

# Urban Studies Major Handbook

Department of City & Regional Planning  
College of Environmental Design  
University of California Berkeley

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## URBAN STUDIES AT BERKELEY

The study of cities is a vital part of a liberal arts curriculum. During this moment of global change, such forms of knowledge are of critical importance. The world is more urban than in any other era in human history, and with this rapid urbanization has come the crucial role of cities as sites of economic development, crucibles of civic citizenship, and spaces of cultural imagination.

The Urban Studies major is housed in the Department of City and Regional Planning (DCRP) of the College of Environmental Design. The major seeks to introduce students to the following bodies of knowledge:

- a) Historical and contemporary analysis of American and global urbanization, urbanism, urban societies, and urban political economies.
- b) Conceptual tools, analytical methods, and theoretical frameworks to understand urban environments, such as economic analysis, social science theory, and visualization technologies.
- c) Forms, functions, and practices of urban planning and design, metropolitan governance, and social movements and social justice, including issues such as transportation planning, community development, and housing.
- d) Ways of providing more humane, equitable, environmentally sensitive, and efficient settlements and to lead change for better urban futures.

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.

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## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Urban Studies, as conceptualized at Berkeley, exists at the intersection between knowledge and action. The strength of the field lies in its interdisciplinary nature. Vibrant interdisciplinary work in turn requires strong connections to robust disciplinary research — “infusions” from the social sciences, humanities, and professions. The major thus has core requirements in Urban Studies and Planning; a grounding in the field of Environmental Design including an Urban History requirement; and an interdisciplinary study of cities with international dimensions. The flexibility of the program makes it possible for students to pursue individual interests under the guidance of an advisor.

### Summary of Degree Requirements

- A. University and Berkeley Campus Requirements
- B. CED College Requirements
- C. Urban Studies 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
- 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. All undergraduates must complete the R&C requirement by the end of their fourth semester, or their enrollment will be blocked for the following semester.
2. Seven Course Breadth Requirement. Up to two CED courses or courses cross-listed with CED may be used to complete Seven Course Breadth. See paragraph below for detail.
  - Arts and Literature (A&L Breadth)
  - Biological Science (BIO SCI Breadth)
  - Historical Studies (HIST ST Breadth)
  - International Studies (INTL ST Breadth)
  - Philosophy and Values (PHIL&VAL Breadth)
  - Social and Behavioral Sciences—choose one: ECON 1 or 2 Intro to Economics or ECON C3 Intro to Environmental Economics & Policy (also fulfills Lower Division Major Requirement). Must be taken for a letter grade.
  - Physical Science (PHYS SCI Breadth)

Only Lower Division ENV DES courses (ENV DES 1, ENV DES 5) 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 City Planning 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.

You can see the breadth courses available on [classes.berkeley.edu](https://classes.berkeley.edu) by using the "Breadth Requirements" filter on the left-hand side of the page.

International Studies breadth may 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/>

2. 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 5 Designing Cities and Landscapes for Equity and Ecology

Lower Division ENV DES courses (ENV DES 1, ENV DES 5) 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.

*Transfer students are exempt from the ENV DES 5 requirement.*

3. Upper Division College of Environmental Design Courses Outside of City Planning (3 courses total). *Must be completed with a letter grade of C- or better. A course used to fulfill this requirement may **not** also be used to fulfill Seven Course Breadth.*

Three Upper Division CED courses must be taken outside the Department of City and Regional Planning (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 excluded). This requirement can be fulfilled with courses in Architecture, Environmental Design,\* Visual Studies, and Landscape Architecture.

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.

## C. Urban Studies Major Requirements

1. Lower Division Major Requirements (4 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.

**Economics** ECON 1 or 2 Intro to Economics or ECON C3 Intro to Environmental Economics & Policy (also completes the SBS breadth requirement).

**Statistics<sup>†</sup>** STAT 2, STAT C8 (DATA C8/COMPSCI C8/INFO C8), STAT 20, STAT 21, or STAT 131A

<sup>†</sup>More advanced Statistics courses also fulfill this requirement.

