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.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

- Engage with the Berkeley Food Institute, Center for Effective Global Action Center, and Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity
- Raise CNR awareness and join the Student Ambassador Leadership Program and the Peer Advisor Leadership Program
- Attend Student Environmental Resource Center meetings to engage with sustainability issues on campus

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
# Society and Environment

**Bachelor of Science**

## Design Your Journey

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

**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 CNR guidelines for study abroad.
- Connect and build community.
- Take advantage of CNR’s Student Resource Center.
- Join a CNR student group such as the Student Organic Garden Association.
- Consider living in the Global Environment Theme House.
- Get 11 mentoring with Berkeley Connect.
- Discover your passions.
- Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course, or Discovery Course.
- Assist faculty and graduate students in their research through faculty-initiated SPUR, URAP or SMART programs.
- Check out research by your peers at a CNR poster session.
- 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, internship, and research 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.
- Check out the Society and Environment Career Snapshot.

## Yearly Planner
- 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.
- Conduct informational interviews.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile, and join the Society and Environment LinkedIn Group.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.

## 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 CNR Honors program.
- Experience life at another UC or college on a winter externship.
- or a Connections Series career field.
- Explore career destinations survey.
- Examples gathered from the Career Destinations Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.

## 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.
- WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?
- Jobs and Employers
  - Development Assoc., Brandworkers Worker Ctr.
  - Energy Program Specialist, DOE.
  - Food Access Coord., 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, Transportation Assoc., LA Metro Area

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

- Career and graduate student instructors.
- Continue maintaining connections with professors and graduate students, and ask for letters of recommendation from 2-3 connections.
- Learn about research opportunities.
- 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.
- 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.
- Conduct informational interviews.
- Discuss graduate school options with advisors and professors.
- Update your resume and LinkedIn profile, and join the Society and Environment LinkedIn Group.
- Attend career and graduate school fairs.
- Attend Job Search Essentials workshops.
- Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters.
- Meet employers at Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting.
- Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.

- Connect and build community.
- Apply for a CNR Travel Grant to fund travel for academic conferences or research.
- Find research and funding opportunities in the OURS database, SPUR, or URAP.
- Explore the Berkeley Food Institute, Center for Effective Global Action, and Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity.
- Teach your own DeCal course.
- Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study.
- Present your research at a CNR poster session or submit it to the Berkeley Scientific Journal.

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