

Applications for Fall 2013

There were 49,832 total applications in fall 2013, which is an increase of 8.8% from last year.

Fall 2013 first-time freshman (FTF) applications totaled 40,402, an increase of 3,461 (9.4%) from last year.

There were 3,984 early-decision applications for fall 2013, of which 1,343 students were selected (33.7%) and 1,150 (85.6%) enrolled.

Fall 2013 new transfer applications increased to 8,077 from last year's total of 7,529, an increase of 7.3% from last year.

Fall 2013 new post-baccalaureate/graduate applications increased 1.0% from last year to 1,152.

The fall 2013 FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high SAT and ACT averages. The average high school GPA remained at last year's high of 3.87.

In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 15 National Hispanic Scholars and 16 National Merit® Finalists this year.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen	
Average High School GPA	3.87
Average SAT Reading	597
Average SAT Math	635
Average ACT Composite	27.3

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 19,703 students in fall 2013. Of these students, 18,739 (95.1%) were undergraduates, 134 (0.7%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 830 (4.2%) were graduate students. The fall total enrollment of 19,703 is an increase of 5.5% (1,024 students) from fall 2012.

Fall 2013 total headcount enrollment was below Cal Poly's internal headcount target of 19,721 by 18 students. Fall 2013 undergraduate headcount was 23 students over Cal Poly's internal undergraduate headcount target of 18,716. Fall 2013 post-baccalaureate headcount was over its internal target by 12 students, and graduate enrollment was under its target by 53 students.

Cal Poly enrolled a new first-time freshman class of 4,871 students in fall 2013, which was 2.5% over Cal Poly's internal FTF target of 4,752. The fall 2013 new transfer class of 947 students was 5.5% lower than Cal Poly's internal new transfer target of 1,002.

The average load for all students in fall 2013 was 14.35, with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.48, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 14.46, and graduate students carrying 11.44. The total student average load of 14.35 is down from last year's load of 14.38, which was just below the fall 2009 high of 14.39.

Academic Performance

Measure	Post-		
	Undergraduate	Baccalaureate	Graduate
Average Fall Term Units	14.48	14.46	11.44
Average Cumulative GPA*	2.97	3.76	3.60

*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include fall 2013 grades.

College Size

College	Under-Grad	Post-Bacc	Graduate	Total	Percent of Total
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	3,807	—	86	3,893	19.8%
Architecture & Env Design	1,536	—	86	1,622	8.2%
Engineering	5,288	—	358	5,646	28.7%
Liberal Arts	2,925	—	101	3,026	15.4%
Orfalea Business	2,488	—	44	2,532	12.9%
Science & Math	2,621	128	155	2,904	14.7%
Other	74	6	—	80	0.4%
University Total	18,739	134	830	19,703	100.0%



Students in new Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics (Photo by Brittany App)

Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

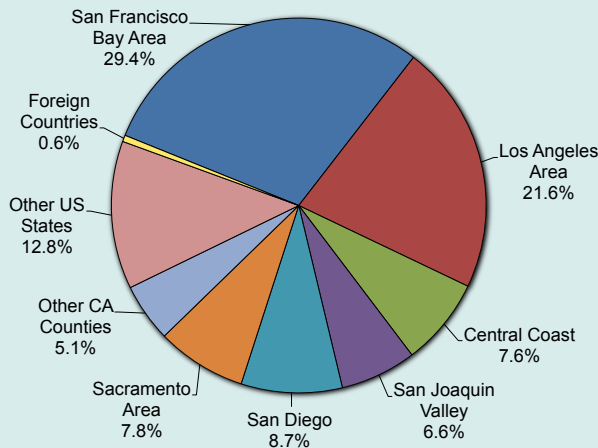
What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top “feeder” schools for fall 2013 new undergraduates are:

First-Time Freshmen—High Schools		New Transfers—Colleges
Monte Vista High School (Danville)	California High School (San Ramon)	Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo)
San Luis Obispo High School	La Costa Canyon High School (Encinitas)	Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria)
San Ramon Valley High School (Danville)	Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton)	Santa Barbara City College
Arroyo Grande High School	Berkeley High School	Diablo Valley College (Pleasant Hill)
*Bellarmine College Preparatory (San Jose)	Foothill High School (Pleasanton)	Moorpark College
Granite Bay High School	Los Gatos High School	Santa Rosa Junior College
*Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose)	Westview High School (San Diego)	De Anza College (Cupertino)

*Private School

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2013 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 2013 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 29.4% came from the San Francisco Bay area and 21.6% from the Los Angeles area.

