

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT, B.S.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Career Paths

The multidisciplinary and applied focus of the Community, Environment, and Development (CED) major prepares students with the skills and knowledge necessary for fulfilling careers in sustainability, community and economic development, and corporate social responsibility that make a difference at the local, state or international levels. Students build practical, career-ready skills while gaining hands-on experience through internships, community-based projects, and an engagement experience. Coursework emphasizes problem-solving, decision-making, and turning ideas into action. Faculty and academic advisers in the program support students in career preparation, including career decision-making, internship and job search strategies, interview preparation, and preparing for employment or graduate school.

Careers

With a Community, Environment, and Development degree, you may be prepared for a career working on community-level issues, such as economic and community development, sustainability, and the environment and natural resources. Many graduates choose careers in law, local government, planning, community-based nonprofits, economic and community development, environment/sustainability, corporate social responsibility, or local foods.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (<https://agsci.psu.edu/academics/undergraduate/majors/community-environment-and-development>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

Alumni of the major report that the CED major prepares them very well for advanced degrees; about 40 percent of CED graduates pursue graduate studies, most commonly in law school, planning, or sustainability studies.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://agsci.psu.edu/academics/undergraduate/majors/community-environment-and-development>)