**Lower Division Major Electives** (2 of the following courses required, from any category)

*COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT*

DEMOG 5 Fundamentals of Population Science  
EDUC 40AC Experiencing Education: Diversity and (In)Equality in and Beyond Schools  
ETHSTD C73AC Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality(cross-listed w/ NATAMST C73AC)  
GEOG C32 Introduction to Global Studies  
GEOG 70AC The Urban Experience  
LGBT 20AC Sexual Politics and Queer Organizing in the US  
MCELLBI 55 Plagues and Pandemics  
NATAMST C73AC Indigenous Peoples in Global Inequality(cross-listed w/ ETHSTD C73AC)  
PB HLTH 14 Healthy People: Introduction to Health Promotion  
UGBA 10 Principles of Business

*DESIGN*

ARCH 11A Introduction to Visual Representation and Drawing  
ARCH 11B Introduction to Design  
LD ARCH 1 Drawing a Green Future: Fundamentals of Visual Representation and Creativity

*SOCIETY AND CULTURE*

AFRICAM 4A Africa: History and Culture  
AFRICAM 5A African American Life and Culture in the United States  
AFRICAM 5B African American Life and Culture in the United States  
AMERSTD 10 Introduction to American Studies  
ANTHRO 3 or 3AC Introduction to Social/Cultural Anthropology  
ASAMST 20A Introduction to the History of Asians in the United States  
ASAMST 20AC Asian American Communities and Race Relations  
CHICANO 50 Introduction to Chicano History  
CHICANO 70 Latino Politics  
ETH STD 21AC Comparative Survey of Racial and Ethnic Groups in the U.S.  
GLOBAL 10A Introduction to Global Studies  
GWS 14 Gender, Sexuality, and Race in Global Political Issues  
GWS 50AC Gender in American Culture  
HISTORY 7A The United States from Settlement to Civil War  
HISTORY 7B The United States from Civil War to Present  
HISTORY 8A Latin American History: Becoming Latin America, 1492 to 1824  
IAS 45 Survey of World History  
NATAMST 72 Native Americans in North America 1900-Present  
PACS 10 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies  
POL SCI 1 Introduction to American Politics  
POL SCI 2 Introduction to Comparative Politics  
SOCIOL 1 Introduction to Sociology  
SOCIOL 3AC Principles of Sociology: American Cultures

*ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING*

CIV ENG 11 Engineered Systems and Sustainability

ESPM C10	Environmental Issues (cross-listed w/ L&S C30V)
GEOG 35	Introduction to Development
LD ARCH 12	Environmental Science for Sustainable Development
L&S C30V	Environmental Issues (cross-listed w/ ESPM C10)

CED students may apply high school exam credit (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, A-Level Exam) towards some of the above lower division major requirements. See the CED website section on High School Exam Credit for more information:

<http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/undergraduate-advising/forms-documents/>

**Calculus: Math 16A or 1A Highly Recommended**

Calculus will provide students with opportunities to deepen their knowledge and skill *set in preparation* for advanced study in a graduate City and Regional Planning program.

2. Upper Division Major Requirements

*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.

a) **The Urban Studies Core** (one required course):

CY PLAN 110	Introduction to City Planning (4) (FA, SU)
ENV DES 100	The City: Theories and Methods of Urban Studies (4) (SP)

If both CY PLAN 110 and ENV DES 100 are completed, CY PLAN 110 will satisfy one of the five Major Electives from List One. Note: *ENV DES 100 cannot be used to satisfy one Upper Division College of Environmental Design Courses Outside of City Planning*

b) **Major Electives List One** (5 additional City Planning courses):

These courses train students in the study of urbanization, key substantive fields such as housing, analytical techniques such as economic analysis, and urban transformations such as community development. Courses used to fulfill the Upper Division Capstone Experience requirement may not also fulfill this Urban Studies Core requirement.

Choose four from the following:

CYPLAN 101	Introduction to Urban Data Analytics
CY PLAN/ARCH 111	Introduction to Housing: An International Survey (3)
CY PLAN 113A	Economic Analysis for Planning (3)
CY PLAN 114	Introduction to Urban and Regional Transportation (3)
CY PLAN 115	Urbanization in Developing Countries (4)
CY PLAN 116	Urban Planning Process: Undergraduate Planning Studio (4)
CY PLAN 117AC	Urban and Community Health (4)
CY PLAN 118AC	The Urban Community (4)
CY PLAN 119	Planning for Sustainability (4)
CY PLAN 120	Community Planning and Public Policy for Disability (3)
CYPLAN 130	U.S. Housing, Planning, and Policy (3)
CY PLAN C139	Urban and Sub-national Politics in Developing Countries (4)
CY PLAN 140	Urban Design: City-Building and Place-Making (3)
CY PLAN 160	Community and Economic Development (3) ( <i>formerly CYPLAN 113B</i> )
CY PLAN 180	Research Seminar in Urban Studies (3)
CY PLAN 190	Advanced Topics in Urban Studies (3-4) (Topics vary by semester)

Graduate level CP courses are often approved to fulfill the Core requirement. See your major advisor.

