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Fall 2017 Census Enrollment InfoBrief
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT

Cal Poly’s total headcount enrollment increased in fall 2017 to 22,188 students, a 4.1% increase from fall 2016.

Undergraduate headcount enrollment increased by 4.3% to 21,297 students.

Post-baccalaureate headcount, which is comprised mostly of credential students, decreased by 10.4% to 164 students.

Graduate enrollment increased by 4.3% to 727 students.

Notes: Post-baccalaureate category consists of credential and non-degree-seeking students. Graduate category consists of students who are pursuing master’s degrees.

AVERAGE UNDERGRADUATE LOAD

The fall 2017 undergraduate average unit load of 14.54 is a 0.3% decrease from last year’s average of 14.59.

The fall 2017 graduate student average unit load of 11.65 is a 4.9% increase from last year’s average of 11.10.

The fall 2017 total average unit load of 14.46 is a decrease of 0.3% from last year’s average load; combined with the enrollment increase of 4.1%, resulted in 21,528.50 full-time equivalent students (FTES). This is an increase of 3.9% over Fall 2016 FTES of 20,717.9.

The Enrollment InfoBrief report displays final census data for the official census date of current term.
Gender proportions do not change much from year to year. Of the fall 2017 total student population (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate), 47.9% are women. This is an increase of 0.7 percentage points compared to fall 2016.

- 47.9% of fall 2017 undergraduate students are women
- 81.7% of fall 2017 post-baccalaureate students are women
- 44.7% of fall 2017 graduate students are women

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY ETHNIC ORIGIN

Of the fall 2017 total student population, 16.7% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino and 12.7% identify themselves as Asian American.

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.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors, with 28.9% of all fall 2017 students. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences follows, with 18.9% of all fall 2017 students. The College of Engineering also has the most graduate (master’s) students (297). The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has the highest average undergraduate unit load. Conversely, Engineering has the lowest average undergraduate unit load.

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