Student Affairs

Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs
Administration Building (01) Room 209
805 756-1521

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs oversees a division that provides services, leadership training, and learning experiences for all Cal Poly students. Through advocacy, program development, and serving as a liaison to student organizations on behalf of the University, Student Affairs is the key link to student life on campus. Dedicated to student learning, Student Affairs staff mentor students, encourage personal development, and support important initiatives to enhance retention and matriculation of students.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Student Affairs Division is to cultivate student learning and success. Together with the University, the Student Affairs Division is committed to the principle of integrating Student Affairs programs and services into the student’s total learning environment, in and out of the classroom, and fostering within each student respect and responsibility for self and members of the greater community.

Delivery of programs and services is influenced by an ongoing assessment of student needs, the campus climate and established outcomes. It is guided by:

- The scholastic achievements of our students;
- The residential nature of our campus;
- The high staff/faculty-to-student ratio of our departments;
- The selective standards of our admissions, which draw students from around the state; and
- The learn-by-doing focus of our curricular and co-curricular activities.

The mission is carried out through teaching and personal instruction, advisement and counseling, community service learning, internships and experiential education, organized programming, and services. The mission is achieved through the following programs and services:

- Associated Students, Inc.
- Career Services
- Dean of Students
- Disability Resource Center
- Health and Counseling Services
- Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Parent Program
- Student Academic Services
- Student Life and Leadership
- Testing Services
- University Housing

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC. (ASI)
University Union (65), Room 212, 805 756-1281

Mission Statement
The mission of Associated Students, Inc. is to enrich the quality of student life and to complement the educational mission of Cal Poly through shared governance, student employment, student advocacy and a broad spectrum of programming, services and opportunities for leadership and social interaction.

Vision Statement
Associated Students, Inc. will be every student’s connection to the ultimate college experience.

ASI Student Government
University Union (65), Room 202, 805 756-1291

Leadership opportunities are open to all interested students. This includes the elected College Council representatives who form the Board of Directors and appointed positions on the University Union Advisory Board and the ASI Executive Cabinet. ASI student leaders represent the student body on community, campus and regional committees.

Three student officers guide the organization: the ASI President, Chair of the Board, and Chair of the University Union Advisory Board. These officers and the Board of Directors are elected in spring quarter, and they are the recognized representatives of Cal Poly students. The ASI Chief of Staff is an appointed leader who guides the ASI Executive Cabinet in supporting the goals of the ASI President.

The Board of Directors oversees the policy development of ASI, an $11 million nonprofit corporation. ASI collects quarterly fees, commercial revenue and grants, which support a wide range of campus clubs as well as student programs and services.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF ASI
ASI operates a wide variety of programs and services in four facilities, the Julian A. McPhee University Union, Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center, Recreation Center, Cal Poly Sports Complex, and the Chumash Challenge Ropes Course.

ASI Business Office
University Union (65), Room 212, 805 756-1281

The ASI Business Office provides internal business services to all ASI programs and services, including administrative support, fiscal services, human resources, project management, and information technology.

JULIAN A. MCPHEE UNIVERSITY UNION (UU)
Information Desk: Second Floor Lobby, University Union (65), 805 756-1154 (Voice or TDD)

The Julian A. McPhee University Union is a central place for students, faculty, staff, alumni and guests to meet, relax and exchange ideas. Facilities include: UU Plaza, UU Epicenter, two student lounges: Bishop's Lounge and San Luis Lounge, UU Gallery, ASI Events, Poly Escapes, ASI
Craft Center, Mustang Lanes, BackStage Pizza, Starbucks, SESLOC Credit Union, Student Life & Leadership, Student Community Services, Multicultural Center, Women's Center, ASI Student Government Office, Chumash Auditorium and UU Reservations.

**UU Epicenter**  
*University Union (65), Room 203, 805 756-5807*  
The UU Epicenter is students’ one-stop shop for "Events, Programs and Ideas." Students can obtain information, materials and resources on the following programs and services: ASI Events, Cal Poly Rose Float, ASI Craft Center, UU Gallery, Club Services, Poly Escapes and the Chumash Challenge High Ropes Course.

The UU Epicenter provides services to Cal Poly clubs, sport clubs and independent student organizations.

**Cal Poly Clubs**  
There are close to 300 active clubs and organizations affording students the opportunity to become active in campus life. Clubs include academic and professional organizations, hobby-interest clubs, honor societies, service clubs, residential groups, multicultural organizations and spiritually based groups.

