

Applications for Fall 2012

There were 45,796 total applications in Fall 2012, which is an increase of 10.9% from last year.

Fall 2012 first-time freshman (FTF) applications totaled 36,941, an increase of 3,940 (11.9%) from last year.

There were 3,591 early-decision applications for Fall 2012, of which 1,104 students were selected (30.7%) and 868 (78.6%) enrolled.

Fall 2012 new transfer applications increased to 7,529 from last year's total of 6,834, an increase of 10.2% from last year.

Fall 2012 new post-baccalaureate/graduate applications decreased

6.2% from last year.

The Fall 2012 FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high SAT and ACT averages. The average high school GPA is also a new record high.

In addition, Cal Poly has enrolled 13 National Hispanic Scholars and 7 National Merit® Finalists.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen

Average High School GPA	3.87
Average SAT Reading	596
Average SAT Math	635
Average ACT Composite	27.1

Academic Performance

Measure	Undergraduate	Post-Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.52	14.68	11.52
Average Cumulative GPA*	2.96	3.77	3.55

*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include Fall 2012 grades.

College Size

College	Under-Grad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Percent of Total
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	3,644	—	84	3,728	20.0%
Architecture & Env Design	1,453	—	80	1,533	8.2%
Engineering	5,007	—	404	5,411	29.0%
Liberal Arts	2,623	—	108	2,731	14.6%
Orfalea Business	2,297	—	37	2,334	12.5%
Science & Math	2,575	111	162	2,848	15.2%
Other	81	13	—	94	0.5%
University Total	17,680	124	875	18,679	100.0%

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 18,679 students in Fall 2012. Of these students, 17,680 (94.7%) were undergraduates, 124 (0.7%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 875 (4.7%) were graduate students. The Fall total enrollment of 18,679 is a decrease of 0.4% (83 students) from Fall 2011.

Fall 2012 total headcount enrollment exceeded Cal Poly's internal headcount target of 18,584 by 95 students. Fall 2012 undergraduate headcount was 144 students over Cal Poly's internal undergraduate headcount target of 17,536. Fall 2012 post-baccalaureate headcount was 2 students over its internal target, and graduate enrollment fell short of its target by 51 students.

Cal Poly enrolled a new first-time freshman class of 3,701 students in Fall 2012, which was 2.9% under Cal Poly's internal FTF target of 3,812. The Fall 2012 new transfer class of 796 students was 25.8% higher than Cal Poly's internal new transfer target of 633.

The average load for all students in Fall 2012 was 14.38, with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.52, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 14.68, and graduate students carrying 11.52. This total student average load of 14.38 is up from last year's load of 14.21 and is just below a high of 14.39 in Fall 2009.



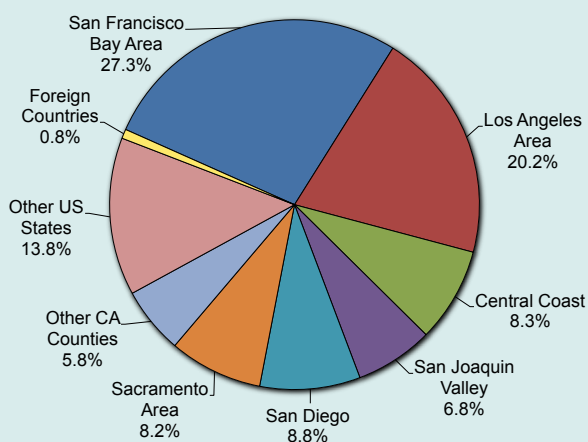
Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top "feeder" schools for Fall 2012 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton)	Davis Senior High School	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
Granite Bay High School	San Luis Obispo High School	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
Atascadero High School	*St. Francis High School (Mountain View)	Ventura College
San Ramon Valley High School (Danville)	Monte Vista High School (Danville)	Diablo Valley College (Pleasant Hill)
Arroyo Grande High School	Wilson High School (Long Beach)	Moorpark College
*De La Salle High School (Concord)	Westview High School (San Diego)	Hartnell College (Salinas)
*Private School		Palomar College (San Marcos)

