

### Applications for Fall 2015

There were 56,546 total applications for fall 2015, which is an increase of 6.5% from last year.

First-time freshman (FTF) applications for fall 2015 totaled 46,820, an increase of 6.9% (3,008 applications) as compared to last year.

There were 4,087 early-decision applications for fall 2015, of which 1,103 students were selected (27%) and 963 (87.3%) enrolled.

New transfer (NT) applications for fall 2015 totaled 8,259, an increase of 4.8% (375 applications) as compared to last year.

\*New post-baccalaureate applications for fall 2015 totaled 126, a slight decrease of 1.6% (2 applications) as compared to last year.

\*\*New Graduate applications for fall 2015 totaled 1,147, an increase of 3.89% (43 applications) as compared to last year.

The FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high GPA, SAT Reading, and ACT averages for fall 2015. The average high school GPA rose to 3.92 from last year's high of 3.88.

In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 11 National Hispanic Scholars and 11 National Merit® Finalists this year.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen	
Average High School GPA	3.92
Average SAT Reading	604
Average SAT Math	635
Average ACT Composite	28.0

\*New Post-baccalaureate is defined as a student enrolled in a non-degree credential program  
 \*\*New Graduate is defined as a student enrolled in a degree-seeking master's program

### Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 20,944 students in fall 2015. Of these students, 20,049 (95.7%) were undergraduates, 135 (0.6%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 760 (3.6%) were graduate students.

The fall total enrollment of 20,944 is an increase of 3.8% (758 students) from fall 2014. Cal Poly's FTF enrollment for Fall 2015 increased by 6.0% (281 students) as compared to Fall 2014. A similar situation has been observed for the NT enrollment with an increase of 6.5% (51 students). Enrollment for post-baccalaureate students decreased by 5.6% (8 students). Similarly, enrollment for graduate students decreased by 4.6% (37 students).

The average load for all students in fall 2015 was 14.39, with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.50, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 16.74, and graduate students carrying 11.29. The total student average load of 14.39, is a slight decrease from last year's load of 14.47.

### Academic Performance

Measure	Post-		
	Undergraduate	Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.50	16.74	11.29
Average Cumulative GPA*	2.99	3.71	3.59

\*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include fall 2015 grades.

### College Size

College	Under-Grad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Percent of Total
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	3,925	—	71	3,996	19.1%
Architecture & Env Design	1,723	—	60	1,783	8.5%
Engineering	5,692	—	332	6,024	28.8%
Liberal Arts	3,121	—	100	3,221	15.4%
Orfalea Business	2,744	—	35	2,779	13.3%
Science & Math	2,767	129	162	3,058	14.6%
Other	77	6	—	83	0.4%
<b>University Total</b>	<b>20,049</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>20,944</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



## Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

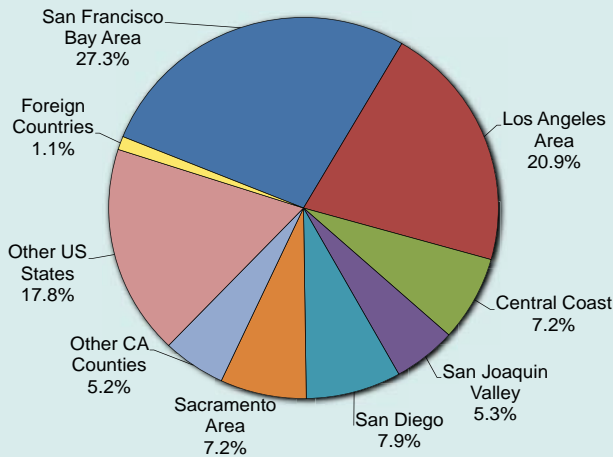
What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top "feeder" schools for fall 2015 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
San Luis Obispo High School	*Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose)	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
San Ramon Valley High School (Danville)	California High School (San Ramon)	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
Arcadia High School	Monte Vista High School (Danville)	Santa Barbara City College
Arroyo Grande High School	Davis Senior High School	De Anza College (Cupertino)
Granite Bay High School	Berkeley High School	Diablo Valley College (Pleasant Hill)
La Costa Canyon High (Encinitas)	Canyon Crest Academy (San Diego)	Santa Rosa Junior College
*St. Francis High School (Mountain View)		Hartnell College (Salinas)

\*Private School

## Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2015 New FTF Enrollment by Geographic Region



Area	Counties
Central Coast	Monterey, San Benito, SLO, Santa Barbara
Los Angeles	Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura
San Francisco Bay Area	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, SF, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma
San Joaquin	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare
San Diego	San Diego
Sacramento Area	El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
Other	All other CA counties

The fall 2015 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 27.3% came from the San Francisco Bay area and 20.9% from the Los Angeles area.

