ESPM 5, C22AC, 60, or 50AC.

**Second Year**
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Complete lower division prerequisites (math, economics, R1A and R1B, ESPM social science and science core classes) to declare the major.
- Review college guidelines for study abroad.

**Third Year**
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Focus on upper division requirements and electives.
- Ask your college advisor about the Rauser College Honors Program.

**Fourth Year**
- Meet with your college advisor to discuss your academic plans.
- Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.
- Complete any “bucket list” courses and finish remaining major, college, and campus requirements.

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#### What Can I Do with My Major?

**Jobs and Employers**
- Development Assoc., Brandworkers Worker Ctr.
- Energy Program Specialist, DOEE
- Food Access Coor., Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Assoc.
- GIS Tech., Municipal Government JusticeCorp Member
- Paralegal Specialist, Dept. of Justice
- Real Estate Agent
- Senior Editor, CALmatters
- Special Education Teacher

**Graduate Programs**
- Agricultural Sciences, Masters
- Ecology, PhD
- Environmental Science, Masters
- Journalism, Masters
- Latin American Studies, Masters
- Law, JD

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

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**First Year**
- Attend the Calpalooza 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.

**Second Year**
- Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course.
- Get involved with the California Outdoor Engagement Coalition.
- Consider joining BSFC, CalPIRG, SERC, PSC, ASUC, or other student organizations.

**Third Year**
- Experience life at another UC or college on a visitor and exchange program.
- If interested in environmental policy, look into UCDC or Cal in the Capital.
- Apply your skills in projects for the Green Initiative Fund, or apply to do research with the Travel Grant.

**Fourth Year**
- Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, or U.S. Department of State.
- Present your learnings at a conference such as the Clinton Global Initiative: University Conference. Look into travel grants from the college and ASUC.

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**Connect and Build Community**
- Take advantage of the college’s Student Resource Center.
- Join a student group such as the Student Organic Garden Association.
- Consider living in the Global Environment Theme House.
- Get 1:1 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.

**Discover Your Passions**
- Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course.
- Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships.
- Learn about research opportunities for Rauser College.

**Engage Locally and Globally**
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**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.
- Check out the Society and Environment Career Snapshot.

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**Step-by-Step Career Planning**
- Check out the CareerMail and Handshake.
- Check out the Career Center.
- 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.

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