



CAL POLY

College of Agriculture, Food
& Environmental Sciences

COLLEGE OVERVIEW

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 prepared to address challenges related to food security and meet increasing environmental demands at both the state and global level.

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 in Santa Cruz County, California, provides forest, range and watershed resources for additional research and production. And,

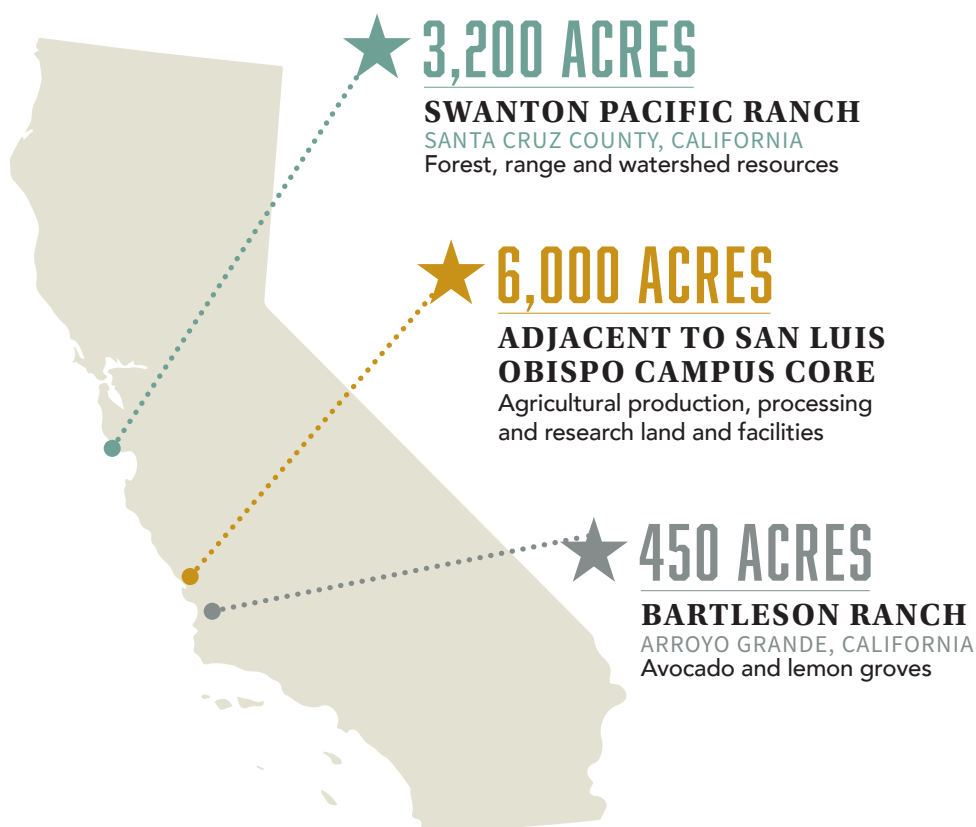
the 450-acre Bartleson Ranch in nearby Arroyo Grande, California, provides avocado and lemon groves for additional research.

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.

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.



RANKINGS

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

Money magazine's 2023 Best Colleges rankings, which analyzed dozens of data points, including alumni salaries to find colleges that combine quality and affordability, placed Cal Poly among the 34 top public and private universities in the nation.

Cal Poly was named one of the top five leading universities for sustainable agriculture degree programs by BestValueSchools.org in 2021.

The college ranked fifth in the nation for agriculture degrees awarded to Hispanics according to Diverse Issues in Higher Education.

BY THE NUMBERS

4,200

Students enrolled
(2023)

19:1

Faculty to student ratio
(2023)

50+

Student club and team
opportunities

90%

of graduates go on to jobs directly
related to their major

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

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 Innovation Institute

Irrigation Training and Research Center

Strawberry Center

Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute

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