



## For more information

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## Majors Offered

### College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

**Majors**  
Agricultural Business  
Agricultural Science  
Agricultural Systems Management  
Animal Science  
BioResource and Agricultural Engineering  
Crop Science  
Dairy Science  
Earth Sciences  
Environmental Horticultural Science  
Environmental Management and Protection  
Food Science  
Forestry and Natural Resources  
Fruit Science  
Nutrition  
Recreation, Parks and Tourism Administration  
Soil Science  
Wine and Viticulture

**Graduate Programs**  
Agribusiness, M.S.  
Agriculture, M.S. with specializations in:  
Agricultural Education  
Agricultural Engineering Technology  
Animal Science  
Crop Science  
Dairy Products Technology  
Environmental Horticultural Science  
Food Science and Nutrition  
Irrigation  
Plant Protection Science  
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Management  
Soil Science  
Forestry Sciences, M.S.

### College of Architecture and Environmental Design

**Majors**  
Architectural Engineering  
Architecture  
City and Regional Planning  
Construction Management  
Landscape Architecture

**Graduate Programs**  
Architecture, M.S.  
City and Regional Planning, M.C.R.P.

### College of Engineering

**Majors**  
Aerospace Engineering  
Biomedical Engineering  
Civil Engineering  
Computer Engineering  
Computer Science  
Electrical Engineering  
Environmental Engineering  
General Engineering  
Industrial Engineering  
Manufacturing Engineering  
Materials Engineering  
Mechanical Engineering  
Software Engineering

**Graduate Programs**  
Aerospace Engineering, M.S.  
Civil and Environmental Engineering, M.S.  
Computer Science, M.S.  
Electrical Engineering, M.S.  
Engineering, M.S. with specializations in:  
Biochemical Engineering  
Bioengineering  
Biomedical Engineering  
Integrated Technology Management  
Materials Engineering  
Water Engineering  
Engineering Management, M.B.A./M.S. ENG  
Industrial Engineering, M.S.  
Mechanical Engineering, M.S.  
Transportation Planning, M.C.R.P./M.S. ENG

### Orfalea College of Business

**Majors**  
Business Administration  
Economics  
Industrial Technology

**Graduate Programs**  
M.B.A. with specializations in:  
General Management  
Agribusiness  
Graphic Communication Document Systems Management  
Industrial and Technical Studies, M.S.  
Accounting-Taxation, M.S.  
Economics, M.S.

**Dual Degrees-**  
M.B.A. & M.S. in Engineering Management (EMP)  
M.B.A. & M.S. in an Engineering Discipline  
M.B.A. & M.S. in Industrial and Technical Studies  
M.B.A. & BArch in Architecture  
M.B.A. & BLA in Landscape Architecture  
Customized M.B.A. & M.S. or M.A. Degree Options

### College of Liberal Arts

**Majors**  
Art and Design  
Child Development  
Communication Studies  
Comparative Ethnic Studies  
English  
Graphic Communication  
History  
Journalism  
Modern Languages and Literatures  
Music  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Social Sciences  
Theatre Arts

**Graduate Programs**  
English, M.A.  
History, M.A.  
Psychology, M.S.  
Public Policy, M.P.P.

### College of Science and Mathematics

**Majors**  
Biochemistry  
Biological Sciences  
Chemistry  
Kinesiology  
Liberal Studies, B.A.  
Liberal Studies, B.S.  
Mathematics  
Microbiology  
Physics, B.A.  
Physics, B.S.  
Statistics

**Graduate Programs**  
Biological Sciences, M.S.  
Kinesiology, M.S.  
Mathematics, M.S.  
Polymers and Coatings, M.S.

### College of Education

**Graduate Programs**  
Education, M.A. with specializations in:  
Counseling and Guidance  
Educational Administration  
Special Education  
Education, Ed.D. in Educational Leadership

**Credential Programs**  
Agriculture Specialist  
Administrative Services  
Education Specialist  
Pupil Personnel Services  
Single Subject  
Multiple Subject



## Admissions Information

For Fall 2009, nearly 37,000 students applied to Cal Poly and competed for one of approximately 4,200 new student spaces.

Selection to all majors is competitive. Cal Poly continues to have more qualified applicants than available new student spaces. All students must declare a major when submitting their application.

Cal Poly comprehensively reviews all applications as we look for students who have strong academic records and are active in and outside the classroom.

When we review your application, we consider:

- **your program of study in secondary school/college**
- **academic performance in your classes**
- **standardized test scores (except junior transfers)**
- **your extracurricular activities and work experience**
- **completion of CSU and Cal Poly program required coursework with a grade of C or better**

Beyond the basic qualifications for the California State University, Cal Poly does not require a minimum standardized test score, class rank, or GPA. In fact, it is impossible to predict a candidate's chances of admission by looking at the academic record and test scores alone. That is why we consider other factors for admission, but do so in an objective format.

The "learn by doing" philosophy is applicable because it gives you the confidence to realize...

**Yes!** I can do this stuff!  
- Lana Smith  
Psychology Major

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“When my student first came to Cal Poly she was bright... but now she is ready.”

