

What is a Long Range Development Plan?

Think of a Long Range Development Plan, or LRDP, as the campus's general planning framework. An LRDP designates campus areas for certain types of uses, such as housing, classrooms, and recreation. It's not an approval to develop facilities or a mandate for growth. It's an important planning tool for providing the infrastructure needed to successfully educate students. Creating an LRDP takes time, expertise, and collaboration—vital components for a healthy process to which UC Santa Cruz is committed.

Building within the spectacular natural environment of the UC Santa Cruz campus is not easy. The challenge in planning is to balance the requirements of an academic institution with the preservation of its redwood forests, sweeping meadows, deep ravines, and expansive views. Finding a thoughtful place to nestle buildings within steep slopes, critical habitats, karst geology, and sensitive vegetation requires thinking creatively, challenging trade-offs, and affirming our collective campus values.



