

Applications for Fall 2011

There were 41,279 total applications in Fall 2011, which is a decrease of 2.9% from last year.

Fall 2011 first-time freshmen (FTF) applications totaled 33,001, a decrease of 626 (1.9%) from last year.

There were 3,639 early-decision applications for Fall 2011, of which 812 students were selected (22.3%) and 650 (80.0%) enrolled.

Fall 2011 new transfer applications dropped to 6,834 from last year's all-time high of 7,313, a decrease of 6.5% from last year.

Fall 2011 new post-baccalaureate/graduate applications decreased 8.8% from last year.

The Fall 2011 FTF class quality

continues to climb, with record-high SAT and ACT averages. The average high school GPA stayed the same as last year but is still a record high.

In addition, Cal Poly has enrolled the highest numbers of National Merit® Scholars this fall, with 2 National Achievement® Scholars, 17 National Hispanic Scholars, and 16 National Merit® Finalists.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen	
Average High School GPA	3.84
Average SAT Reading	593
Average SAT Math	633
Average ACT Composite	27.0

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 18,762 students in Fall 2011. Of these students, 17,725 (94.5%) were undergraduates, 118 (0.6%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 919 (4.9%) were graduate students. The Fall total enrollment of 18,762 is an increase of 2.2% (402 students) from Fall 2010.

Fall 2011 total headcount enrollment was over Cal Poly's internal headcount target of 18,280 by 482 students. Fall 2011 undergraduate headcount was 487 students over Cal Poly's internal undergraduate headcount target of 17,238. Fall 2011 post-baccalaureate headcount was 13 students under its internal target, and graduate enrollment exceeded its target by 8 students.

Cal Poly enrolled a new first-time freshman class of 4,316 students in Fall 2011, which was 15.1% over Cal Poly's internal FTF target of 3,749. The Fall 2011 new transfer class of 808 students was 8.1% lower than Cal Poly's internal new transfer target of 879.

The average load for all students in Fall 2011 was 14.21, with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.34, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 14.63, and graduate students carrying 11.58. This total student average load of 14.21 is down from last year's load of 14.36 and is the second-year decrease from a high of 14.39 in Fall 2009.

Academic Performance

	Undergraduate	Post-Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.34	14.63	11.58
Average Cumulative GPA*	2.94	3.55	3.52

*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include Fall 2011 grades.

College Size

College	Under-Grad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Percent of Total
Ag, Food & Env Science	3,646		94	3,740	19.9%
Architecture & Env Design	1,418		77	1,495	8.0%
Engineering	5,045		433	5,478	29.2%
Liberal Arts	2,648		141	2,789	14.9%
Orfalea Business	2,309		31	2,340	12.5%
Science & Math	2,586	105	143	2,834	15.1%
Other	73	13		86	0.5%
University Total	17,725	118	919	18,762	100.0%



Students at University Union Plaza

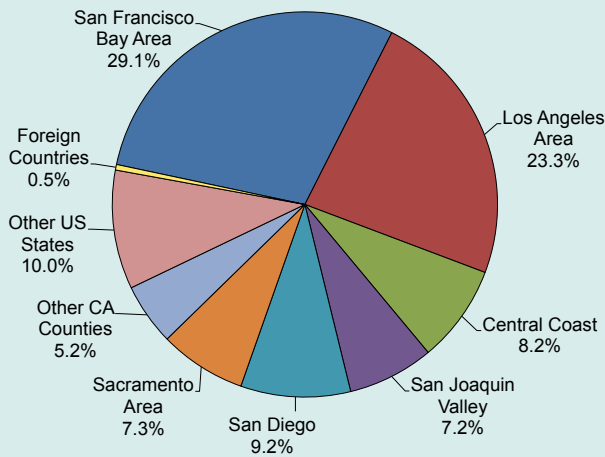
Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top “feeder” schools for Fall 2011 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
San Luis Obispo High School	Davis Senior High School	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
San Ramon Valley High School (Danville)	Foothill High School (Pleasanton)	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
Arroyo Grande High School	Tesoro High School(Las Flores)	Santa Rosa Junior College
Monte Vista High School (Danville)	Wilson High School (Long Beach)	Ventura College
La Costa Canyon High School (Encinitas)	Granite Bay High School	Santa Barbara City College
Paso Robles High School	Scripps Ranch High School (San Diego)	Modesto Junior College
Westview High School (San Diego)	Carlsbad High School	Moorpark College

