

Applications for Fall 2016

There were 58,429 total applications for fall 2016, which is an increase of 3.3% from last year.

First-time freshman (FTF) applications for fall 2016 totaled 48,162, an increase of 2.9% (1,342 applications) as compared to last year.

There were 4,153 early-decision applications for fall 2016, of which 1,078 students were selected (26%) and 948 (87.9%) enrolled.

New transfer (NT) applications for fall 2016 totaled 8,753, an increase of 6% (494 applications) as compared to last year. New post-baccalaureate applications for fall 2016 totaled 162, an increase of 28.6% (36 applications) as compared to last year.

**New Graduate applications for fall 2016 totaled 1,155 an increase of 0.7% (8 applications) as compared to last year.

The FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high SAT Reading, SAT Math and ACT averages for fall 2016, while the HS GPA matched last year's high of 3.92.

In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 12 National Hispanic Scholars and 12 National Merit® Finalists this year.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen	
Average High School GPA	3.92
Average SAT Reading	610
Average SAT Math	641
Average ACT Composite	28.4

*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

Academic Performance

Measure	Post-		
	Undergraduate	Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.59	16.37	11.10
Average Cumulative GPA*	3.01	3.59	3.61

*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include fall 2016 grades.

College Size

College	Under-Grad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Percent of Total
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	3,900	—	74	3,974	18.7%
Architecture & Env Design	1,779	—	44	1,823	8.6%
Engineering	5,847	—	280	6,127	28.8%
Liberal Arts	3,235	—	81	3,316	15.6%
Orfalea Business	2,870	—	42	2,912	13.7%
Science & Math	2,736	163	176	3,075	14.4%
Other	59	20	—	79	0.4%
University Total					

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 21,306 students in fall 2016. Of these students, 20,426 (95.9%) were undergraduates, 183 (0.9%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 697 (3.3%) were graduate students.

The fall total enrollment of 21,306 is an increase of 1.7% (362 students) from fall 2015. Cal Poly's FTF enrollment for Fall 2016 decreased by 12.2% (602 students) as compared to Fall 2015. NT enrollment decreased by 0.5% (4 students). Enrollment for post-baccalaureate students increased by 35.6% (48 students). Enrollment for graduate students decreased by 8.3% (63 students).

The average load for all students in fall 2016 was 14.50 with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.59, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 16.37, and graduate students carrying 11.10. The total student average load of 14.50, is a slight increase from last year's load of 14.39.



Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

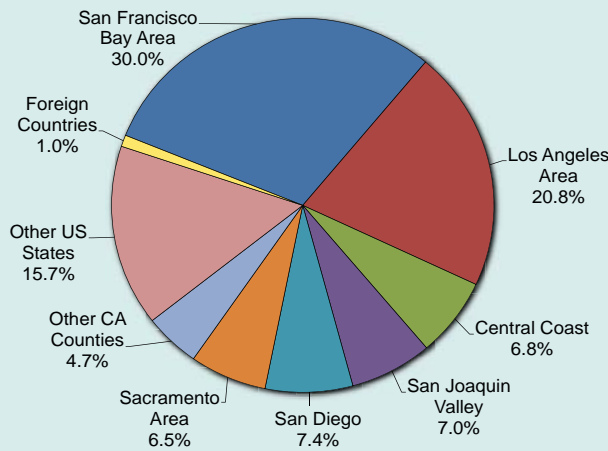
What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top "feeder" schools for fall 2016 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
Arroyo Grande High School	Davis Senior High School	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
San Ramon Valley High School (Danville)	Leland High School (San Jose)	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
*St. Francis High School (Mountain View)	Torrey Pines High School (San Diego)	Santa Barbara City College
San Luis Obispo High School	California High School (San Ramon)	Moorpark College
Monte Vista High School (Danville)	Dougherty Valley High School (San Ramon)	Santa Rosa Junior College
Berkeley High School	James Logan High School (Union City)	Bakersfield College
Bellarmine College Preparatory	Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton)	Hartnell Community College

*Private School

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2016 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

Of fall 2016 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 30.0% came from the San Francisco Bay area and 20.8% from the Los Angeles area.

The top "feeder" counties for fall 2016 new FTF were Los Angeles (11.0%), Santa Clara (9.1%), and Orange (7.5%).

The Central Coast area accounted for 6.8% of fall 2016 new FTF, with 3.5% 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	56	Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and United Kingdom
Cal Poly Affiliated Partner Abroad Programs	397	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Peru, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, and United Kingdom
CSU International Programs	50	Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain, and United Kingdom
Non-Affiliated Study Abroad	24	Ecuador, India, Italy, Multicountry, Peru, Taiwan, and United Kingdom
Cal Poly Global Programs	61	Italy, Japan, Mexico, and Spain
Non-Credit Programs	100	Austria, Belize, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Japan, Malawi, New Zealand, Thailand, and United Kingdom
Inbound Non-Degree Students		
Cal Poly International Exchanges	47	Australia, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
CSU International Programs	6	Denmark, Germany, Sweden
VISIT Cal Poly (self-funded)	9	Germany

International Students*

In fall 2016, Cal Poly enrolled 316 international visa students including 210 undergraduate, 44 graduate, 53 non-degree exchange students, and 9 non-degree students enrolled in self-funded programs. There were 62 countries sending students to Cal Poly in fall 2016, with the ten sending the most students listed below:

