

Architecture

Major Handbook

Department of Architecture
College of Environmental Design
University of California Berkeley

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For Students Admitted to University of California Berkeley Fall
2015 and Later

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ARCHITECTURE AT BERKELEY

The undergraduate program in architecture leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree. It combines required courses in environmental design and architecture with opportunities for highly varied individual programs. Through its core courses, the program offers a broad introduction to the field of architecture, and through studies in the various areas it provides opportunities to prepare for specialization in the field in the areas of architectural design and representation, architectural technologies and building performance, architectural history, society and culture.

In addition to offering a sound and well-rounded education, undergraduate studies can also provide pre-professional competency for entry-level employment in architecture, the option for graduate work in architecture, or further studies in a related environmental design field.

Some graduates go on to obtain professional degrees in architecture or in other related fields; many others work in architectural offices, construction, government, or industry. Employment opportunities exist also at the community level, particularly in those communities which traditionally have not been served by professional architectural practice. The overall aim of the undergraduate program is to establish a strong foundation for a diversity of careers and to provide for mobility and flexibility to suit changing individual opportunities.

Accreditation and Licensing. The BA degree is a pre-professional degree and provides the foundation for entry to a Master of Architecture program, the most widespread professional degree program in Architecture in the US. The BA degree can also be applied toward licensing requirements in the State of California. *See the National Architectural Accrediting Board naab.org for more information on accreditation. See the California Architect's Board cab.ca.gov/ and the National Council of Architectural Registration Board ncarb.org for more information on licensing.*

Minors. See the CED website for information on undergraduate minors offered by the Department of Architecture, as well as other minors available to architecture majors.

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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Students who intend to pursue graduate work in the field are advised to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the prerequisites for entry into their desired graduate programs. Students interested in taking courses in structural/civil engineering should be aware of the special lower division mathematics, physics, and engineering prerequisites for these courses.

Summary of Degree Requirements

- A. University and Berkeley Campus Requirements
- B. CED College Requirements
- C. Architecture Major Requirements
- D. General Electives (optional to reach 120 units)
- E. Unit and Semester Requirements

A. University and Berkeley Campus Requirements

All undergraduate students at UC Berkeley must complete:

- Entry-Level Writing Requirement
- American History and Institutions
- American Cultures

B. CED College Requirements

1. Reading & Composition A & B. See the CED Advising website for more information on R&C course placement. Must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.
2. Seven Course Breadth Requirement. Up to two CED courses or courses cross-listed with CED may be used to complete Seven Course Breadth (students admitted to UCB FL 13 and later only). See paragraph below for detail.
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Physical Science--Physics 7A or 8A (also fulfills Lower Division Major Requirement). Must be taken for a letter grade.
 - Biological Science
 - International Studies
 - Arts and Literature
 - Historical Studies
 - Philosophy and Values

For students admitted to UC Berkeley FL 13 and later, only Lower Division ENV DES courses (ENV DES 1, 4A, 4B, 4C) and Lower Division Major Requirements may simultaneously fulfill Seven Course Breadth. A course used to fulfill either an Upper Division Major Requirement or the Upper Division CED Outside of Architecture Requirement may not also satisfy Seven Course Breadth. Upper Division CED courses that are not fulfilling another upper division requirement may fulfill Seven Course Breadth.

No more than two courses from any one academic department may be used to satisfy breadth requirements.

A Seven Course Breadth class that is also being used to complete another CED requirement must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.

Only one of the remaining Seven Course Breadth may be taken on a Passed/Not Passed basis.

For a list of courses that fulfill the Seven Course Breadth Requirement, see <http://ls-advise.berkeley.edu/requirements/breadth7.html>.

See also L&S Breadth Search Engine: <http://ls-breadth.berkeley.edu/search.php>

CED students may use any second semester language course to fulfill the International Studies (IS) breadth requirement (exception: students may *not* use their native language to fulfill IS breadth). IS may also be satisfied by participation in the UC Education Abroad Program or a recognized equivalent program.

CED students may apply high school exam credit (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, A-Level Exam) towards many of the above requirements. See the CED website section on High School Exam Credit for more information: <http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/undergraduate-advising/forms-documents/>

Students who have been away from the University for five or more years are held to the college and major requirements that are in place when they re-enroll at UCB.