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2011 New FTF Enrollment by Geographic Region



Area	Counties
Central Coast	Monterey, San Benito, SLO, Santa Barbara
Los Angeles	Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura
San Francisco Bay Area	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, SF, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma
San Joaquin	Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare
San Diego	San Diego
Sacramento Area	El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba
Other	All other CA counties

Of Fall 2011 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 29.1% came from the San Francisco Bay area. Another 23.3% of Fall 2011 new FTF came from the Los Angeles area. The top “feeder” counties for Fall 2011 new FTF were Los Angeles (11.0%), San Diego (9.2%), and Orange (8.7%). The Central Coast area accounted for 8.2% of Fall 2011 new FTF, with 3.8% coming from San Luis Obispo County.

Note: Based on county/state/country of residence at time of application

Study Abroad

Program	Total Students	Comments
Cultural Experiences Abroad	107	Affiliated study abroad program
University Studies Abroad Consortium	104	Affiliated study abroad program
Cal Poly-Hosted Intl. Exchanges (NSE, Canada)	63	Australia, Austria, Brazil, France, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, UK
CSU International Programs	59	11 Countries
International Exchanges	41	Australia, France, Germany, India, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, UK
Independent Study Abroad	39	Non-Cal Poly study abroad programs
AustraLearn/AsiaLearn	26	Affiliated study abroad program
Cal Poly in Spain (Valladolid)	24	Cal Poly’s only fall-term faculty-led program
Cal Poly-Hosted NSE (Incoming Domestic Students)	11	200 universities within the U.S., Canada, and our territories (Guam & Puerto Rico)
National Student Exchange (Outgoing Students)	8	200 universities within the U.S., Canada, and our territories (Guam & Puerto Rico)
Danish Institute for Study Abroad	2	Affiliated study abroad program

International Students

In Fall 2011, Cal Poly enrolled 173 international visa students, including 93 undergraduate students, 18 graduate students, 61 nondegree exchange students, and 1 nondegree-seeking student enrolled in self-funded programs. There were 43 total countries sending students to Cal Poly in Fall 2011.

Country	UG	PB/Grad	Total
Germany	13	3	16
Sweden	12	2	14
China	10	2	12
Australia	10	0	10
South Korea	10	0	10
France	9	0	9
India	5	4	9
Japan	9	0	9
Vietnam	9	0	9
Canada	5	2	7

Ethnic Origin

Note: Student ethnic origin is self-reported.

	Undergraduate		Post-Baccalaureate		Graduate		Total	
Hispanic/Latino	2,305	13.0%	14	11.9%	107	11.6%	2,426	12.9%
African American	137	0.8%	0	--	8	0.9%	145	0.8%
Native American	73	0.4%	0	--	6	0.7%	79	0.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	44	0.2%	0	--	3	0.3%	47	0.3%
Asian American	1,915	10.8%	4	3.4%	104	11.3%	2,023	10.8%
Multi-Racial	857	4.8%	6	5.1%	41	4.5%	904	4.8%
White	11,130	62.8%	81	68.6%	547	59.5%	11,758	62.7%
Non-Resident Alien	226	1.3%	4	3.4%	20	2.2%	250	1.3%
Unknown/Other	1,038	5.9%	9	7.6%	83	9.0%	1,130	6.0%
Total Students	17,725		118		919		18,762	

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%, up from 13.3% last year.

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.

Student Age

The average age of Fall 2011 undergraduates was 20.2, with 96.7% under the age of 25.

	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	20.2	25.4	26.1	20.5
25 or Older	3.3%	32.2%	42.7%	5.4%

Note: Based on students' age at census date for Fall 2011 (10-28-11)