The top “feeder” counties for fall 2013 new FTF were Los Angeles (11.5%), San Diego (8.7%), and Santa Clara (8.2%).

The Central Coast area accounted for 7.6% of fall 2013 new FTF, with 3.4% coming from San Luis Obispo County.

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

Study Abroad*

Outbound Students by Program	Total Students	Comments
Cal Poly International Exchanges	52	Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, UK
Cal Poly-Affiliated Partner Abroad Programs	241	Cultural Experiences Abroad, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, GlobalLinks Learning Abroad, University Studies Abroad Consortium (29 country locations)
CSU International Programs	49	Chile, Denmark, France, Italy, Spain, UK
Cal Poly Group Travel Abroad	7	Cal Poly Engineers Without Borders traveled to Malawi (3 students) and Thailand (4 students)
Nonaffiliated Study Abroad	15	Credit-bearing study abroad programs not affiliated with Cal Poly
Cal Poly Global Programs	43	Valladolid, Spain (31); Rome, Italy (12) (fall term only)
National Student Exchange (NSE)	6	200+ universities within U.S., Canada & Guam
Inbound Exchange Students		
National Student Exchange (NSE)	13	200+ universities within the U.S., Canada, and our territories (Guam & Puerto Rico)
Cal Poly International Exchange Programs	33	Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, UK
CSU IP (CSU Systemwide Exchange)	22	Australia, France, Germany, South Korea, Sweden

International Students*

In fall 2013, Cal Poly enrolled 211 international visa students, including 117 undergraduate students, 27 graduate students, 55 nondegree exchange students, and 12 nondegree students enrolled in self-funded programs. There were 43 total countries sending students to Cal Poly in fall 2013, with the 12 sending the most students listed below.

Country	UG	PB/Grad	Non-Degree	Total
South Korea	18	1	2	21
China	16	3	0	19
Germany	0	1	17	18
Sweden	3	0	12	15
Brazil	3	0	10	13
Vietnam	13	0	0	13
Japan	9	1	0	10
United Kingdom	6	2	1	9
France	2	0	6	8
Canada	6	0	1	7
India	5	2	0	7
Spain	0	0	7	7

*Source: Cal Poly International Center

Ethnic Origin

Note: Student ethnic origin is self-reported.

Ethnic Origin	Undergraduate		Post-Baccalaureate		Graduate		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Hispanic/Latino	2,803	15.0%	16	11.9%	107	12.9%	2,926	14.9%
African American	143	0.8%	0	0.0%	8	1.0%	151	0.8%
Native American	45	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	46	0.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Isl	39	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	40	0.2%
Asian American	2,130	11.4%	7	5.2%	72	8.7%	2,209	11.2%
Multi-Racial	1,253	6.7%	4	3.0%	31	3.7%	1,288	6.5%
White	11,138	59.4%	93	69.4%	506	61.0%	11,737	59.6%
Non-Resident Alien	293	1.6%	1	0.7%	32	3.9%	326	1.7%
Unknown/Other	895	4.8%	13	9.7%	72	8.7%	980	5.0%
Total Students	18,739		134		830		19,703	

Of the fall 2013 total student population, 14.9% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 11.2% identify themselves as Asian American.

Under-represented minorities (URM) include students who self-report their race/ethnicity as Hispanic, Native American, African American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or multi-racial including at least one of those four groups. Cal Poly's URM proportion of undergraduate enrollment for fall 2013 is 18.5%, up from 17.2% 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 2013 undergraduates was 19.1, with 97.5% under the age of 25.