The top "feeder" counties for fall 2015 new FTF were Los Angeles (11.7%), Santa Clara (8.4%), and San Diego (7.9%).

The Central Coast area accounted for 7.2% of fall 2015 new FTF, with 3.3% coming from San Luis Obispo County.

*Note: Based on county/state/country of residence at time of application*

## Study Abroad\*

Outbound Students by Program	Total Students	Comments
Cal Poly Outbound International Exchanges	36	Australia, England, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland
Cal Poly-Affiliated Partner Abroad Programs	317	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, New Zealand, Scotland, Spain, Thailand
CSU International Programs	56	6 Denmark locations, England, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan
Non-Affiliated Study Abroad	15	Argentina, Austria, Ecuador, Italy, multicountry, Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain
Cal Poly Global Programs	32	Valladolid, Spain (13); Rome Italy (19) F
National Student Exchange (NSE)	0	200+ universities in U.S., Canada & U.S. territories
Inbound Exchange Students		
National Student Exchange (NSE)	6	200+ universities within U.S., Canada, and U.S. territories (Guam & Puerto Rico)
Cal Poly International Exchange Programs	43	Australia, China, Finland, France, Germany, India, Jamaica, Kosovo, Malaysia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
CSU IP (CSU Systemwide Exchange)	21	Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, South Korea, Sweden, UK

## International Students\*

In fall 2015, Cal Poly enrolled 332 international visa students, including 179 undergraduate, 59 graduate (includes 1 credential), 65 nondegree exchange (includes 21 CSU IP, 43 IE, and 1 NSE student from Canada), and 29 nondegree students enrolled in self-funded programs. There were 58 total countries sending students to Cal Poly in fall 2015, with the 10 sending the most students listed below.

Country	UG	PB/Grad	Non-Degree	Total
China	33	9	2	44
Germany	3	4	26	33
India	15	12	2	29
Brazil	7	0	18	25
South Korea	20	1	2	23
Sweden	5	0	15	20
Vietnam	12	3	0	15
United Kingdom	9	2	3	14
France	4	0	5	9
Taiwan	6	3	0	9

\*Source: Cal Poly International Center

## Ethnic Origin

Note: Student ethnic origin is self-reported.

Ethnic Origin	Undergraduate		Post-Baccalaureate		Graduate		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Hispanic/Latino	3,135	15.6%	21	15.6%	106	13.9%	3,262	15.6%
African American	161	0.8%	0	0.0%	5	0.7%	166	0.8%
Native American	29	0.1%	3	2.2%	0	0.0%	32	0.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	29	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	30	0.1%
Asian American	2,444	12.2%	7	5.2%	76	10.0%	2,527	12.1%
Multi-Racial	1,387	6.9%	1	0.7%	49	6.4%	1,437	6.9%
White	11,491	57.3%	94	69.6%	403	53.0%	11,988	57.2%
Non-Resident Alien	418	2.1%	2	1.5%	55	7.2%	475	2.3%
Unknown/Other	955	4.8%	7	5.2%	65	8.6%	1,027	4.9%
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>20,049</b>		<b>135</b>		<b>760</b>		<b>20,944</b>	

The student population for fall 2015 shows that 15.6% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 12.1% identify themselves as Asian American.

Under-represented minorities (URM) include students who self-report their race/ethnicity as Hispanic, Native American, African American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or multi-racial including at least one of those four groups. Cal Poly's URM proportion of undergraduate enrollment for fall 2015 is 19.2%, up from 18.7% last year.

*Note: As of summer 2009, Cal Poly converted to the new federal standards for collecting and reporting ethnicity. Among the changes is a new option for students to identify themselves in multiple races. Because of the new "multi-racial" category, we no longer aggregate students into a "non-white" category.*

## Student Age

The average age of fall 2015 undergraduates was 20.1, with 96.9% under the age of 25.