**c) Major Electives List Two** (2 Interdisciplinary Urban Studies – Outside CED courses, one with International Content).

Students admitted FL16 and later must take two Urban Studies related courses outside CED from the following list of courses (*students admitted prior to FL16 must complete three courses from this list*). At least one of the two courses must have international content, marked with an \*. Students can also petition to have other urban studies related courses to count for this requirement.

Note: Urban Studies students do not receive priority for enrollment in the listed courses. Please refer to the Class Schedule to confirm whether or not a class will be offered.

AFRICAM 107	Race and Public Policy (3)
AFRICAM C133A	Race, Identity and Cultural in Urban Schools (3)
AFRICAM 136	Criminal Justice and the Community (3)
AMERSTD 102	Examining U.S. Cultures in Place (4)
ANTHRO 139	Controlling Processes * (4)
ANTHRO 148	Anthropology of the Environment (4)
ANTHRO 157	Anthropology of Law (4)
ASAMST150	Gender and Generation in Asian American Families (4)
CIV ENG 156	Infrastructure Planning and Management (3)
CIV ENG 167	Engineering Project Management (3)
DEMOG C126	Social Consequences of Population Dynamics (4) (cross-listed w/Sociology C126)
DEMOG 145AC	The American Immigrant Experience (4) (cross-listed w/History C139B)
ECON 115	The World Economy in the 20th Century (4) * (equiv to HISTORY 160)
ECON C102	Natural Resource Economics (4) (cross-listed w/ENVECON 102)
ECON 121	Industrial Organization and Public Policy (4)
ECON C125	Environmental Economics (4) (cross-listed w/ENV ECON C101)
ECON 131	Public Economics (4)
ECON 133	Global Inequality and Growth (4)*
ECON 155	Urban Economics (3)
ECON C171	Economic Development (4) (cross-listed w/ENV ECON C151)
ECON 174	Global Poverty and Impact Evaluation (4)
EDUC C181	Race, Identity, and Culture in Urban Schools
EDUC 186AC	The Southern Border * (4) (cross-listed w/ETH STD 159AC and GEOG 159AC)
ENE, RES C100	Energy and Society (4) (cross-listed w/Public Policy C184)
ENE, RES 101	Ecology and Society (3)
ENV ECON C101	Environmental Economics (4) (cross-listed w/ECON C125)
ENV ECON C102	Natural Resource Economics (4) (cross-listed w/ECON C102)
ENV ECON C151	Economic Development (4) (cross-listed w/Econ C171)
ESPM 102D	Resource and Environmental Policy (4)
ESPM 155AC	Sociology and Political Ecology of Agro-Food Systems
ESPM 160AC	American Environmental and Cultural History (4) (cross-listed as HISTORY120AC)
ESPM 161	Environmental Philosophy and Ethics (3)
ESPM 163AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity and the Environment (4) (cross-listed as SOCIOL 137AC)
ESPM 165	International Rural Development Policy * (4)
ESPM C167	Environmental Health & Development (cross-listed w/ PB HLTH C160)
ESPM 168	Political Ecology (4)
ESPM 169	International Environmental Politics * (4) ETH STD 181AC/SOC WEL 185AC



