

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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& Environmental Sciences



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 student 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