



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.

FACT SHEET

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.

Since 1901, the college has used a Learn by Doing approach to prepare leaders in sustainable agriculture, food systems, and environmental and life sciences who are equipped to contribute to the diverse needs of society and meet global demands.

Adjacent to the San Luis Obispo campus core, nearly 6,000 acres of agricultural production, processing and research land and facilities are available to students. The 3,200-acre Swanton Pacific Ranch and 600-acre Valencia property, both in Santa Cruz County, California, provide forest, range and watershed resources for additional research and production. And, the 450-acre Bartleson Ranch in nearby Arroyo Grande, California, provides avocado and lemon groves for additional research.

ADJACENT TO SAN LUIS OBISPO CAMPUS CORE

6,000 ACRES

Agricultural production, processing and research land and facilities

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

3,200 ACRES

Swanton Pacific Ranch



600 ACRES

Valencia Property



Forest, range and watershed resources

ARROYO GRANDE, CALIFORNIA

450 ACRES

Bartleson Ranch



Avocado and lemon groves

Pastures are nestled between the lower slopes of Cuesta Ridge and Highway 1, and orchards, row crops and experimental crops thrive in the rich soil there. The campus farm contains animal units, environmental horticulture facilities, an arboretum, and an irrigation research center.

State-of-the-art facilities for meat processing, food processing, dairy processing and research, and wine production provide students with a learning experience that prepares them for the industries that await them.

RANKINGS

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences has the fifth largest undergraduate enrollment in agriculture and renewable resources programs in the nation.

Cal Poly bachelor's degree graduates rank 10th in the nation among public universities for median salaries, according to PayScale.com's 2016–17 College Salary Report.

Cal Poly ranked 144 out of 1,300 public and private colleges and universities in the nation—and 70th among public schools in the U.S.—in the lowest student loan debt per borrower in the survey from LendEDU.

The Cal Poly campus farm was ranked one of the top 35 university farms in the nation by the independent website CollegeRank.net in 2017.

The college ranked seventh in the nation for agriculture degrees awarded to Hispanics and No. 8 for all minority students studying agriculture, according to Diverse Issues in Higher Education.

BY THE NUMBERS

3.9

The average high school GPA for incoming freshmen

3,900

Undergraduates enrolled (2016)

4,430

Freshman applications (2016)

1,922

of those freshmen were accepted (2016)

\$45K

Average salary of graduates within one year of graduation

90%

of graduates go on to jobs directly related to their major

59

Counties in California represented by students applying to one of the nine departments within the college

52

Student club and team opportunities

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

Agribusiness:

Agricultural Business

Agricultural Education & Communication:

Agricultural Science, Agricultural Communication

Animal Science:

Animal Science, Dairy Science

BioResource & Agricultural Engineering:

Agricultural Systems Management, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering

Experience Industry Management:

Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration

Food Science & Nutrition:

Food Science, Nutrition

Horticulture & Crop Science:

Agricultural and Environmental Plant Sciences

Natural Resources Management

& Environmental Sciences:

Environmental Earth and Soil Sciences, Environmental Management and Protection, Forestry and Natural Resources

Wine & Viticulture

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Master of Agricultural Education

Master of Professional Studies in Dairy Products Technology

Master of Science in Forestry Sciences

Master of Science in Agriculture with 10 specializations available

Master of Science in Water Engineering (in partnership with the College of Engineering)

CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Agricultural Research Institute

Brock Center for Agricultural Communication

Center for Sustainability

Coastal Resources Institute

Dairy Innovation Institute


Irrigation Training and Research Center

Strawberry Center

Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute

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