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2012 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 2012 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 27.3% came from the San Francisco Bay area. Another 20.2% of Fall 2012 new FTF came from the Los Angeles area. The top "feeder" counties for Fall 2012 new FTF were Los Angeles (10.5%), San Diego (8.8%), and Santa Clara (7.3%). The Central Coast area accounted for 8.3% of Fall 2012 new FTF, with 3.7% 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 International Exchanges	43	Australia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, UK
Cal Poly Partner Abroad Programs	207	Cultural Experiences Abroad, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, GlobalLinks, University Studies Abroad Consortium (36 total country locations through partner abroad programs)
CSU International Programs	57	11 Countries
Extended Field Trips	28	CAED to Italy-12; CENG to China-3; OCOB to Germany-11; CLA to Ghana-2
Independent Study Programs	19	Non-Cal Poly study abroad programs
Study Abroad Cal Poly-Led (Fall)	20	Cal Poly in Valladolid, Spain (fall term only)
National Student Exchange (NSE)	16	200+ universities within the U.S., Canada, and our territories (Guam & Puerto Rico)
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Cal Poly International Exchange Programs	46	Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, UK
CSUIP and NSE-Canada	16	CSUIP-15; NSE-Canada-1

International Students

In Fall 2012, Cal Poly enrolled 208 international visa students, including 109 undergraduate students, 18 graduate students, 62 nondegree exchange students, and 19 nondegree students enrolled in self-funded programs. There were 41 total countries sending students to Cal Poly in Fall 2012.

Country	UG	PB/Grad	Non-Degree	Total
Brazil	1	0	18	19
Germany	0	2	17	19
South Korea	16	1	0	17
China	13	1	0	14
Japan	10	1	3	14
Spain	0	0	12	12
United Kingdom	3	1	7	11
India	4	3	3	10
Vietnam	10	0	0	10
Sweden	3	0	6	9

Ethnic Origin

Note: Student ethnic origin is self-reported.

Ethnic Origin	Undergraduate		Post-Baccalaureate		Graduate		Total	
Hispanic/Latino	2,443	13.8%	14	11.3%	109	12.5%	2,566	13.7%
African American	123	0.7%	2	1.6%	10	1.1%	135	0.7%
Native American	52	0.3%	0	0.0%	6	0.7%	58	0.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	43	0.2%	0	0.0%	2	0.2%	45	0.2%
Asian American	1,942	11.0%	2	1.6%	91	10.4%	2,035	10.9%
Multi-Racial	1,035	5.9%	5	4.0%	49	5.6%	1,089	5.8%
White	10,919	61.8%	86	69.4%	514	58.7%	11,519	61.7%
Non-Resident Alien	263	1.5%	3	2.4%	22	2.5%	288	1.5%
Unknown/Other	860	4.9%	12	9.7%	72	8.2%	944	5.1%
Total Students	17,680		124		875		18,679	

Of the Fall 2012 total student population, 13.7% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 10.9% 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 2012 is 17.2%, up from 16.2% 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 2012 undergraduates was 20.2, with 96.9% under the age of 25.

Age	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	20.2	25.4	25.8	20.5
25 or Older	3.1%	30.6%	36.6%	4.9%

Note: Based on students' age at census date for Fall 2012 (10-8-12)

