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THE PROFILE

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Cal Poly's admissions process is a highly competitive one. Fall 2004 was the tenth straight year the university experienced a record applicant pool. Over 27,000 students applied to Cal Poly and competed for the 3,684 new student spaces.

In selection, we comprehensively review all applicants as we look for students who are accomplished academically and who have taken an active part in their education in and out of the classroom.

The students who are accepted to Cal Poly have quite obviously dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to their academics and their other interests. Students we do not accept often have these qualities as well. To be as fair as possible to all applicants, Cal Poly utilizes an objective admission selection process developed by our faculty.

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

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.

preliminary new freshman profile - Fall 2004

| college | applied | selected | enrolled | averages of those selected | | | averages of those enrolled | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | gpa | ACT | SAT | gpa | ACT | SAT |
| agriculture | 2,029 | 1,149 | 579 | 3.66 | 26 | 1154 | 3.60 | 25 | 1135 |
| arch & environmental design | 2,040 | 550 | 266 | 3.93 | 28 | 1266 | 3.84 | 27 | 1233 |
| business | 3,870 | 1,130 | 363 | 3.93 | 28 | 1248 | 3.83 | 27 | 1223 |
| engineering | 5,418 | 2,803 | 1,076 | 3.87 | 29 | 1281 | 3.79 | 28 | 1250 |
| liberal arts | 5,524 | 1,381 | 361 | 3.90 | 27 | 1228 | 3.79 | 26 | 1191 |
| science & mathematics | 3,664 | 1,513 | 283 | 3.97 | 28 | 1265 | 3.84 | 27 | 1222 |
| total | 22,545 | 8,526 | 2,928 | 3.88 | 28 | 1247 | 3.77 | 27 | 1213 |

preliminary new transfer profile - Fall 2004

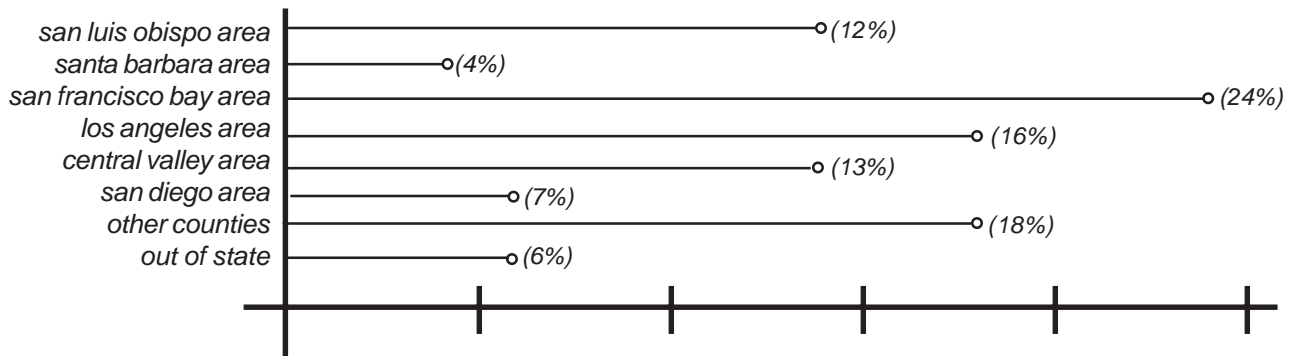
| college | applied | selected | enrolled | average gpa of those selected | average gpa of those enrolled |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| agriculture | 519 | 306 | 194 | 3.14 | 3.14 |
| arch & environmental design | 501 | 150 | 100 | 3.25 | 3.24 |
| business | 837 | 131 | 84 | 3.41 | 3.33 |
| engineering | 832 | 190 | 113 | 3.40 | 3.41 |
| liberal arts | 1,352 | 429 | 211 | 3.37 | 3.32 |
| science & mathematics | 452 | 120 | 54 | 3.40 | 3.32 |
| total | 4,493 | 1,326 | 756 | 3.31 | 3.28 |

student age and gender

- average age of all enrolled students for fall 2003: 21.5 years
- average age of full-time undergraduate: 21 years
- average age of students living on campus: 18.5 years
- 44.7% of total enrolled students are female
- 55.3% of total enrolled students are male

geographic origin

In Fall 2003, Cal Poly students came from every county in California, 47 other states, U. S. territories and 45 foreign countries. Nevertheless, 94% of our students are California residents.



university size - preliminary fall 2004

| <u>college</u> | <u>undergrad</u> | <u>grad</u> | <u>total</u> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|
| agriculture | 3,466 | 106 | 3,572 |
| architecture and environmental design | 1,811 | 45 | 1,856 |
| business | 2,008 | 77 | 2,085 |
| engineering | 4,611 | 238 | 4,849 |
| liberal arts | 2,629 | 85 | 2,714 |
| science & mathematics | 1,615 | 61 | 1,676 |
| education | | 202 | 202 |
| others | 87 | 26 | 113 |
| all colleges | 16,227 | 840 | 17,067 |

financial aid

- approximately \$70 million awarded in academic year 2002-03
- 57% of students receive some type of financial aid
- 26% awarded as federal, state or csu grants
- 11% awarded as scholarships
- 62% awarded as student loans
- 1% awarded as federal work study

retention rate for first-year students

- 89.1% for 2002-2003

graduation rate

- 65.3% of students entering Cal Poly in 1997 graduated from Cal Poly within six years