ETH STD 159AC	The Southern Border *(4) (cross-listed w/EDUC 186AC and GEOG 159AC)
ETH STD 181 AC	Prison (4) ( <del>cross-listed w/Arch 180AC</del> ) (cross-listed w/ LEGALST185AC/ SOC WEL185AC)
GEOG 110	Economics Geography of the Industrial World * (4)
GEOG 123	Postcolonial Geographies * (4)
GEOG 124	Urban Sites and City Life (3)
GEOG 125	The American City (4)
GEOG 130	Food and the Environment * (4)
GEOG 159AC	The Southern Border * (4) (cross-listed w/EDUC 186AC and ETH STD 159AC)
GEOG 164	The Geography of Economic Development in China * (4)
GEOG 170	Special Topics (3) (only "Post-Socialist Spaces" and "The City in Literature" topics have been approved)
GEOG 181	Urban Field Study (4)
GEOG 185	Earth System Remote Sensing (3)
GLOBAL 173	International Human Rights * (4)
HISTORY 120AC	American Environmental and Cultural History (4) (cross-listed as ESPM 160AC)
HISTORY134A	The Age of the City, 1825-1933 * (4)
HISTORY C139B	The American Immigrant Experience (4) (cross-listed as DEMOG 145AC)
HISTORY 159B	European Economic History* (4)
HISTORY 160	The International Economy of the 20th Century * (4) (equiv to ECON 115)
HISTORY 186	International and Global History since 1945 * (4)
L&S C180U	Wealth and Poverty (4) (cross-listed as PUB POL C103)
LEGALST 138	The Supreme Court and Public Policy (4)
LEGALST 158	Law and Development (4)
LEGALST 182	Law, Politics, and Society (4)
LEGALST 185AC	Prison (4) (cross-listed w/ ETH STD 181AC/SOC WEL 185AC)
NUSCTX 166	Nutrition in the Community (3)
PACS 127	Human Rights and Global Politics * (4)
PACS 148AC	Social Movements, Urban Histories, and the Politics of Memory (4) (cross-listed with IAS 158AC)
PACS 149	Global Change and World Order * (3)
POL SCI 114A	Theories of Governance: Late 20th Century (4)
POL SCI 181	Public Organization and Administration (4)
POLECON 100	Classical Theories of Political Economy * (4)
POLECON 101	Contemporary Theories of Political Economy * (4)
PB HLTH 150B	Introduction to Environmental Health Sciences (3)
PB HLTH C160	Environmental Health & Development (cross-listed w/ ESPM 167)
PUB POL 103	Wealth & Poverty (4); C103 also acceptable (cross listed with L&S C180U) (4)
PUB POL 156	Program and Policy Design (4)
PUB POL C184	Energy and Society (cross-listed with ENE, RES C100) (4)
SOCWEL 185AC	Prison (4) (cross-listed w/ ETH STD 181AC/ LEGALST185AC)
SOCIOLOG 110	Organizations and Social Institutions (4)
SOCIOLOG 124	Sociology and Poverty (4)
SOCIOLOG C126	Social Consequences of Population Dynamics (4)
SOCIOLOG 127	Development and Globalization * (4)
SOCIOLOG 130	Social Inequalities (4)
SOCIOLOG 130AC	Social Inequalities: American Cultures (4)
SOCIOLOG 136	Urban Sociology (4)
SOCIOLOG 137AC	Environmental Justice: Race, Class, Equity, & the Environment (4) (cross- listed as ESPM 163AC)
SOCIOLOG 145	Social Change (4)

SOCIOL 180I	Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Inequality* (4)
SOCIOL 186	American Society (4)
UGBA 105	Leading People (3)
UGBA 180	Introduction to Real Estate & Urban Land Economics (3)
UGBA 183	Introduction to Real Estate Finance (3)
UGBA 184	Urban and Real Estate Economics (3)
UGBA 192P	Sustainable Business Consulting Projects (3)
UGBA 195S	Entrepreneurship to Address Global Poverty* (3)

**d) Capstone Experience** (required for students admitted FL 13 and later)

During the junior and/or senior year, students admitted to UC Berkeley FL 16 and later are required to complete ONE of the following four capstone experiences. (Students admitted FL13-SP16 must complete TWO capstones). Courses taken to fulfill the Capstone Experience requirement may be used for the Capstone only and may **not** also be used to fulfill the Upper Division Urban Studies Core Requirement above or the requirement to complete 3 “Upper Division College of Environmental Design Courses Outside of City Planning”:

**Thesis:** This option requires ENV DES 195B (note: ENV DES 199 or 195A is a prerequisite). Whether a thesis is written or a project is produced, this option should be pursued with a faculty advisor.

