TOTAL APPLICATIONS
Fall 2002 - Fall 2016

There were 58,429 total applications in fall 2016, which is an increase of 3.3% from last year. The number of total applications has increased from 25,107 in Fall 2002 to this year’s new all-time high.

Fall 2016 first-time freshman (FTF) applications increased by 1,342 (2.9%) from last year to an all-time high of 48,162.

New transfer applications have been up and down over the years. Fall 2016 new transfer applications are at a new all-time high of 8,753.

Fall 2016 new post-baccalaureate/graduate applications increased 3.5% from last year to 1,317.

*The “Other” group in the graph consists of non-degree-seeking students (e.g., exchange, faculty/staff waiver, transitory, etc.).

In fall 2016, Cal Poly selected 29.5% of first-time freshman (FTF) applicants. Of these 14,202 selections, 30.6% enrolled, producing an entering FTF class of 4,341 students.

The College of Agriculture Food and Environmental Science had the highest FTF selection rate (43.4%). Architecture and Environmental Design had the highest FTF yield (46.9%). The College of Engineering had the lowest selection rate (23.0%), and the College of Science and Mathematics had the lowest yield (21.1%).

Cal Poly selected 18.9% of fall 2016 transfer applicants. Of the 1,658 new transfer selections, 47.0% enrolled, resulting in a fall 2016 new transfer class of 779 students.
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*As of Summer 2009, Cal Poly converted to the new federal standards for collecting and reporting ethnicity. Among the changes is a new option for students to identify themselves in multiple races. Because of the new “multi-racial” category, we no longer aggregate students into a “non-white” category.

ENROLLED NEW UNDERGRADUATES BY COLLEGE

Cal Poly enrolled 144 fewer students than its fall 2016 first-time freshmen target of 4,485 with an enrolled class of 4,341 students.
The FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high SAT Reading, SAT Math and ACT averages for fall 2016, while the HS GPA matched last year’s high of 3.92.
In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 12 National Hispanic Scholars and 12 National Merit® Finalists this year.

Cal Poly enrolled 79 fewer students than its fall 2016 new transfer target.
The College of Engineering enrolled the largest proportion of new transfers, with 23.2% of the 779 new transfers in fall 2016.
The Orfalea College of Business had the highest transfer GPA among the colleges.