

COLLEGE OF

# Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences



**The Cal Poly College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences is globally recognized as a center of excellence in applied sciences through responsive scholarship, leadership and service to others.**

## DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE AT CAL POLY

Since 1901, the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences has been shaping leaders who are ready to take on some of the world's biggest challenges — from food insecurity to sustainability and climate resilience. At Cal Poly, Learn by Doing isn't just a motto; it's the way you'll prepare for a career that makes a difference.

Here, your classroom goes far beyond four walls. Just steps from campus, you'll have access to nearly 6,000 acres of farmland, ranches and research facilities where you'll get hands-on experience in production, processing and innovation. You'll work with animal units, environmental horticulture facilities, an arboretum, and even an irrigation research center.

Your learning doesn't stop there:

- **Swanton Pacific Ranch** in Santa Cruz County offers 3,200 acres of forests, rangelands, and watersheds — a living laboratory for real-world research.
- **Bartleson Ranch and Conservatory** in Arroyo Grande gives you the chance to manage thriving avocado and lemon groves.

On campus, state-of-the-art facilities in meat, dairy and food processing, wine production, and more ensure that when you graduate, you're not just ready for the job market — you're ahead of it.

At Cal Poly, you won't just study agriculture, food and environmental sciences — you'll live them.

## OUR MISSION

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences fosters teaching, scholarship and service in a **Learn by Doing** environment where students, faculty and staff are partners in discovery.

On average, graduates with a bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences see their salaries grow by

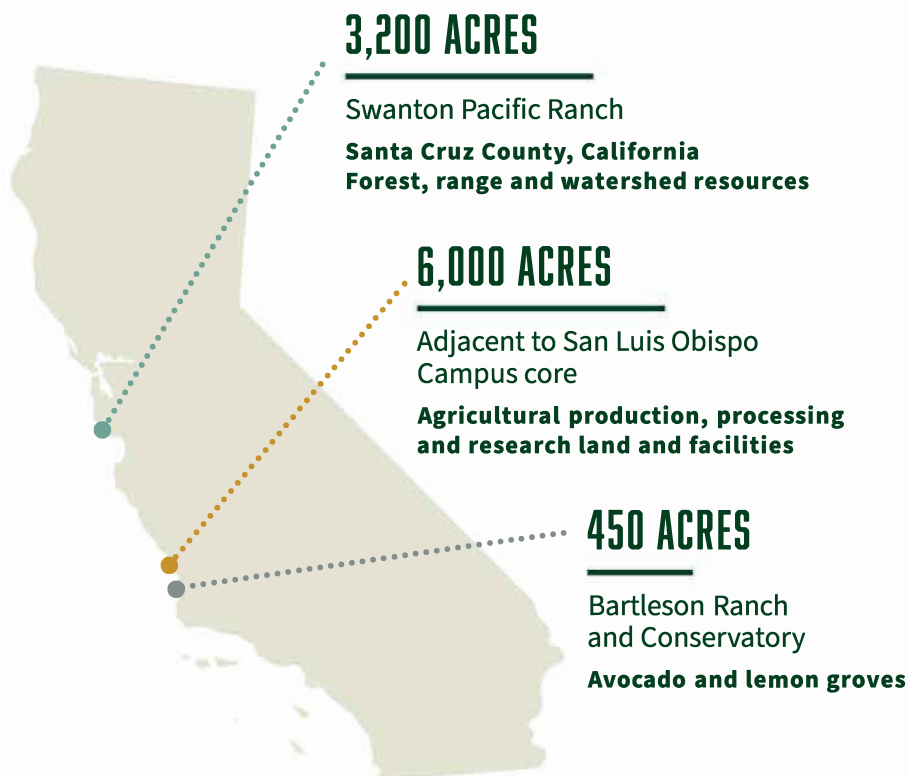
# 60%

within 15 years.



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**CLASS SIZE**

**4,200**

Students enrolled  
(2025)

**A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT**

**90%**

of graduates go on to jobs  
directly related to their major

**GET INVOLVED**

**50+**

Student club and  
team opportunities

**PERSONALIZED SUPPORT**

**19:1**

Faculty to staff ratio  
(2025)

► Our graduates are entering fields with the lowest unemployment rates in the United States.

	Nutrition Sciences	Animal and Plant Sciences	Agriculture
Unemployment rate	0.4%	0.7%	1.2%
Median early-career annual earnings	\$75K	\$70K	\$75K
% with graduate degrees	47.5%	35.6%	19.9%

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

## DEPARTMENTS AND UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

### AGRIBUSINESS:

Agricultural Business

### AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION:

Agricultural Science  
Agricultural Communication

### ANIMAL SCIENCE:

Animal Science  
Dairy Science

### BIORESOURCE AND

### AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING:

Agricultural Systems Management  
BioResource and Agricultural Engineering

### EXPERIENCE INDUSTRY MANAGEMENT:

Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration  
*Starting Fall 2026, this will be known as Experience and Event Management*

### FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION:

Food Science  
Nutrition

### PLANT SCIENCES:

Plant Sciences

### NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES:

Environmental Earth and Soil Sciences  
Environmental Management and Protection  
Forest and Fire Sciences

### WINE AND VITICULTURE:

Wine and Viticulture

## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Agricultural Education

Master of Science in Environmental Sciences and Management

Master of Science in Food Science

Master of Science in Nutrition

Master of Science in Agriculture

with eight specializations in:  
BioResource and Agricultural Systems;  
Animal Science; Crop Science; Dairy Products  
Technology; Environmental Horticultural  
Science; Irrigation; Plant Protection Science;  
and Water Engineering

## CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Brock Center for Agricultural Communication

Center for Organic Production and Research

Center for Sustainability

Dairy Products Technology Center

Irrigation Training and Research Center

Strawberry Center

Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute

The Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Institute