-John Choma  
Cal Poly Parent

### preliminary new freshmen profile - fall 2009\*\*

college	applied	selected averages			enrolled averages				
		selected	gpa	act	sat1*	enrolled	gpa	act	sat1*
agriculture, food & env sciences	3,127	1,469	3.69	1182					
arch & environmental design	2,441	527	3.95	1301					
business	4,902	1,774	3.90	1288					
engineering	7,906	3,384	3.97	1335					
liberal arts	7,237	2,234	3.84	1245					
science & mathematics	5,883	2,351	3.93	1277					
<b>total</b>	<b>31,497</b>	<b>11,740</b>	<b>3.89</b>	<b>1278</b>					

\*Note: SAT1 math and reading scores only

### preliminary new transfer profile - fall 2009\*\*

college	applied	selected averages		enrolled averages	
		selected	gpa	enrolled	gpa
agriculture, food & environmental sciences	702	296	3.21		
architecture & environmental design	633	97	3.45		
business	948	249	3.36		
engineering	828	199	3.39		
liberal arts	1,515	214	3.34		
science & mathematics	670	179	3.32		
<b>total</b>	<b>5,354</b>	<b>1,291</b>	<b>3.33</b>		

### university size - fall 2009\*\*

college	undergrad	post bac/grad	total
agriculture, food & environmental sciences	3,832	118	3,950
architecture & environmental design	1,954	64	2,018
business	2,367	58	2,425
engineering	5,187	286	5,473
liberal arts	3,102	127	3,229
science & mathematics	1,952	59	2,011
education		221	221
others	122	22	144
<b>total</b>	<b>18,516</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>19,471</b>

\*\*statistics provided by Institutional Planning & Analysis and Admissions 8.26.09

### student age and gender

- average age of all enrolled students: 20.8 years
- average age of full-time undergraduate: 20.5 years
- 43.7% of total enrolled students are female
- 56.3% of total enrolled students are male

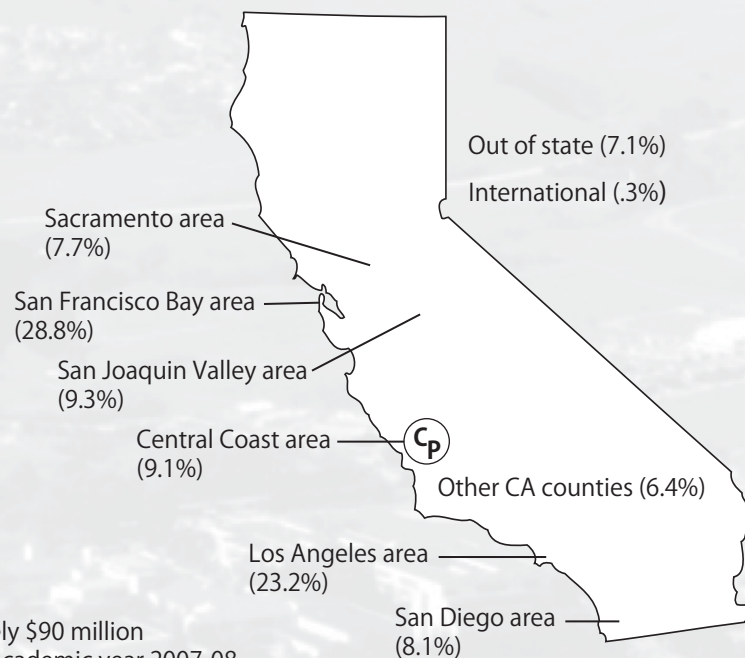
### retention rate for first-year students

89.2% of Fall 2007 first-year students returned in Fall 2008

### graduation rate

71.9% of students entering Cal Poly in 2002 graduated from Cal Poly within six years.

### geographic origin - fall 2008 freshmen



### financial aid

- approximately \$90 million awarded in academic year 2007-08
- 48.5% of students receive some type of financial aid
- 26.3% awarded as federal, state or CSU grants
- 7.5% awarded as scholarships
- 62.6% awarded as student loans
- 0.6% awarded as federal work study

### cost of attendance - estimated 2009-2010

(all fees subject to change)

expense	undergrad	grad	credential	undergrad**
fees	\$6,498	\$7,434	\$7,146	\$6,498
books & supplies	1,638	1,638	1,638	1,638
room & board	9,846	9,846	9,846	3,807
personal	2,205	2,205	2,205	2,205
transportation	1,062	1,062	1,062	1,062
<b>total</b>	<b>\$21,249</b>	<b>\$22,185</b>	<b>\$21,897</b>	<b>\$15,210</b>

non resident students pay fees plus \$248 per unit out-of-state tuition

\*\*living with parents

### Best in the West



For the 16th straight year, Cal Poly is ranked the best public-master's university in the West by U.S. News & World Report

### Students agree: 10 reasons to come to Cal Poly

- Central Coast location
- “Learn by doing” philosophy
- Safe campus
- Cost of attendance
- A Cal Poly degree
- Small class sizes
- High job placement rate
- Great clubs and programs
- Beautiful campus
- Off-campus activities

### Undergraduate Application Deadlines

Quarter	Application Due	Classes begin
Fall (Early Decision - Freshmen Only)	October 31, 2009	September 2010
Fall (Regular Admission)	November 30, 2009	September 2010
Summer 2010	Not taking applications	June 2010
Winter 2011 (Transfers only)	Not taking applications	January 2011

### Graduate Application Deadlines

Find Graduate application deadlines and file completion dates at the following website: [admissions.calpoly.edu/\\_admiss/grad/index.html](http://admissions.calpoly.edu/_admiss/grad/index.html)

“My years at Cal Poly shaped my life and my career.”

-“Ozzie” Smith  
Alumni, Class of 1977  
Baseball Hall of Fame