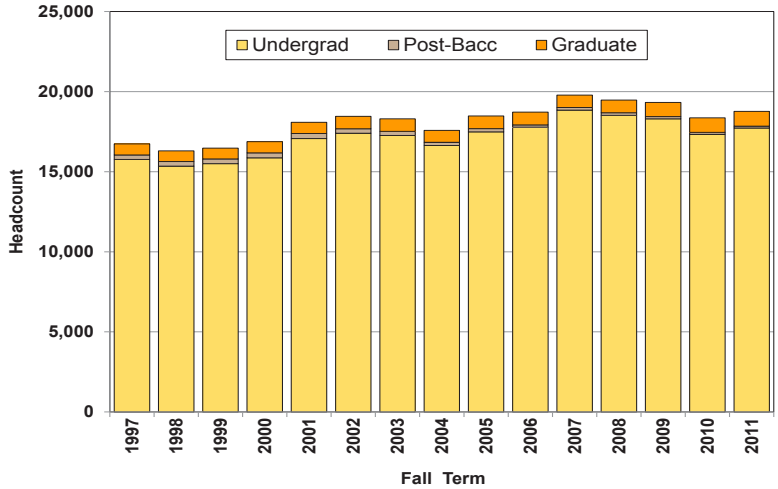
Fall 2011 Census Enrollment

INFO BRIEF

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT



Cal Poly's enrollment increased in Fall 2011. This is primarily due to a higher-than-expected yield of our incoming first-time-freshman class. Cal Poly's 18,762 total students enrolled in Fall 2011 is a 2.2% increase from Fall 2010.

Undergraduate headcount enrollment increased 2.3% from Fall 2010.

Post-baccalaureate headcount, which is comprised mostly of credential students, decreased 1.7% from Fall 2010.

Graduate enrollment rose to 919 students in Fall 2011, an increase of 1.2% from Fall 2010.

Notes: *Post-baccalaureate category consists of credential and non-degree-seeking students. Graduate category consists of students who are pursuing master's degrees.*

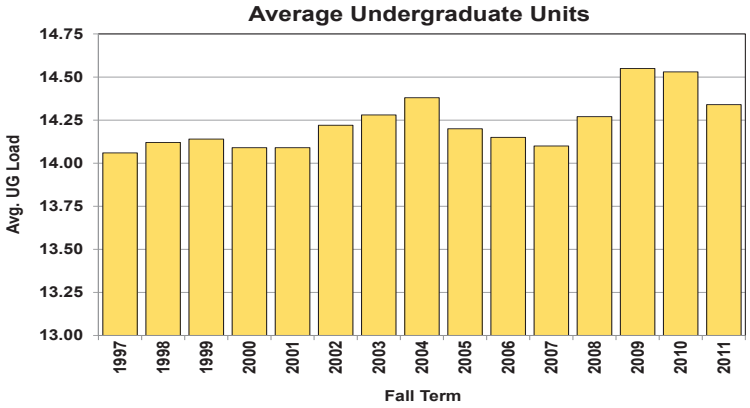
Fall Term	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Undergrad	15,761	15,347	15,503	15,867	17,066	17,401	17,257	16,636	17,488	17,777	18,842	18,516	18,302	17,332	17,725
Post-Bacc	282	283	293	311	321	277	258	200	197	145	167	167	141	120	118
Graduate	692	666	674	699	692	775	788	746	790	800	768	788	882	908	919
TOTAL	**16,735**	**16,296**	**16,470**	**16,877**	**18,079**	**18,453**	**18,303**	**17,582**	**18,475**	**18,722**	**19,777**	**19,471**	**19,325**	**18,360**	**18,762**

AVERAGE UNDERGRADUATE LOAD

The Fall 2011 undergraduate average unit load of 14.34 is a 1.3% decrease from last year's average of 14.53.

The unexpected increase in first-time-freshman yield, which contributed to an increased enrollment, along with a decrease in state funding resulting in limited course availability are the main factors that contributed to the drop in average unit loads. However, this drop is mitigated by Cal Poly's improvements in efficiency and student throughput.

