The Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design (BSED) program is an undergraduate program in the College of Architecture. Students get to know faculty and students from all five College of Architecture divisions and participate in four core courses that bring Environmental Design students together.

Environmental Design

The places we live have a deep impact on our lives. Every time we change the built environment, there is an opportunity to improve our health, economy, social ties, and quality of life.

The BSED program gives students who want to make a difference the know-how and ability to work on critical community issues. From revitalizing historic downtowns to imagining new neighborhoods, BSED students learn about problems that are worth solving to make places that matter for people.

Learning by Doing

Collaborative, community-minded design does not happen solely through lectures, so we often move classes out of Gould Hall and make the community our classroom. Whether we work with non-profits, governments, neighborhood associations, or other community groups, BSED students learn through service in the field to turn ideas into actions for real projects and for everyday people.

Career Choices

- Community Development
- Downtown Revitalization
- Historic Preservation
- Urban Planning and Design
- Local Government
- Environmental Affairs and Management
- Real Estate Development
- Construction Planning

Entry Level Salary $38,780 to $40,000

Post-Baccalaureate Opportunities

BSED graduates are prepared to enter a master’s program in regional & city planning, architecture, landscape architecture, construction science, or interior design.

OU Institute for Quality Communities

BSED students work closely with the staff of the OU Institute for Quality Communities (IQC), established in 2008 by OU President David Boren and First Lady Molly Shi Boren. IQC is a community outreach center in the College of Architecture providing services to neighborhoods, towns, and cities in Oklahoma.

Tactical Urbanism - Norman

Students assisted in designing and implementing a Better Block Project testing a new design for Main Street in Norman in collaboration with the Norman Arts Council.

Courthouse Square - Alva

Students redesigned a courthouse square stage and events area as part of the Oklahoma Arts Council’s Cultural District Initiative, working with input from a local art gallery.

Camelot Neighborhood - OKC

Students worked with the neighborhood association in a mid-century suburban area to generate ideas to improve the neighborhood as it prepared to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Historic Survey - Seminole

Students conducted a survey of 17 downtown blocks for the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory, providing crucial information to the Oklahoma Main Street Center, Oklahoma State Preservation Office, and Seminole Main Street.

Mobility Course - Norman

Students helped the J.D. McCarty Center in Norman with ideas for turning a 5,000 square foot slab of concrete into a mobility course for injured or disabled children to learn how to navigate with mobility devices.

More information at http://coa.ou.edu