3. Lower Division Environmental Design* (3 courses total). *Must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.*
 - ENV DES 1 People and Environmental Design
 - ENV DES 4A Design and Activism, 4B Global Cities, 4C Future Ecologies (complete 2 of 3)

Lower Division ENV DES courses (ENV DES 1, 4A, 4B, 4C) and Lower Division Major Requirements may simultaneously fulfill Seven Course Breadth. However, no more than two CED courses or courses cross-listed with CED may be used to complete Seven Course Breadth.

*Lower Division ENV DES requirement applies to all students admitted to UC Berkeley as freshmen beginning FL 2013. This includes students admitted to other colleges at UC Berkeley who enter CED through the Change of College process.

4. Upper Division College of Environmental Design Courses Outside of Architecture (3 courses total). *Must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better.*

Three upper division CED courses must be taken outside the architecture major (nine units minimum). Each of the three courses must be at least two units and must be within the 100-299 course number range (197, 198, 199 are excluded). This requirement can be fulfilled with courses in Environmental Design, Visual Studies, Landscape Architecture, and City and Regional Planning. A course used to fulfill this requirement may **not** also be used to fulfill Seven Course Breadth.

C. Architecture Major Requirements

1. Lower Division Major Requirements:
These courses must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better. Courses taken to fulfill Lower Division Major Requirements may also be used to fulfill Seven Course Breadth.
 - ARCH 11A (formerly ENV DES 11A) Introduction to Visual Representation and Drawing
 - ARCH 11B (formerly ENV DES 11B) Introduction to Design
 - ARCH 98BC: Berkeley Connect in Architecture
 - MATH 16A or Math 1A
 - PHYSICS 8A or 7A (course also completes Physical Science breadth requirement)

2. Upper Division Major Requirements, (10-11 courses):

*You must earn a 2.0 average in Upper Division Major Requirements. A course used to fulfill an Upper Division Major Requirement may **not** also be used to fulfill Seven Course Breadth.*

Students must complete the following six courses junior year:

Architectural Design and Representation. Two required courses:

- ARCH 100A Fundamentals of Architectural Design
- ARCH 100B Fundamentals of Architectural Design

Architectural History, Culture, and Society. Three required core courses:

- ARCH 170A An Historical Survey of Architecture and Urbanism (Part 1) and
- ARCH 170B An Historical Survey of Architecture and Urbanism (Part 2) plus
- Either ARCH 130 Introduction to Design Theories and Criticism or ARCH 110AC The Social and Cultural Basis of Design

Architectural Technologies and Building Performance. One of the following two courses:

- Either ARCH 140 Energy and Environment or ARCH 160 Introduction to Construction

Prior to Tele-BEARS early in the spring semester of the junior year, students must select one of the following two tracks for the senior year.

Senior Year Design Research Track (5 courses total, in addition to the 6 above):

- ARCH 102A Capstone Preparation Seminar
- ARCH 102B Capstone Project
- Capstone Electives. Choose three from list that will be provided each year by the instructors. Note that courses used to fulfill this major elective requirement cannot also be used to fulfill the Upper Division College of Environmental Design Courses Outside of Architecture requirement.

Senior Year Studio Track (4 courses total, in addition to the 6 above):

- ARCH 100C Architectural Design
- ARCH 100D Architectural Design
- ARCH 140 Energy and Environment or ARCH 160 Introduction to Construction (both are required for Studio Track)
- ARCH 150 Introduction to Structures

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D. General Electives

Students may need to take additional courses to reach the 120 units required for graduation.

E. Unit and Semester Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Environmental Design requires the successful completion of at least 120 semester units of courses subject to certain rules:

- A maximum of 16 units of Special Studies coursework (courses numbered 97, 98, 99, 197, 198, or 199) is allowed towards the 120 units; a maximum of four is allowed in a given semester; only upper division students (60 or more units completed) may enroll in 197, 198, or 199 coursework.
- A maximum of 4 units of Physical Education from any school attended will count towards the 120 units.
- Students may receive unit credit for courses graded P (including P/NP units taken through EAP) up to a limit of one-third of the total units taken and passed on the Berkeley campus at the time of graduation.
- No more than 60 units from a single department can be used towards the 120 minimum.

Unit Minimum

CED students must enroll in at least 12 units each fall and spring semester. *(Students entering UCB with no prior units would need to complete 15 units per semester to graduate in four years.)*

Semester Limit

Students admitted as freshmen must graduate within eight fall/spring semesters at UC Berkeley. Students admitted as transfer students must graduate within four fall/spring semesters at UC Berkeley. EAP and UCDC count towards this semester limit; summer session, UC Extension, and study abroad through non-UC programs do not. Students approved for simultaneous degrees in two colleges may be granted an additional semester.

