CAL POLY
CENTER FOR COASTAL MARINE SCIENCES

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LEARN BY DOING
Cal Poly’s core ethos of Learn by Doing is at the heart of what we do with both undergraduate and graduate students involved in day-to-day fieldwork, research cruises and laboratory experiments.

RESEARCH AND MENTORS
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ABOUT THE PIER

HOW THE PIER BECAME PART OF CAL POLY

The pier facility was donated to the university in 2001. It was originally built in 1984 by Unocal Corp. to facilitate oil transport on the U.S. West Coast and now operates solely as a marine research facility.

3,000 FEET OF UNRIVALED ACCESS TO THE PACIFIC

At nearly two-thirds of a mile long, the Cal Poly Pier provides students, faculty and researchers with unrivaled access to the Central Coast’s marine environment. In addition to classrooms and labs, the pier facility features a flowing seawater system, aquarium space and many other educational and scientific resources.

CCMS RESEARCH INITIATIVES

These and other CCMS research initiatives provide data for improved understanding of our local ecosystem and address pressing issues facing our ocean resources.

Supporting the Blue Economy (marine renewable energy, sustainable aquaculture and working waterfronts, etc.)

Sustainable Regional Fisheries
Water Quality
Local Climate Change Adaption
Protecting Coastal Habitats
Invasive Species

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