

# What You Can Do With A Major In ...

## *Building Inspection Technology*

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### Career Opportunities:

A career in Building Inspection includes review and interpretation of plans and diagrams for compliance with codes and ordinances; inspection of new and existing residential, commercial, and industrial buildings during and after construction to enforce and certify them for safety and code compliance; assurance of structural integrity and plumbing, electrical, and mechanical systems in the sale and exchange of property; work with architects, engineers, contractors, and property owners to ensure proper use of material and workmanship; review and approval of final inspection certificates; issuance of permits and assessment/collection of fees; and maintenance of reports on all inspections conducted and permits issued. Some students specialize in areas such as residential dwellings, and structural steel or reinforced concrete buildings.

**Typical Job Titles:** Building and Construction Inspector, Building Contractors, Estimators, Health and Safety Inspector

**Places of Employment:** Local, State, and Federal Government, Engineering Firms, Architectural Service Organizations, Construction Organizations, Private and Professional Organizations

### Salary Info For: Construction and Building Inspectors

Annual Wages for 2013	Low (25th percentile)	Median (50th percentile)	High (75th percentile)
California	\$61,344	\$76,031	\$90,206
San Francisco Bay Area	\$61,533	\$75,058	\$88,676

Source: EDD/LMID Occupational Employment Statistics Survey, 2013 Wages do not reflect self-employment.  
 The San Francisco Bay Area includes Marin, San Francisco, and San Mateo counties.

Estimated Employment and Projected Growth Construction and Building Inspectors					
Geographic Area (Estimated Year-Projected Year)	Estimated Employment	Projected Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Additional Openings Due to Net Replacements
California (2010-2020)	9,700	11,500	1,800	18.6	2,900

Source: EDD/LMID Projections of Employment by Occupation

Students should meet with a CSM Academic Counselor once a semester to update their Student Education Plan (SEP) and to ensure that they are on track to meet educational goals in a timely manner. For further Career counseling assistance in the selection of a major, contact the Counseling Department at 650-574-6400, or come in person to Building 10, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Room 340, and ask for Career Counseling. Additionally, explore 2500+ careers on [www.Eureka.org](http://www.Eureka.org). CSM Code: JXHLXRL.