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PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICY

Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) Policy for Accredited Programs to Use in Providing Information to the Public:

LAAB accredited programs are required to provide reliable information to the public. Programs must report on accreditation status and its performance. This information is to help potential students make informed application decisions.

ACCREDITATION

The five-year program in landscape architecture is accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board and recognized by the Landscape Architects Technical Committee of the California Board of Architectural Examiners. For more information on LAAB, see: https://www.**asla**.org/Accreditation**LAAB**.aspx

COST OF ATTENDANCE

2023/2024 Cal Poly Student Costs

The following information is summarized and provided for reference from the Office of Financial Aid, Cost of Attendance website: https://www.calpoly.edu/financial-aid/costs-and-affordability/undergraduate-costs-of-attendance. For up-to-date information, please refer to website.

Price to Attend Cal Poly Freshman Undergraduate		
	Undergraduate On/Off Campus	**Undergraduate Living w/Parents**
Fees & Tuition*	$12,204	$12,204
Books and Materials	$1,089	$1,089
Housing	$10,476	$2,880
Food	$6,744	$3,690
Miscellaneous costs	$1,848	$1,848
Transportation	$1,089	$1,089
Loan Fees	$72	$72
Total Fees and Other Estimated Costs	**$33,522**	**$22,872**

*Fees are based on full-time enrollment for the fall, winter and spring quarter.
*Non-resident students pay fees (listed above) PLUS $264 per unit non-resident tuition and an annual opportunity fee of $8,304.
*International students pay the non-resident tuition and opportunity fee, plus an additional fee of $900 and $1,586 for mandatory health insurance.
Registration fees are estimated and subject to state budget approval.
Housing and meal costs are estimated.
Books and supply costs may vary depending on the courses students take each quarter.
Federal Loan borrowers have estimated loan fees added to the cost of attendance.

The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after fees are initially charged or initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees. All listed fees, other than mandatory system-wide fees, are subject to change without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, or the Presidents, as appropriate. Changes in mandatory system-wide fees will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act (Sections 66028 - 66028.6 of the Education Code).

Budgets are estimated and subject to change.

RETENTION AND GRADUATION RATES

<u>Freshmen Graduation Rate:</u> The following tables show five-year, six-year and seven-year graduation rates for first-time freshmen, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

Cohort*	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
% Graduated within 5 years (#)	74.3% (26)	57.6% (19)	63.9% (23)	69.6% (16)	77.1% (37)	54.2% (13)
% Graduated within 6 years (#)	80.0% (28)	63.6% (21)	77.8% (28)	73.9% (17)	85.4% (41)	
% Graduated within 7 years (#)	80.0% (28)	69.7% (23)	80.0% (28)	78.3% (18)		

*When the students entered the program.

<u>One-Year Retention Rate:</u> The following table shows the one-year retention rate for first time freshmen entering the program over the past six years, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

Cohort	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
% Freshman returning (#)	98.1% (52)	88.9% (24)	97.9% (46)	97.1% (34)	95.1% (39)	94.7% (36)

*When the students entered the program.

Note: Cohort is based on the federal Student Right-to-Know Act, which defines an entering cohort as first-time freshmen who entered in fall term or the immediately preceding summer term who were enrolled full-time in the fall term.

DEMOGRAPHICS

The following tables show demographic data for students in the program over the past six years, as provided by the university's Institutional Research office:

	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Total Headcount	201	191	193	229	210	228

Gender	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Men	45.8%	45.5%	44.6%	43.2%	43.3%	39.9%
Women	54.2%	54.5%	55.4%	56.8%	56.7%	60.1%

Ethnic Origin	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Hispanic/Latino	24.4%	23.6%	20.2%	23.1%	22.9%	24.1%
African American	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	.04%	--	--
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian American	15.4%	17.3%	17.6%	14.8%	16.2%	14.5%
Multi-Racial	7.5%	9.9%	9.8%	8.7%	8.6%	8.8%
White	44.8%	43.5%	45.6%	47.2%	46.7%	48.2%
Non-Resident Alien	1.0%	1.6%	1.6%	2.2%	2.9%	2.6%
Other/Unknown	6.5%	3.7%	4.7%	3.1%	2.4%	1.3%

Residency	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
CA Resident	92.0%	89.5%	86.5%	85.6%	87.1%	88.6%
Non-Resident	8.0%	10.5%	13.5%	14.4%	12.9%	11.4%

	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Average Age	21.5	21.1	21.0	21.2	21.0	20.8

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Degrees Awarded: The program has awarded the following number of degrees over the past six years:

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
BLA Degrees Awarded	32	41	35	27	51	27

Academic Performance: The department's students carry an average course unit load per quarter of 14.95, compared to the Cal Poly average of 14.38 units/quarter (Source: Institutional Research, Undergraduate Enrollment Profile, Fall 2022).

The department's students have an average Cal Poly GPA (all courses) of 3.33, compared to the Cal Poly average of 3.20. The department's students also have an average Higher Education GPA (includes all university-level coursework) of 3.39, compared to the Cal Poly average of 3.32. (Source: Institutional Research, Undergraduate Enrollment, Fall 2022).

Scholarships: Students have received the following scholarship amounts by year from university and non-university sources over the past six years (Source: Financial Aid Office and program records):

Academic Year	Total Scholarship Amounts (no.)
2017-18	$24,000 (11)
2018-19	$27,075 (12)
2019-20	$27,013 (17)
2020-21	$30,250 (15)
2021-22	$59,375 (26)
2022-23	$53,950 (26)

Employment Percentages of recent graduates: Present employment of those receiving the BLA degree during the six-year period 2017-2022 (Source: alumni and program records):

Present Occupation	Percentage	(no.)
Advanced Study and Research	2.8%	(6)
Private Practice	31.9%	(68)
Public Practice	1.0%	(2)
Landscape Hort./Design Build	7.0%	(15)
Other	6.6%	(14)
Unknown (no data available)	50.7%	(108)
TOTAL	100%	(213)

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT INFORMATION:

Information for prospective students can be found on the following websites:

Admissions Information:
http://admissions.calpoly.edu/prospective/

Institutional Research Information:
http://ir.calpoly.edu

Prospective Landscape Architecture Student information:
http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/prospective/index

Department News & Events:
http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/news-events/index

Student Work:
http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/gallery/index

Scholarships, Internships and Employment Opportunities:
http://www.landscape.calpoly.edu/content/opportunities/index