**Planning Studio:** CY PLAN 116, an advanced synthetic educational experience.

**Research Studio:** CY PLAN 180 Research Seminar in Urban Studies.

**Field experience/internship:** Each student must find their own Urban Studies-related internship and tenure-track faculty advisor, who will be the Faculty of Record for a CY PLAN 197 field studies course. CY PLAN 197 must be taken for 3 units and requires a final written report (analyzing the fieldwork and internship experience) submitted to the faculty advisor. To merit 3 units, the internship should be approximately 9 hours per week for 15 weeks. If you are thinking about doing an internship in the summer, see the Urban Studies advisor in 250 Bauer Wurster for details.

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.

## 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 this 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 be registered in the College of Environmental Design and must complete at least 24 of the remaining 30 units in at least two semesters in residence at UC Berkeley as CED students. To count as residence, a semester must consist of at least six passed units.

Students may use [Berkeley Summer Sessions](#) to satisfy one semester of the Senior Residence Requirement, provided that six units of course work are completed. Units completed through UC Berkeley "W" web-based courses do apply towards Senior Residence.

*Excluded from Senior Residence:* [Intercampus Visitor Program](#), [Education Abroad Program \(UCEAP\)](#), [UC Berkeley-Washington Program \(UCDC\)](#), Berkeley Summer Sessions completed abroad, UC Berkeley Extension courses (X and XB), and non-UC Berkeley online classes.

## Modified Senior Residence Requirement

Participants in the [UC Berkeley-Washington Program \(UCDC\)](#); a fall, spring or summer [UC Education Abroad Program](#) (UCEAP); Berkeley Summer Abroad; or the Berkeley Global Internship program may meet the Modified Senior Residence Requirement by completing 24 of their final 60 semester units (excluding EAP or UC Extension) in residence. Note that these programs must consist of at least six passed units to meet the requirement. At least 12 of the 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 advisor to determine how you can meet the Senior Residence Requirement.

## Fulfilling Requirements with Transfer Coursework

Students may use transfer work, including courses taken via Study Abroad, to fulfill CED requirements, within the following limits (please consult your major advisor for more information):

- Upper Division **Major** Requirements: Up to two courses taken elsewhere may be applied, if deemed transferable by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and approved by the faculty advisor for your major.
- Upper Division **CED Outside the Major**: Up to two courses taken elsewhere may be applied, if deemed transferable by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and approved by CED's Dean's Conference.

- Upper Division **CED Minor** Requirements: Up to two courses taken elsewhere may be applied, if deemed transferable by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and approved by the faculty advisor for your minor.
- **CED Breadth Requirements:** All requirements can be potentially fulfilled by courses taken elsewhere, if deemed transferable by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and approved for breadth by the college (courses must be at least three units each).

To submit a request, please refer to the [CED Forms & Documents](#) page and complete the form located under Transfer Credit Evaluation: "CED Course Substitution Process-Current Students (Including Study Abroad)."

### **Concurrent Enrollment**

Concurrent enrollment for enrolled Berkeley students is defined as a student being enrolled in courses at UC Berkeley during a Fall or Spring semester, while also being enrolled in courses at another school such as a California community college. Students who wish to take courses concurrently must seek approval from CED Advising **four weeks prior to the first day of instruction**. Students who do not have approval from CED Advising will not be approved to post transferrable units to their UC Berkeley academic transcript. Only summer session enrollment does not require approval from CED Advising.

## SAMPLE GRADUATION PLAN

### FRESHMAN

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
ENV DES 1: People and Environmental Design	3	ENV DES 5: Designing Cities and Landscapes for Equity and Ecology	3
Lower Division US Major Elective^ (1 of 2)	3	Reading & Composition A	4-6
Breadth #1	3-4	Econ 1 (Breadth #3: SOC-BHV SCI)	4
Breadth #2	3-4	Elective, if needed (Math 16A <i>recommended</i> )	1-3
TOTAL	12-15	TOTAL	12-16

### SOPHOMORE

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Reading & Composition B	4	Lower Division US Major Elective^ (2 of 2)	3-5
STAT 2 or STAT C8	4	Breadth #5	3-4
Breadth #4	3-4	Breadth #6	3-4
Elective, if needed	0-4	Breadth #7	3-4
TOTAL	12-15	TOTAL	12-17

^ Lower Division US Major Elective (2 courses from list)

