

POLYVIEW *FALL 2008*

Characteristics of Students Enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Applications for Fall 2008

There was an all-time high of 39,026 total applications for Fall 2008. This number has been increasing since a low of 13,441 in Fall 1993. This increase is driven almost entirely by first-time freshmen (FTF) applications, which totaled 33,352. This is also an all-time high and is an increase of 10.5% over last year.

There were 3,450 early decision applications for Fall 2008, of which 871 students were selected and 695 (79.8%) enrolled.

Cal Poly received 4,455 new transfer applications in Fall 2008.

New transfer applications are up 6.6% from last year.

Cal Poly received 991 post-baccalaureate/graduate applications in Fall 2008, an increase of 7.1% from last year.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen	
Average High School GPA	3.78
Average SAT Reading	578
Average SAT Math	622
Average ACT Composite	26.1

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 19,471 students in Fall 2008. Of these students, 18,516 (95.1%) were undergraduates, 167 (0.9%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 788 (4.0%) were graduate students. The Fall total enrollment of 19,471 is an decrease of 1.6% (306 students) from Fall of 2007.

Fall 2008 total headcount enrollment fell short of Cal Poly's internal headcount target of 19,501 by 30 students. Fall 2008 undergraduate headcount was 32 students below Cal Poly's internal undergraduate headcount target of 18,548. Fall 2008 post-baccalaureate headcount exceeded its internal target by 3 students, and graduate enrollment fell short of its target by 1 student.

Cal Poly enrolled a new first-time freshman class of 3,501 students in Fall 2008, which was 99.4% of Cal Poly's internal FTF target of 3,522. The Fall 2008 new transfer class of 700 students was higher than Cal Poly's internal new transfer target by 164 students.

The average load for all students in Fall 2008 was 14.14, with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.27, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 13.24, and graduate students carrying 11.29. This total student average load of 14.14 is up from last year's load of 13.97.

Academic Performance

	Undergraduate	Post-Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.27	13.24	11.29
Average Cumulative GPA*	2.86	3.56	3.58

*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include Fall 2008

College Size

College	Under-Grad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Percent of Total
Ag, Food & Env Science	3,832	-	118	3,950	20.3%
Architecture & Env Design	1,954	-	64	2,018	10.4%
Education	-	145	76	221	1.1%
Engineering	5,187	-	286	5,473	28.1%
Liberal Arts	3,102	-	127	3,229	16.6%
Orfalea Business	2,367	-	58	2,425	12.5%
Science & Math	1,952	-	59	2,011	10.3%
Other	122	22	-	144	0.7%
University Total	18,516	167	788	19,471	100.0%



Poly Canyon Village Apartments Open Fall 2008
(Tribune Photo by David Middlecamp)

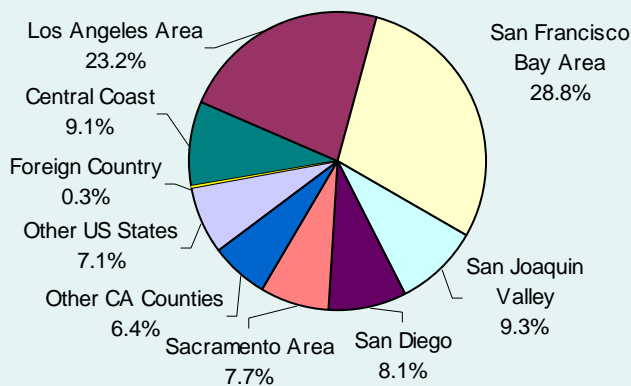
Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top “feeder” schools for Fall 2008 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
San Luis Obispo High School	Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton)	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
Campolindo High School (Moraga)	Atascadero High School	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
Dana Hills High School (Dana Point)	*Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose)	Santa Rosa Junior College
Royal High School (Simi Valley)	La Costa Canyon High School (Encinitas)	De Anza Community College (Cupertino)
College Park High School (Pleasant Hill)	Paso Robles High School	Moorpark College
Wilson High School (Long Beach)	*St. Francis High School (Mountain View)	Ventura College
*Private School		Diablo Valley College

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2008 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

Over one quarter (28.8%) of Fall 2008 new first-time freshmen (FTF) came from the San Francisco Bay area. Another 23.2% of Fall 2008 new FTF came from the Los Angeles area. The top “feeder” counties for Fall 2008 new FTF were Los Angeles (10.3%), San Diego (8.1%), and Orange (8.1%). The Central Coast area accounted for 9.1% of Fall 2008 new FTF, with 4.5% from San Luis Obispo County.

