Cal Poly’s headcount enrollment decreased slightly in Fall 2012. Cal Poly’s 18,679 total students enrolled in Fall 2012 is a 0.4% decrease from Fall 2011.

Undergraduate headcount enrollment decreased 0.3% from Fall 2011.

Post-baccalaureate headcount, which is comprised mostly of credential students, increased 5.1% from Fall 2011.

Graduate enrollment fell to 875 students in Fall 2012, a decrease of 4.8% from Fall 2011.

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

The Fall 2012 undergraduate average unit load of 14.52 is a 1.3% increase from last year’s average of 14.34.

The Fall 2012 graduate student average unit load of 11.52 is a 0.5% decrease from last year’s average of 11.58.

In terms of full-time equivalent students (FTES), the increase in average loads more than offset the decrease in headcount enrollment. Fall 2012 FTES is 18,074.0, which is an increase of 0.7% over the Fall 2011 FTES of 17,952.1.
Gender proportions do not change much from year to year. Of the Fall 2012 total student population, 44.9% are women. This proportion is a 0.3% increase over last Fall.

- 44.8% of Fall 2012 undergraduates are women
- 73.4% of Fall 2012 post-baccalaureate students are women
- 41.7% of Fall 2012 graduate students are women

Of the Fall 2012 total student population, 13.7% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino and 10.9% identify themselves as Asian American.

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.

The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors, with 29.0% of all Fall 2012 students. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences follows, with 20.0% of all Fall 2012 students. The College of Engineering also has the most graduate (master’s) students (404). The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has the highest average undergraduate unit load. Conversely, the College of Liberal Arts has the lowest average undergraduate unit load.