Financial Aid

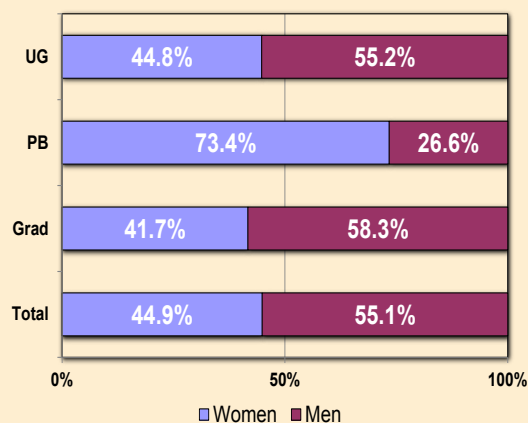
Of the 18,762 total students enrolled in Fall 2011, 54.5% received some type of financial aid during 2011-12. Similarly, 53.7% of Fall 2011 undergraduates and 60.8% of Fall 2011 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2011-12.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2011-12 totaled over \$136 million, an increase of 12.7% over 2010-11. Of the \$136,432,822 total aid awarded, 68.2% came from federal funds, while 19.8% came from state funds and 6.3% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 59.0% came in the form of loans, 31.5% in grants, and 6.4% came in the form of scholarships.

Student Gender

Fall 2012 Enrollment by Gender



There were 8,379 women (44.9%) and 10,300 men (55.1%) enrolled at Cal Poly in Fall 2012. This was a 0.3% increase in the proportion of women from last year.

There were more women at the post-baccalaureate level than men. Of Fall 2012 post-baccalaureate students, 73.4% were female. However, at the graduate level, there were more men than women. Of Fall 2012 graduate students, 58.3% were male.

Housing

In Fall 2012, 36.5% of undergraduates lived in one of 28 dorms on campus. Almost all first-time freshmen (98.1%) lived on campus, even though Cal Poly does not require them to do so. In addition, 50.8% of Cal Poly sophomores lived on campus in Fall 2012.

Degrees Awarded



College Breakdown of Degrees Awarded in 2011-12

Bachelor's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	19.7%
Architecture & Env Design	9.8%
Engineering	26.1%
Liberal Arts	15.6%
Orfalea Business	13.8%
Science & Math	14.6%
Other	0.4%

Master's Degrees

Ag, Food & Env Sciences	6.5%
Architecture & Env Design	6.1%
Engineering	48.6%
Liberal Arts	11.2%
Orfalea Business	9.9%
Science & Math	17.8%

The 3,897 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2011-12 is a 6.0% decrease from last year's total of 4,146 bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of master's degrees awarded in 2011-12 (527) was the same number awarded as 2010-11.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2011-12 with 1,017 (26.1%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 768 (19.7%) and 608 (15.6%) bachelor's degrees awarded, respectively.

College Year	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2007-08	3,752	444	258
2008-09	3,905	393	262
2009-10	4,135	475	270
2010-11	4,146	527	212
2011-12	3,897	527	246

Almost half of the master's degrees awarded were in the College of Engineering.

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 64 bachelor's degree programs. The five with the highest enrollment for Fall 2012 are Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Agricultural Business, and Electrical Engineering.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 31 master's degree programs. The six with the highest Fall 2012 enrollment (with ties for 2nd and 4th highest) are Education, Biomedical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, and City and Regional Planning.

In addition to the degree programs, Cal Poly also offers a variety of minors and credential programs.

Twelve bachelor's and nine 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 2004 Cohort	91.3%
Fall 2005 Cohort	90.8%
Fall 2006 Cohort	89.9%
Fall 2007 Cohort	89.2%
Fall 2008 Cohort	91.4%
Fall 2009 Cohort	91.3%
Fall 2010 Cohort	93.0%
Fall 2011 Cohort	92.7%

The Fall 2011 cohort's one-year retention rate of 92.7% is a 0.3% decrease from last year's all-time high.

The six-year graduation rate for the Fall 2006 cohort is 73.4%, a 3.0% drop from last year's highest point on record. This rate is 3.5% higher than the six-year rate for the Fall 1999 cohort and 14.9% higher than the six-year rate of 58.5% for the Fall 1990 cohort.

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 Cohort 1999	69.9%
Fall Cohort 2000	68.6%
Fall Cohort 2001	69.1%
Fall Cohort 2002	72.9%
Fall Cohort 2003	74.4%
Fall Cohort 2004	75.1%
Fall Cohort 2005	76.4%
Fall Cohort 2006	73.4%

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