Fall 2007 Census Enrollment

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT

Cal Poly's Fall 2007 total headcount enrollment reached a record high for the third year in a row. The 19,777 total students enrolled is a 5.6% increase over Fall 2006.

Undergraduate headcount enrollment also reached a record high for the third year in a row. Undergraduate headcount enrollment increased 1.7% over Fall 2006.

Post-baccalaureate headcount which is comprised mostly of credential students had been decreasing since Fall 2001, but showed an increase in Fall 2007.

Graduate enrollment dropped to 768 students in Fall 2007, a decrease of 4.0% from Fall 2006.

*Post-baccalaureate category consists of credential, second bachelor's and non-degree seeking students. Graduate category consists of students who are pursuing a master's degree.

The undergraduate average unit load has dropped the last three years after peaking at 14.38 in Fall 2004. The Fall 2007 undergraduate average unit load of 14.10 is the lowest in the last six years.

The post-baccalaureate average load had been rising steadily since Fall 1990. After a high point in Fall 2006 of 13.32, the post-baccalaureate average load dropped to 13.17 in Fall 2007.

The graduate average load has been increasing over the last four years surpassing the 11 unit mark in Fall 2007.

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TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY GENDER

Gender proportions do not change much from year to year. 43.3% of Fall 2007 total students are women. This proportion has decreased 2.0% since Fall 2001.

- 43.1% of Fall 2007 undergraduates are women.
- 73.1% of Fall 2007 post-baccalaureate students are women.
- 42.3% of Fall 2007 graduate students are women.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY ETHNIC ORIGIN

23.9% of Fall 2007 students identify themselves as “Non-White”. This is an increase from last year’s proportion of 23.0%. The proportion of “White” students decreased slightly from last year. All four non-white ethnic origins have increased over last year. The “Unknown/Other” proportion which includes “No Response” identification is the lowest since Fall 1995 (before the effects of Prop 209 were realized).

- 24.2% of Fall 2007 undergraduates are “Non-White”.
- 11.4% of Fall 2007 post-baccalaureate students are “Non-White”.
- 21.1% of Fall 2007 graduate students are “Non-White”.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors with 28.1% of all Fall 2007 students. The College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts follow with 19.7% and 16.8% of all Fall 2007 students, respectively. The College of Engineering also has the most graduate (masters) students. The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has the highest average undergraduate unit load. Conversely, the College of Science and Mathematics has the lowest average undergraduate unit load.

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