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UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT

Cal Poly’s total headcount enrollment decreased in fall 2018 to 21,812 students, a 1.7% decrease from fall 2017.

Undergrad headcount enrollment decreased by 1.2% to 21,037 students.

Post-Bacc headcount, which is comprised mostly of credential students, decreased by 22.6% to 127 students.

Graduate enrollment decreased by 10.9% to 648 students.

Notes: Post-Bacc 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 2018 undergraduate average unit load of 14.58 is a 0.3% increase from last year’s average of 14.54.

The fall 2018 graduate student average unit load of 11.30 is a 3.1% decrease from last year’s average of 11.65.

The fall 2018 total average unit load combined with the total headcount enrollment resulted in a full-time equivalent students (FTES) of 21,204.20, a decrease of 1.5% over Fall 2017 FTES of 21,528.50.
Gender proportions do not change much from year to year. Of the fall 2018 total student population (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate), 48.4% are women. This is an increase of 0.5 percentage points compared to fall 2017.

- 48.3% of fall 2018 undergraduate students are women
- 69.3% of fall 2018 post-baccalaureate students are women
- 48.0% of fall 2018 graduate students are women

Of the fall 2018 total student population, 17.0% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino and 13.1% 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.

The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors, with 28.3% of all fall 2018 students. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences follows, with 18.7% of all fall 2018 students. The College of Engineering also has the most graduate (master’s) students (250). 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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