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

Study Abroad

In Fall 2008, 60 Cal Poly students studied in 12 countries as part of the California State University International Programs. Students participating represented a variety of disciplines, and most enrolled in intensive language study at their host universities.

As part of the National Student Exchange program (the only nationwide domestic student exchange program), 9 Cal Poly students studied at other universities across the United States. Cal Poly hosted 11 NSE students during 2008-09.

In Fall 2008, 46 students participated in international exchanges to various countries: Australia, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Taiwan. Other exchange sites are located in Austria, Canada,

China, Honduras, Mexico, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.

Additional study abroad opportunities include the: Australia Study Program, Cal Poly at Sea Program, Summer Study in London Program, Thai Study Program, Peru Study Program, Valladolid Fall Studies Program in Spain, and extended field trips led by Cal Poly faculty (e.g., Beijing, London, Tokyo, and Barcelona).

Finally, Cal Poly sent students on the following affiliated study abroad programs during Fall 2008: AustralLearn (23), Cultural Experiences Abroad (88), Danish Institute for Study Abroad (1), and University Studies Abroad Consortium (47). Fifty Cal Poly students are enrolled in independent study abroad programs.

*Study Abroad information provided by International Education & Programs

International Students

In Fall 2008, Cal Poly enrolled 154 international students, including 135 undergraduates, 7 post-baccalaureates, and 12 graduate students. These students came from 41 countries. The 5 countries sending the most students to Cal Poly were Germany (14), Japan (14), France (12), Korea (12), and Sweden (11).

Note: International students consist of students enrolled at Cal Poly who are in the United States with an F or J visa.



Ethnic Origin

Note: Student ethnic origin is self-reported.

	Undergraduate		Post-Baccalaureate		Graduate		Total	
Hispanic/Latino	2,104	11.4%	14	8.4%	82	10.4%	2,200	11.3%
African American	204	1.1%	-	0.0%	8	1.0%	212	1.1%
Native American	149	0.8%	1	0.6%	5	0.6%	155	0.8%
Asian American	2,049	11.1%	6	3.6%	82	10.4%	2,137	11.0%
Total Non-White	4,506	24.3%	21	12.6%	177	22.5%	4,704	24.2%
White	12,075	65.2%	117	70.1%	463	58.8%	12,655	65.0%
Non-Resident Alien	213	1.2%	7	4.2%	18	2.3%	238	1.2%
Unknown/Other	1,722	9.3%	22	13.2%	130	16.5%	1,874	9.6%
Total Students	18,516	100.0%	167	100.0%	788	100.0%	19,471	100.0%

Of Fall 2008 students, 24.2% identify themselves as “Non-White.” This is an increase from last year’s proportion of 23.9%. The proportion of “White” students increased slightly from last year. The proportion of students of Hispanic/Latino origin increased from 10.7% last year to 11.3% in Fall 2008. The “Unknown/Other” proportion, which includes “No Response” identification, is the lowest since prior to Fall 1995 (before the effects of Prop. 209 were realized).

- 24.3% of Fall 2008 undergraduates are “Non-White.”
- 12.6% of Fall 2008 post-baccalaureate students are “Non-White.”
- 22.5% of Fall 2008 graduate students are “Non-White.”

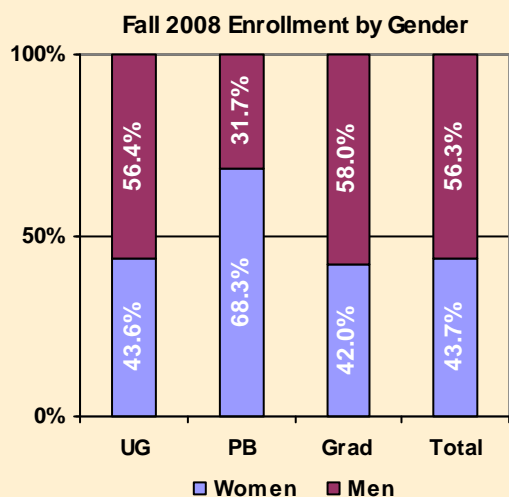
Student Age

The average age of Fall 2008 undergraduates was 20.5, with 95.3% under the age of 25.

