

Applications for Fall 2017

There were 58,304 total applications for fall 2017, which is a decrease of .21% from last year.

First-time freshman (FTF) applications totaled 48,588, an increase of .88% (426 applications) as compared to last year.

New transfer (NT) applications totaled 8,350, a decrease of 4.6% (403 applications) as compared to last year. New post-baccalaureate applications totaled 165, an increase of 1.9% (3 applications) as compared to last year.

**New graduate applications totaled 1,057, a decrease of 8.5% (98 applications) as compared to last year. In addition, there were 144 ^"Other" applications.

The fall 2017 FTF class had a new record-high average HS GPA and students submitted test scores for both the new SAT exam and old SAT exam.

In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 33 National Hispanic Scholars and 19 National Merit® Finalists this year.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen	
Average High School GPA	3.95
Average SAT EBRW^^	640
Average SAT Math Section^^	653
Average SAT Math	631
Average SAT Reading	599
Average ACT Composite	28.3

*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

^The "other" group consists of non-degree seeking students (e.g., exchange, faculty/staff waiver, transitory, etc.).

^^SAT Evidence Based Reading & Writing (EBRW) and SAT Math Section reflect the new SAT exam scores. SAT Reading and SAT Math reflect the old SAT exam scores.

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 22,188 students in fall 2017. Of these students, 21,297 (96.%) were undergraduates, 164 (0.7%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 727 (3.3%) were graduate students.

The fall total enrollment of 22,188 is an increase of 4.1% (882 students) from fall 2016. Cal Poly's FTF enrollment for Fall 2017 increased by 21.0% (912 students) as compared to Fall 2016. NT enrollment increased by 10.7% (89 students). Enrollment for post-baccalaureate students decreased by 10.4% (19 students). Enrollment for graduate students increased by 4.3% (30 students).

The average load for all students in fall 2017 was 14.46 with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.54, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 16.41, and graduate students carrying 11.65. The total student average load of 14.46, is a slight decrease from last year's load of 14.50.

Academic Performance

Measure	Post-		
	Undergraduate	Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.54	16.41	11.65
Average Cumulative GPA*	3.03	3.46	3.62

*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	4,111	—	79	4,190	18.9%
Architecture & Env Design	1,832	—	46	1,878	8.5%
Engineering	6,124	—	297	6,421	28.9%
Liberal Arts	3,323	—	92	3,415	15.4%
Orfalea Business	3,060	—	46	3,106	14.0%
Science & Math	2,799	149	167	3,115	14.0%
Other	48	15	—	63	0.3%
University Total	21,297	164	727	22,188	100.0%



The PolyView report displays final census data for the official census date of current term.

Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

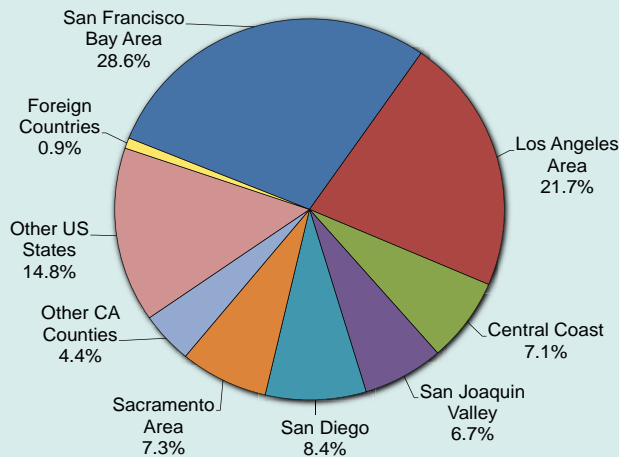
What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top "feeder" schools for fall 2017 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
Arroyo Grande High School	*St. Francis High School	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
Berkeley High School	Davis Senior High School	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
San Luis Obispo High School	Paso Robles High School	Ventura College
La Costa Canyon High School	California High School (San Ramon)	Moorpark College
*Archbishop Mitty High School	James Logan High School	Cabrillo College
Salinas High School	Los Gatos High School	De Anza Community College
Granite Bay High School	San Ramon Valley High School	Santa Barbara City College

*Private School

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2017 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 2017 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 28.6% came from the San Francisco Bay area and 21.7% from the Los Angeles area.

The top "feeder" counties for fall 2017 new FTF were Los Angeles (11.1%), San Diego (8.4%), and Orange (8.3%).

The Central Coast area accounted for 7.1% of fall 2017 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	31	Australia, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
Cal Poly Affiliated Partner Abroad Programs	520	Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Malawi, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, UK, Vietnam
CSU International Programs	54	Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Spain
Non-Affiliated Study Abroad	31	Australia, Austria, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Multi-Country, Nepal, Panama, Peru, South Korea, Spain, UK
Cal Poly Global Programs	58	Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain
National Student Exchange (NSE) Outbound Students	0	1 student studying domestically through NSE
Non-Credit Programs	61	Antarctica, Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Nicaragua, Taiwan, Thailand, UK

International Students*

In fall 2017, Cal Poly enrolled 353 international visa students, including: 260 undergraduate, 41 graduate, 52 non-degree. There were 65 countries total represented, with the top ten countries listed below:

Country	UG	PB/Grad	Non-Degree	Total
India	38	19	0	57
China	41	7	1	49
South Korea	28	0	0	28
Germany	1	0	23	24
Vietnam	18	1	0	19
Canada	10	1	0	11
United Kingdom	7	0	3	10
Brazil	10	0	0	10
France	2	0	8	10
Taiwan	5	4	0	9

Non-Degree International Students

Cal Poly Intl' Exchanges	34	France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK
CSU Intl' Programs	8	France, Germany
Open University	2	Germany, Lebanon
VISIT (self-funded)	6	Italy, Germany, Mexico
National Student Exchange (NSE)	1	Guatemala

*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	3,577	16.8%	26	15.9%	109	15.0%	3,712	16.7%
African American	161	0.8%	1	0.6%	4	0.6%	166	0.7%
Native American	31	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	31	0.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	32	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	32	0.1%
Asian American	2,740	12.9%	7	4.3%	70	9.6%	2,817	12.7%
Multi-Racial	1,610	7.6%	4	2.4%	39	5.4%	1,653	7.4%
White	11,656	54.7%	106	64.6%	417	57.4%	12,179	54.9%
Non-Resident Alien	463	2.2%	6	3.7%	31	4.3%	500	2.3%
Unknown/Other	1,027	4.8%	14	8.5%	57	7.8%	1,098	4.9%
Total Students	21,297		164		727		22,188	

The student population for fall 2017 shows that 16.7% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 12.7% 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 2017 is 20.3%, up from 19.5% 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

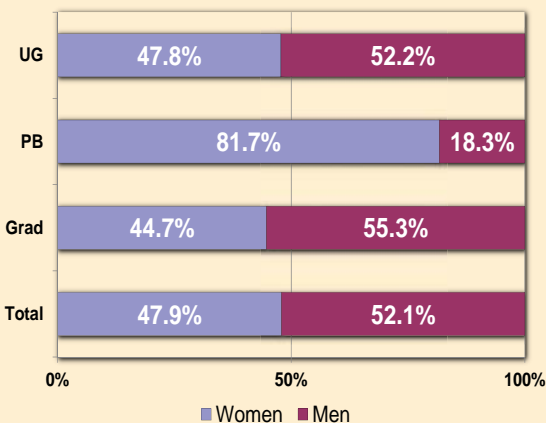
The average age of fall 2017 undergraduates was 20.1, with 97.2% under the age of 25.

Age	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	20.1	26.1	26.0	20.3
25 or Older	2.8%	34.1%	44.4%	4.4%

Note: Based on students' age at census date for fall 2017 (10/25/17)

Student Gender

Fall 2017 Enrollment by Gender



There were 10,629 women (47.9%) and 11,559 men (52.1%) enrolled at Cal Poly in fall 2017. This was a 5.7% 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 2017 post-baccalaureate students, 81.7% were female. However, at the graduate level, there was a higher percentage of men than women. For fall 2017 graduate students, 55.3% were male.

Financial Aid

Of the 21,306 total students enrolled in fall 2016, 60.0% received some type of financial aid during 2016-17. Similarly, 59.8% of fall 2016 undergraduates and 63.6% of fall 2016 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2016-17.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2016-17 totaled over \$161 million, increasing 2.1% from 2015-16. Of the \$161,061,030 total aid awarded, 61.7% came from federal funds, while 12.1% came from state funds and 19.5% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 54.0% came in the form of loans, 31.0% in grants, and 12.0% came in the form of scholarships.

Housing

In fall 2017, 36% of undergraduates lived in one of the available campus housing options. Almost all first-time freshmen (99%) and 29% of sophomores lived in campus housing.

Degrees Awarded



For college year 2016-17, there were 4,568 bachelor's degrees and 512 master's degrees awarded.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2016-17 with 1,193 (26.1%) degrees. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 866 (19.0%) and 842 (18.4%) respectively.

College Year	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2012-13	4,145	591	235
2013-14	4,259	589	208
2014-15	4,247	574	196
2015-16	4,213	553	169
2016-17	4,568	512	195

Over 40% (206 degrees) of the 2016-17 master's degrees awarded were in the College of Engineering.

2016-17 Degrees Awarded by College

Bachelor's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	19.0%
Architecture & Env Design	6.6%
Engineering	26.1%
Liberal Arts	18.4%
Orfalea Business	16.7%
Science & Math	13.2%

Master's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	9.0%
Architecture & Env Design	4.3%
Engineering	40.2%
Liberal Arts	5.3%
Orfalea Business	15.2%
Science & Math	17.2%

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 63 Bachelor's Degree programs.* The five with the highest enrollment for fall 2017 are Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Computer Science, and Civil Engineering.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 34 Master's Degree programs.* The five with the highest fall 2017 enrollment are Education, Civil & Environmental Engineering, Computer Science, Business, 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 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%
Fall 2015 Cohort	95.0%
Fall 2016 Cohort	94.9%

The one-year retention rate for the fall 2016 cohort shows a decrease of 0.1 percentage points as compared to the previous year.

The six-year graduation rate of 82.1% for the fall 2011 cohort is a decrease of 0.9 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 2004 Cohort	75.1%
Fall 2005 Cohort	76.5%
Fall 2006 Cohort	74.1%
Fall 2007 Cohort	72.6%
Fall 2008 Cohort	78.8%
Fall 2009 Cohort	79.9%
Fall 2010 Cohort	83.0%
Fall 2011 Cohort	82.1%

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

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