Senior Residence Requirement

After reaching senior status (with 90 semester units earned), students must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in at least two semesters in residence at UC Berkeley. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least 4 passed units. [Intercampus Visitor](#), [Education Abroad Program](#), [UC Berkeley-Washington Program](#), and [UC Berkeley Extension](#) units are **not** applied to this requirement.

Students may use [Berkeley Summer Sessions](#) to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence Requirement, provided that four units of course work are completed.

Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the [UC Education Abroad Program](#) (EAP) or the [UC Berkeley-Washington Program](#) may meet a Modified Senior Residence Requirement by completing 24 (excluding EAP) of their final 60 semester units in residence. At least 12 of these 24 units must be completed after senior status (90 units) is reached.

Most students automatically fulfill the residence requirement by attending classes here for four years. In general, there is no need to be concerned about this requirement, unless you go abroad for a semester or year or want to take courses at another institution or through University Extension during your senior year. In these cases, you should make an appointment to see an adviser to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

Sample Graduation Plan

FRESHMAN

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
ENV DES 1: People and Environmental Design	3	Reading & Composition B	4
Reading & Composition A	4-6	ENV DES 4A/B/C*	3
MATH 16A or 1A	3-4	Breadth #1	3-4
ARCH 98BC: Berkeley Connect	1	Breadth #2	3-4
		ARCH 98BC: Berkeley Connect	1
TOTAL	12-14	TOTAL	14-16

SOPHOMORE

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
ARCH 11A (ENV DES 11A): Introduction to Visual Representation and Drawing	4	ARCH 11B (ENV DES 11B): Introduction to Design	5
PHYS 7A or 8A/ Breadth #3	4	Breadth #5	3-4
ENV DES 4A/B/C*	3	Breadth #6	3-4
Breadth #4	3-4	Breadth #7	3-4
TOTAL	14-15	TOTAL	14-17

*Complete 2 of 3 from ENV DES 4A, 4B, 4C

JUNIOR

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
ARCH 100A: Fundamentals of Architectural Design	6	ARCH 100B: Fundamentals of Architectural Design	6
ARCH 170A: Historical Survey of Architecture and Urbanism (Part 1)	4	ARCH 170B: Historical Survey of Architecture and Urbanism (Part 2)	4
ARCH 130: Intro to Design Theories & Criticism or ARCH 110AC: Social and Cultural Basis of Design	4	ARCH 140: Energy and Environment (Physics 8A is prerequisite) or ARCH 160: Introduction to Construction	4
ARCH 198BC: Berkeley Connect	1	ARCH 198BC: Berkeley Connect	1
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	15

SENIOR YEAR: DESIGN RESEARCH TRACK

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
ARCH 102A: Capstone Seminar	3	ARCH 102B: Capstone Studio	5
Capstone Elective #1 (choose from list)	3-4	Capstone Elective #3 (choose from list)	3-4
Capstone Elective #2 (choose from list)	3-4	CED Upper Div Non-Major #2	2-4
CED Upper Div Non-Major #1	2-4	CED Upper Div Non-Major #3	2-4
TOTAL	12-15	TOTAL	12-17

OR

SENIOR YEAR: STUDIO TRACK

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
ARCH 100C: Architectural Design	5	ARCH 100D: Architectural Design	5
ARCH 150: Introduction to Structures	4	ARCH 140: Energy and Environment (Physics 8A is prerequisite) or ARCH 160: Introduction to Construction	4
CED Upper Div Non-Major #1	2-4	CED Upper Div Non-Major #2	2-4
Electives, if needed	0-4	CED Upper Div Non-Major #3	2-4
TOTAL	12-17	TOTAL	13-17

Each student's plan will vary, depending on interests. See your adviser if you are interested in applying for graduate school, studying abroad, attending summer school, pursuing a minor or second major, etc.

GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- A 2.0 UC GPA is required for graduation.
- A 2.0 GPA within the major is required at time of graduation.

