INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Urban Studies major educates students on the significance and implications of the global movement towards urbanization. The major trains undergraduates for a variety of future careers and fields of graduate study that are related to urban studies and planning. These include practice-oriented fields such as urban planning, law, non-profit management, and public policy, as well as research-oriented fields such as geography, sociology, and anthropology. Above all, the intent of the major is to produce urban citizens and global leaders.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Get involved with a CED student group such as the Berkeley Urban Studies Student Association.
• Complete a course thread in the Historical and Modern City or certificate in Global Urban Humanities.
• Study urban environments of Spain through Berkeley Summer Abroad.
• Connect with the CED community through Wurster Life, CED’s official alumni and student networking platform.

“Urban studies is the perfect combination of my love for people, justice, and life. CED has taught me to be a global citizen and view the world through an interdisciplinary lens.”

—Sosseh Taimoorian, Urban Studies major

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.

Visit vcue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

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. The department offers a minor in City Planning. The minor is open to undergraduate students at UC Berkeley except those in the Urban Studies Major.

CONNECT WITH US

Cal Day
Come to UC 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, faculty, and staff. Visit ced.berkeley.edu/events-media/events for news and updates.

ADVISING

Drop-in Urban Studies 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 advising questions.
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**Design Your Journey**

**FIRST YEAR**
- Stop by 250 Wurster Hall to meet with your CED advisor.
- Review the Urban Studies Major Handbook for degree requirements, sample study plans, and student resources.
- Enroll in ENV DES 1 Intro to Environmental Design.

**SECOND YEAR**
- Complete your lower division major requirements.
  - Take ENV DES 4b: Design and Activism, 4b: Global Cities, or 4c: Future Ecologies. You must complete two of these courses by the end of your second year.
  - Consider a course thread in the Historical and Modern City or certificate in Global Urban Humanities.

**THIRD YEAR**
- Continue following the graduation plan in your major handbook.
  - Check your degree progress in your Academic Progress Report (APR) in CalCentral.
  - Complement your major with a summer minor or CED minor such as History of the Built Environment.

**FOURTH YEAR**
- 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.
  - Enroll in a required upper division capstone experience course, such as a thesis, studio experience, or field experience.

**Explore your major**
- Register for Wurster Life, 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 group such as the Berkeley Urban Studies Student Association.

**Connect and build community**
- Apply to be the CED Community Fellow or a member of the CED Undergraduate Student Council.
- Start attending college events like the CED Lecture Series and CED Circles.
- 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**
- 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.
- Sign up for Handshake and CareerMail.
- Explore career resources on the CED and City & Regional Planning websites.
- Attend the CED Career Fair to learn about possible careers.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY MAJOR?**

**Jobs and Employers**
- Advisory Associate, KPMG
- Analyst, BAE Urban Economics
- Asst. Management Analyst, City of San Diego
- Asst. Project Manager, Habitat for Humanity
- Asst. transit planner, City of Union City
- Designer, IDEO
- Designer/Drafter, CA Landscape & Design
- Electric Bike Mechanic, Electric Bikes LA
- Investment Analyst, Prudential
- Junior Designer, BDE Architects
- Park Planner, Central Park Conservancy
- Research Asst., CapitalEdge
- Senior Urban Planning Consultant, Hatch
- Sourcing Coordinator, Clif Bar & Company
- Transit Data Specialist, Swiftly
- Transportation Planner, City of Oakland

**Graduate Programs**
- Energy & Resources, PhD
- City and Regional Planning, Master’s, PhD

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

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