In Fall 2012, Cal Poly selected 31.3% of first-time freshmen (FTF) applicants. Of these 11,545 selections, 32.1% enrolled, producing an entering FTF class of 3,701 students. The Fall 2012 FTF yield of 32.1% is a decrease from the 35.0% yield of the Fall 2011 FTF class, which was the highest FTF yield since Fall 2003.

The College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences had the highest FTF selection rate (44.3%), as well as the highest FTF yield (49.3%). The College of Liberal Arts had the lowest selection rate (25.3%), and the College of Science and Mathematics had the lowest yield (19.6%).

Cal Poly selected 19.5% of Fall 2012 transfer applicants. Of the 1,466 new transfer selections, 54.3% enrolled, resulting in a Fall 2012 new transfer class of 796 students.
Cal Poly fell short of its Fall 2012 first-time freshmen target by 2.9%, with an enrolled class of 3,701 students.

The Fall 2012 FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high SAT and ACT averages. The average high school GPA increased from last year to reach a new record high of 3.87.

In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 13 National Hispanic Scholars and 7 National Merit® Finalists this year.

Cal Poly came in over its Fall 2012 new transfer target by 25.8%.

The College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences enrolled the largest proportion of new transfers, with 25.1% of the 796 new transfers in Fall 2012.

The Orfalea College of Business had the highest transfer GPA among the colleges.