The Fall 2011 graduate student average unit load of 11.58 is a 2.8% increase from last year's average of 11.26.



Fall Term	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Undergrad	14.06	14.12	14.14	14.09	14.09	14.22	14.28	14.38	14.20	14.15	14.10	14.27	14.55	14.53	14.34
Post-Bacc	11.11	11.40	10.81	11.22	11.21	11.32	12.40	13.02	12.87	13.32	13.17	13.24	14.39	14.27	14.63
Graduate	10.44	10.34	10.51	10.17	10.18	10.94	10.58	10.40	10.58	10.82	11.05	11.29	10.98	11.26	11.58
TOTAL	**13.86**	**13.92**	**13.94**	**13.87**	**13.89**	**14.04**	**14.09**	**14.20**	**14.03**	**14.00**	**13.97**	**14.14**	**14.39**	**14.36**	**14.21**

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TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY GENDER

Gender proportions do not change much from year to year. Of the Fall 2011 total student population, 44.6% are women. This proportion is the same as last Fall.

- 44.6% of Fall 2011 **undergraduates** are women.
- 66.9% of Fall 2011 **post-baccalaureate** students are women.
- 41.2% of Fall 2011 **graduate** students are women.

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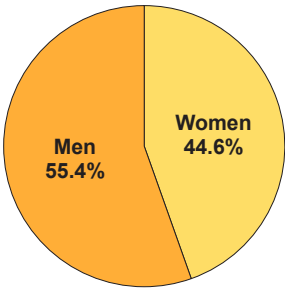

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY ETHNIC ORIGIN

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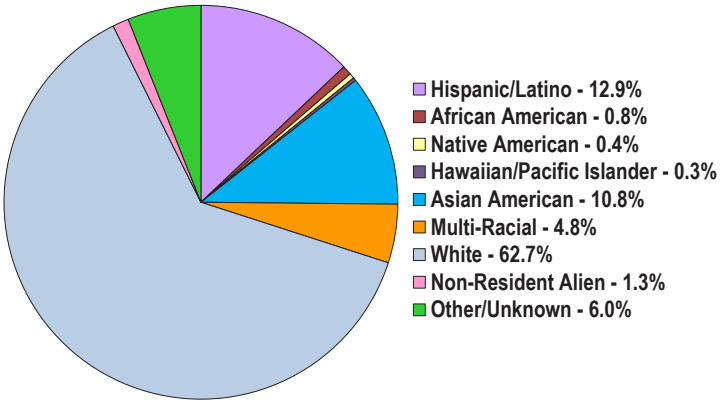

Of the Fall 2011 total student population, 12.9% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 10.8% identify themselves as Asian American.

A typical grouping of ethnic origins that is referred to as "under-represented minorities" (URM) consists of Hispanic, African American, and Native American. Cal Poly's URM proportion of total enrollment for Fall 2011 is 14.1%.

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.*

TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

College	Undergrad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Avg. UG Unit Load
Ag., Food & Env. Sciences	3,646		94	3,740	14.36
Architecture & Env. Design	1,418		77	1,495	14.84
Engineering	5,045		433	5,478	14.26
Liberal Arts	2,648		141	2,789	14.32
Orfalea College of Business	2,309		31	2,340	14.31
Science & Math	2,586	105	143	2,834	14.31
Other	73	13		86	12.51
Total Students	**17,725**	**118**	**919**	**18,762**	**14.34**

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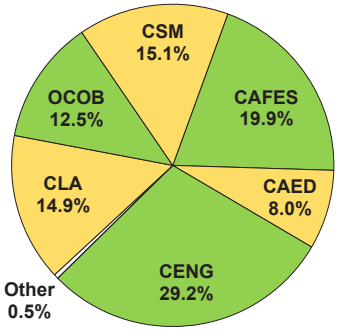

The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors, with 29.2% of all Fall 2011 students. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences follows with 19.9% of all Fall 2011 students. The College of Engineering also has the most graduate (master's) students (433). The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has the highest average undergraduate unit load. Conversely, the College of Engineering has the lowest average undergraduate unit load.