Fall 2008 Census
Admissions
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

TOTAL APPLICATIONS Fall 1994 - Fall 2008

Fall 2008 set another new record with 39,026 total applications. The number of total applications has been increasing since a low of 13,441 in Fall 1993. Total applications are up 10.0% from last year.

This increase is driven almost entirely by first-time freshmen (FTF) applications, which are also at an all-time high of 33,352. FTF applications have increased 10.5% over last year, have doubled since Fall 2000, and have more than quadrupled since Fall 1993.

Fall 2008 new transfer applications have been up and down over the years. New transfer applications are up 6.6% from last year.

Fall 2008 new post-baccalaureate/graduate applications increased 7.1% over last year.

The “other” group in the graph consists of non-degree-seeking students (e.g., exchange, faculty/staff waiver, transitory, etc.).

Accommodation Rates and Show Rates

In Fall 2008, Cal Poly accommodated 33.5% of first-time freshmen (FTF) applicants. Of these 11,173 FTF accommodations, 31.3% enrolled, producing an entering FTF class of 3,501 students.

The College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences had the highest FTF accommodation rate (46.0%), as well as the highest FTF yield (49.4%). The College of Science and Math accommodated a high percentage of FTF (35.4%) but ended up enrolling only 17.4% of those selected. Conversely, the College of Architecture & Environmental Design only accommodated 25.9% of their FTF applicants but had 48.0% of their FTF accommodations enroll.

Cal Poly accommodated 28.2% of Fall 2008 transfer applicants. Of the 1,255 new transfer accommodations, 55.8% enrolled, resulting in a Fall 2008 new transfer class of 700 students.

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ENROLLED NEW UNDERGRADUATES BY GENDER/ETHNICITY

The non-white proportion of new first-time freshmen decreased from 26.6% last year to 25.2% in Fall 2008.

ENROLLED NEW UNDERGRADUATES BY COLLEGE

Cal Poly fell slightly short of its Fall 2008 first-time freshman target by 0.6%, with an enrolled class of 3,501 students.

The Fall 2008 FTF class had an average high school GPA of 3.78, an average SAT reading score of 578, and an average SAT Math score of 622. Each of these averages shows an increase over those of the previous year's FTF class.

Cal Poly exceeded its Fall 2008 new transfer target by 30.6%. The College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences enrolled the largest proportion of new transfers, with 24.1% of the 700 new transfers in Fall 2008.