Country	UG	PB/Grad	Non-Degree	Total
China	36	9	0	45
India	21	14	0	35
Germany	2	1	19	22
Sweden	6	0	15	21
Vietnam	17	2	0	19
South Korea	17	0	0	17
Switzerland	2	0	12	14
Taiwan	6	5	0	11
United Kingdom	5	0	4	9
Brazil	8	0	0	8

**NSE had no outbound student numbers to report

*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	3,278	16.0%	36	19.7%	93	13.3%	3,407	16.0%
African American	147	0.7%	0	0.0%	5	0.7%	152	0.7%
Native American	29	0.1%	1	0.5%	1	0.1%	31	0.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	29	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.3%	31	0.1%
Asian American	2,565	12.6%	4	2.2%	63	9.0%	2,632	12.4%
Multi-Racial	1,458	7.1%	14	7.7%	35	5.0%	1,507	7.1%
White	11,517	56.4%	106	57.9%	403	57.8%	12,026	56.4%
Non-Resident Alien	450	2.2%	6	3.3%	33	4.7%	489	2.3%
Unknown/Other	953	4.7%	16	8.7%	62	8.9%	1,031	4.8%
Total Students	20,426		183		697		21,306	

The student population for fall 2016 shows that 16.0% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 12.6% 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 2016 is 19.5%, up from 19.2% 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 2016 undergraduates was 20.1, with 97.1% under the age of 25.

Age	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	20.1	26.3	26.2	20.4
25 or Older	2.9%	39.9%	45.5%	4.6%

Note: Based on students' age at census date for fall 2016 (11/2/16)

Financial Aid

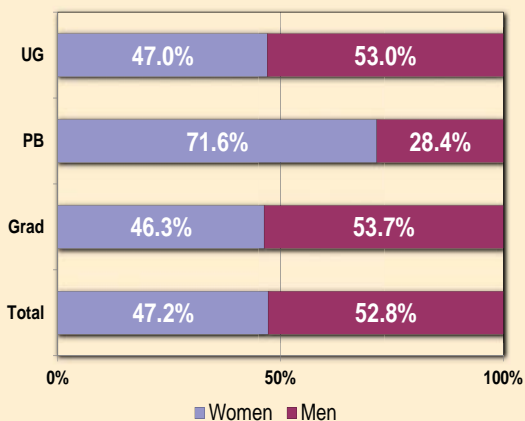
Of the 20,944 total students enrolled in fall 2015, 60.6% received some type of financial aid during 2015-16. Similarly, 60.4% of fall 2015 undergraduates and 66.6% of fall 2015 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2015-16.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2015-16 totaled over \$157 million, increasing 4.1% from 2014-15. Of the \$157,727,358 total aid awarded, 63.6% came from federal funds, while 11.9% came from state funds and 18.0% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 54.9% came in the form of loans, 31.1 in grants, and 10.9% came in the form of scholarships.

Student Gender

Fall 2016 Enrollment by Gender



There were 10,059 women (47.2%) and 11,247 men (52.8%) enrolled at Cal Poly in fall 2016. This was a 2.8% 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 2016 post-baccalaureate students, 71.6% were female. However, at the graduate level, there was a higher percentage of men than women. For fall 2016 graduate students, 53.7% were male.

Housing

In fall 2016, 35% of undergraduates lived in one of the available campus housing options. Almost all first-time freshmen (99%) and 31% of Cal Poly sophomores lived in campus housing.

Degrees Awarded



For college year 2015-16, there were 4,147 bachelor's degrees and 538 master's degrees awarded.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2015-16 with 1,097 (26.5%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 896 (21.6%) and 648 (15.6%) respectively.

College Year	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2011-12	3,988	545	246
2012-13	4,141	591	235
2013-14	4,255	590	208
2014-15	4,238	570	196
2015-16	4,147	538	169

2015-16 Degrees Awarded by College

Bachelor's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	21.6%
Architecture & Env Design	7.2%
Engineering	26.5%
Liberal Arts	15.6%
Orfalea Business	13.9%
Science & Math	15.2%

Master's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	11.3%
Architecture & Env Design	6.7%
Engineering	38.8%
Liberal Arts	8.7%
Orfalea Business	15.1%
Science & Math	19.0%

Over 38% (209 degrees) of the 2015-16 master's degrees awarded were in the College of Engineering.

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 63 bachelor's degree programs.* The five with the highest enrollment for fall 2016 are Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, and Architecture.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 34 master's degree programs.* The five with the highest fall 2016 enrollment are Education, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and Business.

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 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	93.2%
Fall 2015 Cohort	95.0%

The one-year retention rate for the fall 2015 cohort shows an increase of 1.8 percentage points as compared to the previous year.

The six-year graduation rate of 82.6% for the fall 2010 cohort is a new record high for Cal Poly and is an increase of 2.8 percentage points from last year. Historical retention and persistence to graduation data can be found on the Institutional Research website at ir.calpoly.edu under Retention & Graduation.

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 2003 Cohort	74.5%
Fall 2004 Cohort	75.1%
Fall 2005 Cohort	76.5%
Fall 2006 Cohort	74.0%
Fall 2007 Cohort	72.6%
Fall 2008 Cohort	78.7%
Fall 2009 Cohort	79.8%
Fall 2010 Cohort	82.6%

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