Age	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	20.1	25.3	25.5	20.3
25 or Older	3.1%	33.3%	42.6%	4.7%

*Note: Based on students' age at census date for fall 2015 (10/30/15)*

## Financial Aid

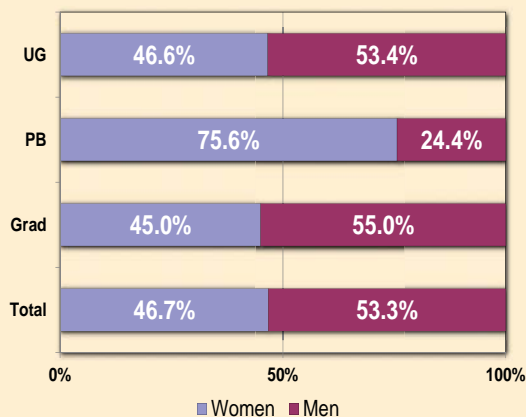
The 20,186 total students enrolled in fall 2014, 61.8% received some type of financial aid during 2014-15. Similarly, 61.6% of fall 2014 undergraduates and 70.0% of fall 2014 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2014-15.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2014-15 totaled over \$151 million, increasing 5.7% from 2013-14. Of the \$151,517,617 total aid awarded, 64.3% came from federal funds, while 11.9% came from state funds and 17.5% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 55.6% came in the form of loans, 31.2% in grants, and 10.2% came in the form of scholarships.

## Student Gender

Fall 2015 Enrollment by Gender



There were 9,783 women (46.7%) and 11,161 men (53.3%) enrolled at Cal Poly in fall 2015. This was a 5.2% increase in the proportion of women from last year.

There was a higher percentage of women at the post-baccalaureate level than men. For fall 2015 post-baccalaureate students, 75.6% were female. However, at the graduate level, there was a higher percentage of men than women. For fall 2015 graduate students, 55.0% were male.

## Housing

In fall 2015, 35.9% of undergraduates lived in one of 28 dorms on campus. Almost all first-time freshmen (98.7%) lived on campus. In addition, 28.7% of Cal Poly sophomores lived on campus in fall 2015.

## Degrees Awarded



The 4,167 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2014-15 is a 1.9% decrease from last year's total of 4,247 bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of master's degrees awarded in 2014-15 is a decrease of 12.9% from 2013-14.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2014-15 with 1,015 (24.4%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 868 (20.8%) and 747 (17.9%) respectively.

College Year	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2010-11	4,165	532	212
2011-12	3,985	545	246
2012-13	4,139	591	235
2013-14	4,247	590	208
2014-15	4,167	514	196

### 2014-15 Degrees Awarded by College

Bachelor's Degrees	
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	20.8%
Architecture & Env Design	6.5%
Engineering	24.4%
Liberal Arts	17.9%
Orfalea Business	16.3%
Science & Math	14.1%
Master's Degrees	
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	9.5%
Architecture & Env Design	7.4%
Engineering	42.6%
Liberal Arts	5.3%
Orfalea Business	17.9%
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Over 42% (219 degrees) of the 2014-15 master's degrees awarded were in the College of Engineering.

## Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 64 bachelor's degree programs.\* The five with the highest enrollment for fall 2015 are Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Animal Science, and Architecture.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 32 master's degree programs.\* The five with the highest fall 2015 enrollment are Education, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Civil & Environmental Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering.

In addition to the degree programs, Cal Poly also offers a variety of minors and credential programs.

\*Source: Academic Programs and Planning

## Retention & Persistence to Graduation

### One-Year Retention Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2007 Cohort	89.2%
Fall 2008 Cohort	91.4%
Fall 2009 Cohort	91.3%
Fall 2010 Cohort	93.0%
Fall 2011 Cohort	92.7%
Fall 2012 Cohort	92.5%
Fall 2013 Cohort	92.7%
Fall 2014 Cohort	93.1%

One-year retention rate for fall 2014 cohort shows an increase of 0.4% percentage points as compared to the previous year.

Six-year graduation rate of 79.4% for the fall 2009 cohort is a new record high for Cal Poly and is an increase of 0.7 percentage points from last year. This rate is 10.2 percentage points higher than the six-year rate for the fall 2001 cohort and 20.9 percentage points higher than the six-year rate for the fall 1990 cohort. Historical retention and persistence to graduation data can be found on the Institutional Research website under the Publications menu at [ir.calpoly.edu](http://ir.calpoly.edu),

*Note: Cohorts used for retention and graduation 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.*

### Six-Year Graduation Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2002 Cohort	73.0%
Fall 2003 Cohort	74.5%
Fall 2004 Cohort	75.1%
Fall 2005 Cohort	76.5%
Fall 2006 Cohort	73.9%
Fall 2007 Cohort	72.5%
Fall 2008 Cohort	78.7%
Fall 2009 Cohort	79.4%

PolyView is a publication of Cal Poly's Office of Institutional Research based on enrollment statistics for fall quarter.