Due to a decrease in the state budget, Cal Poly decreased its enrollment in Fall 2008. The 19,471 total students enrolled is a 1.5% decrease from Fall 2007.

The decrease in enrollment is entirely in the undergraduate student population. Undergraduate headcount enrollment decreased 1.7% from Fall 2007.

Post-baccalaureate headcount, which is comprised mostly of credential students, stayed the same in Fall 2008 as in Fall 2007.

Graduate enrollment rose to 788 students in Fall 2008, an increase of 2.6% from Fall 2007.

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

Beginning in Fall 2008, second-bachelor's students are counted as undergraduates to conform with federal reporting standards.

The undergraduate average unit load jumped in Fall 2008. The Fall 2008 undergraduate average unit load of 14.27 is the highest in the last four years.

The Fall 2008 post-baccalaureate average unit load increased slightly over Fall 2007.

The graduate student average unit load has been increasing over the last five years, reaching the 11.29 unit mark in Fall 2008.
Gender proportions do not change much from year to year. Of Fall 2008 total students, 43.7% are women. This proportion is a slight increase over last Fall but is still 1.6% below the high point in Fall 2001.

- 43.6% of Fall 2008 undergraduates are women.
- 68.3% of Fall 2008 post-baccalaureate students are women.
- 42.0% of Fall 2008 graduate students are women.

### TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY ETHNIC ORIGIN

Of Fall 2008 students, 24.2% identify themselves as “Non-White.” This is an increase from last year’s proportion of 23.9%. The proportion of “White” students increased slightly from last year. The proportion of students of Hispanic/Latino origin increased from 10.7% last year to 11.3% in Fall 2008. The “Unknown/Other” proportion, which includes “No Response” identification, is the lowest since prior to Fall 1995 (before the effects of Prop. 209 were realized).

- 24.3% of Fall 2008 undergraduates are “Non-White.”
- 12.6% of Fall 2008 post-baccalaureate students are “Non-White.”
- 22.5% of Fall 2008 graduate students are “Non-White.”

### TOTAL ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

The College of Engineering continues to enroll the largest number of Cal Poly majors, with 28.1% of all Fall 2008 students. The College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts follow with 20.3% and 16.6% of all Fall 2008 students, respectively. The College of Engineering also has the most graduate (master’s) students. The College of Architecture and Environmental Design has the highest average undergraduate unit load. Conversely, the College of Science and Mathematics has the lowest average undergraduate unit load.