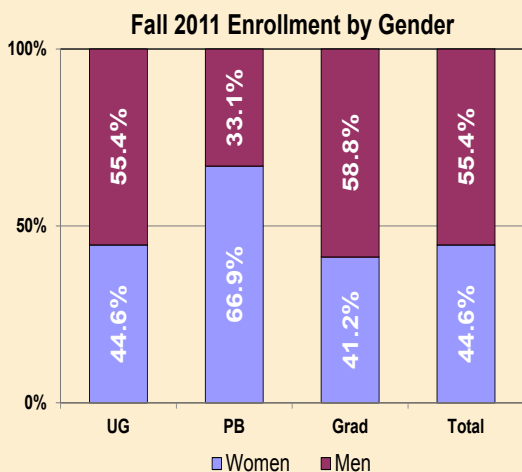
Financial Aid

Of the 18,360 total students enrolled in Fall 2010, 52.0% received some type of financial aid during 2010-11. Similarly, 51.1% of Fall 2010 undergraduates and 60.0% of Fall 2010 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2010-11.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2010-11 totaled over \$121 million, an increase of 4.8% over 2009-10. Of the \$121,107,533 total aid awarded, 72.6% came from federal funds, while 15.8% came from state funds and 5.8% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 60.5% came in the form of loans, 30.3% in grants, and 6.0% came in the form of scholarships.

Student Gender



There were 8,362 women (44.6%) and 10,400 men (55.4%) enrolled at Cal Poly in Fall 2011. These proportions remained the same as Fall 2010 proportions.

There were more women at the post-baccalaureate level than men. Of Fall 2011 post-baccalaureate students, 66.9% were female. However, at the graduate level, there were more men than women. Of Fall 2011 graduate students, 58.8% were male.

Housing

In Fall 2011, 38.3% of undergraduates lived in one of 28 dorms on campus. Almost all first-time freshmen (97.2%) lived on campus, even though Cal Poly does not require them to do so. In addition, 52.8% of Cal Poly sophomores lived on campus in Fall 2011.

Degrees Awarded



The 4,081 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2010-11 is a 1.0% decrease from last year's total of 4,124 bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of master's degrees awarded in 2010-11 (512) increased 43 from 2009-10.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2010-11 with 986 (24.2%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 898 (22.0%) and 679 (16.6%) bachelor's degrees awarded, respectively.

	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2006-07	3,691	453	225
2007-08	3,748	444	258
2008-09	3,902	393	262
2009-10	4,124	469	270
2010-11	4,081	512	212

The College of Engineering awarded the highest number of master's degrees with 209 (40.8%).

College Breakdown of Degrees Awarded in 2010-11

Bachelor's Degrees	
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	22.0%
Architecture & Env Design	10.1%
Engineering	24.2%
Liberal Arts	16.6%
Orfalea Business	14.8%
Science & Math	11.9%
Other	0.4%
Master's Degrees	
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	10.0%
Architecture & Env Design	8.2%
Engineering	40.8%
Liberal Arts	10.9%
Orfalea Business	8.0%
Science & Math	17.8%
Other	4.3%

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 64 bachelor's degree programs. Effective Fall 2011, the Crop Science, Fruit Science, and Environmental Horticultural Science bachelor of science programs were merged into an Agricultural and Environmental Plant Sciences BS program. Also effective Fall 2011, the BS Agricultural Communication program was added.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 31 master's degree programs. Effective Fall 2011, the Master of Agricultural Education program was added.

In addition to the degree programs, Cal Poly also offers a variety of minors and credential programs.

Twelve bachelor's and nine master's programs are unique to Cal Poly among the California State University system campuses.

Retention & Persistence to Graduation

One-Year Retention Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2003 Cohort	90.0%
Fall 2004 Cohort	91.3%
Fall 2005 Cohort	90.8%
Fall 2006 Cohort	89.9%
Fall 2007 Cohort	89.2%
Fall 2008 Cohort	91.4%
Fall 2009 Cohort	91.2%
Fall 2010 Cohort	93.0%

The Fall 2010 cohort's one-year retention rate of 93.0% is an all-time high and a 1.8% increase over last year's rate.

The six-year graduation rate for the Fall 2005 cohort is 76.0%, the highest point on record. This rate is 6.6% higher than the six-year rate for the Fall 1998 cohort and 17.5% higher than the six-year rate of 58.5% for the Fall 1990 cohort.

Note: Cohorts used for retention and graduation rates are based on the federal "Student Right-to-Know Act" methodology, which is defined as any student entering post-secondary education for the first time in Fall term (or the preceding Summer term) who is enrolled as full-time in the Fall.

Six-Year Graduation Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall Cohort 1998	69.4%
Fall Cohort 1999	69.9%
Fall Cohort 2000	68.6%
Fall Cohort 2001	69.1%
Fall Cohort 2002	72.8%
Fall Cohort 2003	74.4%
Fall Cohort 2004	74.9%
Fall Cohort 2005	76.0%

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