GRADUATING WITH HONORS

To graduate with distinction, you must meet the grade-point average (GPA) requirement and complete at least 50 units in residence at Berkeley (this may include UCB Extension XB units and up to 20 units from UCDC or EAP), of which 43 units must be letter-graded (not including physical education activities courses). *Transfer students must make sure they complete 50 units at Berkeley to qualify for honors.*

Your GPA in all letter-graded courses taken at Berkeley must be equal to or higher than the GPA established for honors in the year in which you graduate. These GPA cut-offs change slightly each year and are posted on the CED website.

DEADLINES AND POLICIES

See the CED advising website for the most up-to-date information: ced.berkeley.edu/advising

CED MINORS

Minors offered by the college of Environmental Design include:

- Architecture
- City & Regional Planning
- Environmental Design and Urbanism in Developing Countries
- Geospatial Information Science and Technology (College of Natural Resources for paperwork and advising)
- History & Theory of Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning
- History of the Built Environment
- Social & Cultural Factors in Design
- Sustainable Design

Minors generally consist of five upper division courses plus any lower division prerequisites to those courses. Any course taken for your minor may also be used to fulfill major and upper division CED non-major requirements. Courses used to fulfill a breadth requirement may also be used to satisfy a minor requirement. Students may use the non-CED version of an approved CED cross-listed course to complete a minor.

See CED Minors on the web for more information.

The *CED Minor Completion Form* is available on-line in the Minors section of [CED Forms & Documents](#). You must fill out the completion form if you want your CED minor to show on your transcript.

CED students may pursue minors in any of the other undergraduate schools and colleges at UC Berkeley.

DEGREE AUDIT REPORTING SYSTEM (DARS)

DARS is a service designed to assist you with planning and tracking your progress toward graduation by comparing or auditing your academic record against the requirements for your bachelor's degree. Your DARS report includes completed UC Berkeley courses, transfer credit, and in-progress courses (the ones you're taking now).

To request a DARS report, go to the Bear Facts page, click the DARSweb link, and log in with your CalNet ID and Passphrase.

- Click the "Audits" tab and select "Request New Audit."
- Select either "Run for current major" (the default) or for any "selected program" (a "what if" scenario).
- Click the "Submit New Audit" button.
- Wait a few moments for your report to run, then click the "Refresh List" button. You may have to click it a few times.
- When your new request appears on the list below, click the "Open Audit" button to its left.

There is no limit to the number of DARS reports you can request, but only the ten most recent will be saved. The most recent report always appears at the top of the list.

Request a new DARS Report at least once a semester and whenever you change your course schedule. Each report is up-to-date as of the date and time it is generated. Changes, updates or corrections to either your degree requirements or your academic record (e.g., adding or dropping courses; grade changes; new transfer credit; declaring, adding or changing majors, etc.) will change the results of your report.

DARS is an unofficial report and does not eliminate the need for advising! It should be used in consultation with College and Major advisers, who make the final determination about completion of degree requirements.

If you notice any errors in your Degree Audit, submit the DARS Correction Request form (available at <http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/undergraduate-advising/forms-documents/>) to the Office of Undergraduate Advising in 250 Wurster.

FINANCIAL AID BUDGET APPEALS

Students are allowed to submit a request to the Financial Aid Office to increase the size of their standard budget for certain expenses that are above the standard amounts: housing, a computer (once every three years), uninsured medical/dental/optical expenses, and child care.

In addition, CED students who are enrolled in a studio course may submit a budget appeal for additional loan or work-study to help cover studio-related expenses. To request additional financial aid to help with studio expenses, you will need to include with your appeal the "Estimated Undergrad Studio Expenses for Financial Aid Appeals" document, available on the CED website: <http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/undergraduate-advising/forms-documents/>

For more information on budget appeals, see <http://students.berkeley.edu/finaid/undergraduates/budgetappeal.htm> .

UC BERKELEY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry provides emergency nonperishable food to UC Berkeley students while they explore campus food security resources. <http://pantry.asuc.org/>

CED PRIZES AND AWARDS

One of the many financial resources available to CED students is the Prizes and Awards program. For more information see <http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/prizes>

CED CONNECTS NETWORKING PROGRAM

The College of Environmental Design is pleased to announce CED Connects, an online networking resource connecting CED students with alumni who can provide advice, information, and support. As a student, you can gain perspective on your long-term career goals; acquire advice on balancing education, career, and extracurricular activities; and receive honest feedback and encouragement. CED Connects on LinkedIn provides a powerful tool to let students and alumni broaden their network and networking skills. To sign up: <http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/ced-connects/>