### JUNIOR

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
Upper Division Urban Studies Core (CYPLAN 110) or Elective	4	List ONE: CYPLAN #2	4
List ONE: CYPLAN #1	3-4	List ONE: CYPLAN #3	3-4
CED Upper Div Non-Major #1	3-4	List TWO: Outside CED #1	3-4
Elective, if needed	2-3	Upper Division Urban Studies Core (ENV DES 100) or elective, if needed	3-4
TOTAL	12-15	TOTAL	13-16

### SENIOR

Fall Semester	Units	Spring Semester	Units
List ONE: CYPLAN #4	3-4	List ONE: CYPLAN #5	3-4
List TWO: Outside CED #2	3-4	CED Upper Div Non-Major #3	2-4
CED Upper Div Non-Major #2	3-4	Capstone Experience	3-4
Electives or thesis preparation course, if needed	0-4	Electives, if needed	0-4
TOTAL	12-16	TOTAL	12-16

Each student's plan will vary, depending on interests. See your advisor if you are interested in applying for graduate school, studying abroad, attending summer school, pursuing a minor or second major, etc. See *end of Major Handbook* for sample plan including study abroad sophomore year.

### 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:

<http://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/students/undergraduate-advising/>

## CED MINORS

Minors offered by the college of Environmental Design include:

- Architecture
- City & Regional Planning (not available to Urban Studies majors)
- 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 Request to Add Minor* form is available in the Minors section of [CED Forms & Documents](#) and is required to declare a minor. You must add/declare your minor no later than the term before your final semester. The *CED Minor Completion Form* must then be completed by your last semester and reviewed in-person with an advisor 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.

## ACADEMIC PROGRESS REPORT (APR)

Track your degree progress via your Academic Progress Report in [CalCentral](#) ([calcentral.berkeley.edu](http://calcentral.berkeley.edu)). If you notice any errors in your Academic Progress Report, notify your CED advisor immediately.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

CED values the health and wellness of our students. We encourage all students to take care of themselves as they learn and progress through the academic rigor of their respective majors. To take advantage of personal counseling or coaching services, students can meet with mental health counselors at the following on-campus offices:

University Health Services (Tang Center): <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/counseling>

Drop-In Counseling at EOP: <https://uhs.berkeley.edu/counseling/satellite/chavez>

## **COST OF ATTENDANCE ADJUSTMENT (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 **Cost of Attendance Adjustment request (“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 the Cost of Attendance Adjustment, see <http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/cost-attendance-adjustment>.

## **CED FEE WAIVERS**

CED has a limited amount of funding available for facility access fee waivers each year. CED students who are eligible to receive either a Pell Grant or Dream Act Scholarship may [apply for a waiver](#) by the established deadlines.

## **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>

## **WURSTERLIFE**

WursterLife is a closed-network platform that enables CED students and alumni from across the globe to connect with classmates, find alumni by practice area, geographic region, affinity group, or shared interest, share professional updates, news, photos, events, and jobs, enhance your career through your alumni connections, and find ways to stay engaged with the UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design. For information on how to sign up, go to <https://ced.berkeley.edu/ced/alumni-friends/wursterlife>

## PLAN FOR SOPHOMORE YEAR STUDY ABROAD

Fall Semester (1st Year)	Units	Spring Semester (1st Year)	Units
ENV DES 1: People and Environmental Design	3	ENV DES 5: Designing Cities and Landscapes for Equity and Ecology	3
Lower Division US Major Elective^ (1 of 2)	3	R&C A	4-6
Breadth #1	4	STAT 2 or STAT C8	3-4
Elective, if needed	2-4	Elective, if needed	0-4
TOTAL	12-14	TOTAL	12-15

Fall Semester (2nd Year)	Units	SPRING STUDY ABROAD	Units	Summer
Reading & Composition B	4	Breadth #4	4	Any remaining breadth
Lower Division US Major Elective^ (2 of 2)	3-4	Breadth #5	4	
Econ 1 (Breadth #2: SOC-BHV SCI)	4	Breadth #6	4	
Breadth #3	3-4	Breadth #7 (International Studies; no course)	0	
TOTAL	14-16	TOTAL	12	

^ Lower Division US Major Elective (choose 2 courses from list in Section C: *Urban Studies Major Requirements*)