	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	20.5	27.3	27.4	20.8
25 or Older	4.7%	52.1%	52.5%	7.0%

Note: Based on students’ age at census date for Fall 2008 (10-30-08)

Student Gender



There were 8,509 women (43.7%) and 10,962 men (56.3%) enrolled at Cal Poly in Fall 2008. The proportion of women is up from the Fall 2007 proportion of 43.3%.

Among post-baccalaureate students, women outnumbered men. Of Fall 2008 post-baccalaureate students, 68.3% were female. However, at the graduate level, men outnumbered women. Of Fall 2008 graduate students, 58.0% were male.

Financial Aid

Of the 19,777 total students enrolled in Fall 2007, 45.8% received some type of financial aid during 2007-08. Similarly, 45.3% of Fall 2007 undergraduates and 48.5% of Fall 2007 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2007-08.

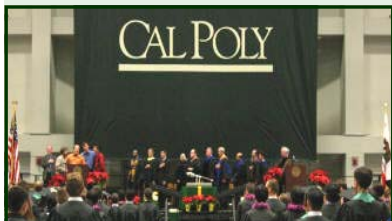
The amount of financial aid awarded in 2007-08 totaled almost \$90 million, an increase of 6.3% over 2006-07. Of this \$90 million, 70.7% came from federal funds, while 13.9% came from state and 6.2% came from institutional funds.

Of 2007-08 financial aid, 62.6% came in the form of loans, 26.3% was grants, and 7.5% was scholarships.

Housing

In Fall 2008, Cal Poly opened up the first phase of Poly Canyon Village. Cal Poly housed 28.8% of Fall 2008 undergraduates and 95.0% of Fall 2008 first-time freshmen in on-campus residence halls.

Degrees Awarded



The 3,641 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2007-08 is a 0.8% decrease from last years' total of 3,670 bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of master's degrees awarded in 2007-08 (435) is 16 fewer than last year but higher than the previous three years.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2007-08 with 780 (21.4%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 751 (20.6%) and 747 (20.5%) bachelor's degrees awarded, respectively.

	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2003-04	3,672	359	317
2004-05	3,565	298	233
2005-06	3,755	347	267
2006-07	3,670	451	225
2007-08	3,641	435	258

The College of Engineering awarded the highest number of master's degrees with 149 (34.3%).

College Breakdown of Degrees Awarded in 2007-08

Bachelor's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	20.6%
Architecture & Env Design	10.9%
Engineering	21.4%
Liberal Arts	20.5%
Orfalea Business	16.9%
Science & Math	9.4%
Other	0.1%

Master's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	6.4%
Architecture & Env Design	3.0%
Education	15.2%
Engineering	34.3%
Liberal Arts	12.2%
Orfalea Business	18.2%
Science & Math	5.3%
Other	5.5%

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 66 bachelor's degree programs, including a new five-year pilot program of BA in Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 27 master's degree programs with the addition of an MS in Polymers and Coatings Science. Cal Poly also offers an Ed.D. degree in Educational Leadership in conjunction with UC Santa Barbara.

In addition to the degree programs, Cal Poly also offers 67 minors and 14 credential programs.

Eleven bachelor's and eight master's programs are unique to Cal Poly among the California State University system campuses.

Retention & Persistence to Graduation

One-Year Retention Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2000 Cohort	88.6%
Fall 2001 Cohort	88.3%
Fall 2002 Cohort	89.2%
Fall 2003 Cohort	90.0%
Fall 2004 Cohort	91.3%
Fall 2005 Cohort	90.8%
Fall 2006 Cohort	89.9%
Fall 2007 Cohort	89.2%

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.

The Fall 2007 cohort's one-year retention rate of 89.2% is a slight decline from the previous year's rate. The most recent six-year graduation rate for the Fall 2002 cohort is at 71.9%, the highest point on record. This rate is 5.3% higher than the six-year rate for the Fall 1995 cohort and 13.4% higher than the six-year rate for the Fall 1990 cohort.

Six-Year Graduation Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall Cohort 1995	66.6%
Fall Cohort 1996	65.2%
Fall Cohort 1997	66.2%
Fall Cohort 1998	69.2%
Fall Cohort 1999	69.7%
Fall Cohort 2000	68.5%
Fall Cohort 2001	68.9%
Fall Cohort 2002	71.9%

For more detailed information, see the Fact Book at <http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/factbook/index.htm>.

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