Age	UG	PB	Grad	Total
Average Age	19.1	23.6	25.0	19.4
25 or Older	2.5%	21.6%	31.4%	3.8%

Note: Based on students' age at census date for fall 2013 (11-1-13)

Financial Aid

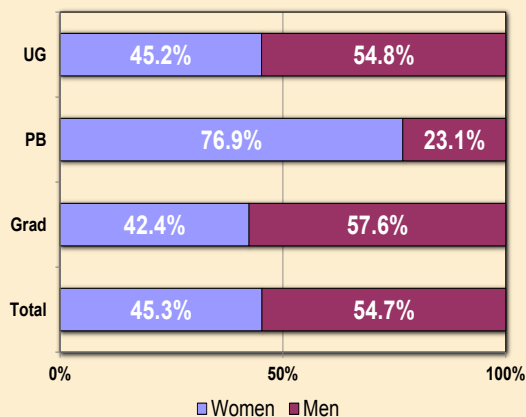
Of the 18,679 total students enrolled in fall 2012, 55.0% received some type of financial aid during 2012-13. Similarly, 54.1% of fall 2012 undergraduates and 64.2% of fall 2012 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2012-13.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2012-13 totaled over \$136 million, decreasing just 0.2% from 2011-12. Of the \$136,125,425 total aid awarded, 67.1% came from federal funds, while 19.1% came from state funds and 7.3% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 58.4% came in the form of loans, 31.2% in grants, and 7.2% came in the form of scholarships.

Student Gender

Fall 2013 Enrollment by Gender



There were 8,931 women (45.3%) and 10,772 men (54.7%) enrolled at Cal Poly in fall 2013. This was a 0.4% increase in the proportion of women from last year.

There were more women at the post-baccalaureate level than men. Of fall 2013 post-baccalaureate students, 76.9% were female. However, at the graduate level, there were more men than women. Of fall 2013 graduate students, 57.6% were male.

Housing

In fall 2013, 38.5% of undergraduates lived in one of 28 dorms on campus. Almost all first-time freshmen (97.6%) lived on campus, even though Cal Poly does not require them to do so. In addition, 52.5% of Cal Poly sophomores lived on campus in fall 2013.

Degrees Awarded



The 3,997 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2012-13 is a 0.6% increase from last year's total of 3,975 bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of master's degrees awarded in 2012-13 (545) was an increase of 0.7% from 2011-12.

College Year	Bachelor's Degrees	Master's Degrees	Credential Recommendations
2008-09	3,908	395	262
2009-10	4,138	476	270
2010-11	4,158	528	212
2011-12	3,975	541	246
2012-13	3,997	545	235

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2012-13 with 1,027 (25.7%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 805 (20.1%) and 723 (18.1%) bachelor's degrees awarded, respectively.

Almost half of the 2012-13 master's degrees awarded were in the College of Engineering.

College Breakdown of Degrees Awarded in 2012-13

Bachelor's Degrees	
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	20.1%
Architecture & Env Design	8.3%
Engineering	25.7%
Liberal Arts	18.1%
Orfalea Business	14.4%
Science & Math	13.3%
Other	0.1%
Master's Degrees	
Ag, Food & Env Sciences	8.4%
Architecture & Env Design	7.0%
Engineering	48.3%
Liberal Arts	9.7%
Orfalea Business	10.6%
Science & Math	16.0%

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 65 bachelor's degree programs.* The five with the highest enrollment for fall 2013 are Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Agricultural Business, and Electrical Engineering.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 31 master's degree programs.* The five with the highest fall 2013 enrollment are Education, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, City and Regional Planning, and Engineering.

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

*Source: Academic Programs

Retention & Persistence to Graduation

One-Year Retention Rate for First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2005 Cohort	90.8%
Fall 2006 Cohort	89.9%
Fall 2007 Cohort	89.2%
Fall 2008 Cohort	91.4%
Fall 2009 Cohort	91.3%
Fall 2010 Cohort	93.0%
Fall 2011 Cohort	92.7%
Fall 2012 Cohort	92.5%

The fall 2012 cohort's one-year retention rate of 92.5% is a 0.2% decrease from last year and a 0.5% decrease from the fall 2010 all-time high.

The six-year graduation rate for the fall 2007 cohort is 71.8%, a 2.0% drop from last year and a 4.6% drop from the fall 2005 cohort's highest point on record. This rate is 3.2% higher than the six-year rate for the fall 2000 cohort and 13.3% 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 2000 Cohort	68.6%
Fall 2001 Cohort	69.2%
Fall 2002 Cohort	72.9%
Fall 2003 Cohort	74.5%
Fall 2004 Cohort	75.1%
Fall 2005 Cohort	76.4%
Fall 2006 Cohort	73.8%
Fall 2007 Cohort	71.8%

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