

PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) Policy for Accredited Programs to Use in Providing Information to the Public:

LAAB accredited programs are required to provide reliable information to the public. Programs must report on accreditation status and its performance. This information is to help potential students make informed application decisions.

ACCREDITATION

The five-year program in landscape architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board and recognized by the Landscape Architects Technical Committee of the California Board of Architectural Examiners. For more information on LAAB, see: <https://www.asla.org/AccreditationLAAB.aspx>

COST OF ATTENDANCE

2014/2015 Cal Poly Student Costs

The following information is summarized and provided for reference from the Office of Financial Aid, Cost of Attendance website: <http://admissions.calpoly.edu/prospective/coa1415.html>. For up-to-date information, please refer to website.

The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, the CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by The Board of Trustees.

Budgets are estimated and subject to change.

2014/2015 Price to Attend Cal Poly:

	Undergraduate On/Off Campus	Undergraduate Living w/Parents
Fees & Tuition*	\$8,919	\$8,919
Books & Supplies	\$1,776	\$1,776
Room & Board	\$11,448	\$4,008
Transportation	\$1,176	\$1,176
Personal / Misc.	\$1,365	\$1,365
Estimated loan fees	\$120	\$120
Total Fees and Other Estimated Costs	\$24,804	\$17,364

* Fees are based on full-time enrollment.

* Non-resident students pay fees (listed above) PLUS \$248 per unit non-resident tuition.

Registration fees are estimated and subject to state budget approval.
 On-campus housing and meal costs are listed at the estimated financial aid installment rate.
 Loan borrowers have estimated loan fees added in the cost of attendance.

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

Freshmen Graduation Rate: The following tables show five-year, six-year and seven-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

Cohort	Fall 2003	Fall 2004	Fall 2005	Fall 2006	Fall 2007	Fall 2008	Fall 2009
% Graduated within 5 years (#)	61.5% (16)	73.9% (17)	76.5% (13)	62.8% (27)	57.5% (23)	59.3% (32)	61.9% (13)
% Graduated within 6 years (#)	73.1% (19)	82.6% (19)	88.2% (15)	76.7% (33)	82.5% (33)	79.6% (43)	
% Graduated within 7 years (#)	73.1% (19)	82.6% (19)	94.1% (16)	83.7% (30)	82.5% (33)		

One-Year Retention Rate: The following table shows the one-year retention rate for first time freshmen entering the program over the past six years, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

Cohort	Fall 2008	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013
% Freshmen returning (#)	89.5% (51)	100% (22)	89.5% (17)	96.2% (25)	94.3% (33)	90.6% (29)

Note: Cohorts used for graduation and retention rates are based on the federal "Student Right-to-Know Act" methodology, which is defined as any student entering post-secondary education for the first time in fall term (or the preceding summer term) who is enrolled as full-time in the fall.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following tables show demographic data for students in the program over the past six years, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Total Headcount	255	234	181	206	182	172

Gender	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Men	57.6%	58.1%	51.4%	52.4%	56%	54.1%
Women	42.4%	41.9%	48.6%	47.6%	44%	45.9%

Ethnic Origin	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Hispanic/Latino	14.9%	18.4%	19.9%	19.9%	23.1%	16.9%
African American	1.2%	0.9%	--	--	--	--
Native American	1.6%%	1.3%	1.1%	0.5%	--	--
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.8%	0.9%	0.6%	1.0%	1.1%	0.6%
Asian American	11.8%	11.1%	10.5%	11.2%	11.5%	14.0%
Multi-Racial	2.4%	3.4%	3.3%	7.3%	8.2%	9.3%
White	54.9%	52.1%	51.9%	49.0%	47.3%	51.7%
Non-Resident Alien	0.8%	1.7%	2.2%	1.9%	3.3%	3.5%
Other/Unknown	11.8%	10.3%	10.5%	9.2%	5.5%	4.1%

Residency	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
CA Resident	96.1%	95.7%	95.0%	96.1%	94.5%	95.3%
Non-Resident	3.9%	4.3%	5.0%	3.9%	5.5%	4.7%

	Fall 2009	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014
Average Age	21.9	21.9	22.1	21.6	20.6	21.1%

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Degrees Awarded: The program has awarded the following number of degrees over the past six years:

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
BLA Degrees Awarded	50	53	50	54	53	44

Employment Status: Two-thirds of the students who graduated during 2013 (and who are not pursuing graduate studies) had secured entry-level positions in landscape architecture or a related field by Fall 2013.

Academic Performance: The department's students carry an average course unit load per quarter of 15.42, compared to the Cal Poly average of 14.57 units/quarter (Source: Institutional Research, Fall 2014 undergraduate enrollment).

The department's students have an average Cal Poly GPA (all courses) of 3.12, compared to the Cal Poly average of 2.97. The department's students also have an average Higher Education GPA (includes all university-level coursework) of 3.16, compared to the Cal Poly average of 3.07. (Source: Institutional Research, Fall 2014 undergraduate enrollment):

Scholarships: Students have received the following scholarship amounts by year from university and non-university sources over the past six years (Source: program records):

Academic Year	Total Scholarship Amounts (No.)
2008-09	\$38,550 (16)
2009-10	\$18,950 (12)
2010-11	\$55,475 (16)
2011-12	\$33,450 (19)
2012-13	\$37,250 (20)
2013-14	\$34,150 (15)

Employment Percentages of recent graduates: Present employment of those receiving the BLA degree during the six-year period 2007-2013 (Source: program records):

Present Occupation	Percentage	(no.)
Advanced Study/Research	5%	(16)
Teaching	1%	(2)
Private Practice	36%	(109)
Public Practice	3%	(8)
Landscape Hort/Design Build	23%	(72)
Other	27%	(83)
Unknown	6%	(17)
Total	100%	(307)

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION:

Information for prospective students can be found on the following websites:

Admissions Information.

<http://admissions.calpoly.edu/prospective/>

Institutional Research Information.

<http://ir.calpoly.edu>

Prospective Landscape Architecture Student information.

<http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/prospective/index>

Department News & Events.

<http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/news-events/index>

Student Work.

<http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/gallery/index>

Scholarships, Internships and Employment Opportunities.

<http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/opportunities/index>