A complete list of all clubs on campus, meeting dates, locations and contact information can be found on the ASI website at [www.asi.calpoly.edu/static/join_club](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/static/join_club).

ASI has created club funding programs to support clubs and organizations, including those that enhance cultural activities, community services and campus-wide education efforts.

**ASI Events**  
*University Union (65), Room 203, 805 756-1112*  
ASI Events provides on-campus entertainment programming in four different program areas: UU Gallery, concerts, Concerts in the Plaza (formerly UU Hour) and special events. These programs, in addition to our multicultural events and celebrations, comedy, artistic expression, education programs and speaker forums on social issues, have been identified to meet the diverse needs of a comprehensive university.

**UU Gallery**  
*University Union (65), Room 203, 805 756-5807*  
The UU Gallery is located in the UU Epicenter and is designed to give students and community members the opportunity to showcase artwork with exhibits of painting, photography, sculpting and more.

**ASI Craft Center**  
*University Union (65), Room 111, 805 756-1266*  
The ASI Craft Center offers a wide variety of fun, non-academic craft classes and workshops. The facility includes a ceramics area, bike repair room, woodworking power tools, glass bead-making lab, poster-making tables with pens and paper, and a retail store.

**Poly Escapes**  
*University Union (65), Room 112, 805 756-1287*  
For more than 30 years ASI’s Poly Escapes has been sponsoring outdoor trips and programs with students at the core of its leadership program. With a zest for spontaneous adventure and the desire to explore the unknown, Cal Poly students have looked to Poly Escapes to take them on “once in a lifetime adventures.” Poly Escapes provides trip coordination, educational experiences, a climbing wall, resource library and roughly 20 trips each fall, winter and spring. Students may also rent equipment such as tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, cross-country skis, surfboards and ice cream makers at reasonable prices.

**Cal Poly Rose Float**  
*University Union (65), Room 209, 805 756-1268*  
One of the most exciting activities on the Cal Poly campus is building the annual Rose Parade float. Since 1949, a team of students at the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pomona campuses has produced floats annually. For more than 50 consecutive years, students from all academic majors have enjoyed the thrill of watching a float they designed, built and decorated make its way down Colorado Boulevard on New Year’s Day in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

Not only is the Cal Poly float a one-of-a-kind venture for college students, it is also an opportunity for students to develop new innovations such as computer-controlled animation, hydraulics systems for movement, and more.

**ASI CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**  
*Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center (133), 805 756-1267*  
The Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center is a nationally accredited program providing quality early care and education services to children from 4 months to 6 years old. Student parents are given first priority for enrollment. Subsidized childcare is available for low-income student parents.

The ASI Children’s Programs’ philosophy is based on the belief that young children thrive in an environment that promotes understanding of themselves, others and the world around them. Teachers focus on facilitating children’s development in the social-emotional, cognitive and physical domains. Activities are designed to meet the children’s individual and age-appropriate needs. With the understanding that children learn through play, caregivers encourage them to explore, discover and have fun. Emphasis is placed on teaching children how to problem-solve and make appropriate choices, while learning to interact within a group setting.

**ASI RECREATIONAL SPORTS**  
*Recreation Center (43)*  
805 756-1366 (Main), 805-756-PLAY (Hotline)  
[www.asi.calpoly.edu/get_active](http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/get_active)

ASI Recreational Sports offers opportunities for all students to participate in aquatics, exercise and instructional classes, intramural sports, informal recreation and special events.
Registered Cal Poly students have free access to the Recreation Center, which is open seven days a week. Facilities include two sand volleyball courts, a 7,000-square-foot weight room, a 6,500-square-foot fitness room, nine racquetball courts, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and four indoor basketball courts.

ASI’s Recreational Sports Program employs more than 160 students each year. Student and full-time staff members are available to assist with any questions or concerns about Recreational Sports programs.

Rec Sports Programs:

Aquatics classes are designed for all levels of swimmers, from beginning to masters. Scuba courses, stroke clinics and lifeguard training are just a few of the classes offered.

Chumash Challenge is a unique experiential education program that empowers groups and individuals through initiatives and problem solving activities using team building and High Ropes workshops. Cal Poly clubs, class labs and organizations as well as local schools, county government agencies, youth-at-risk groups and local businesses are all active participants of Chumash Challenge. Located in the hills of Stenner Canyon, it is a place of self-discovery where the “challenge by choice” philosophy is followed and participants are not pressured to move beyond their comfort zone. Group cooperation, leadership skills, decision-making skills, positive risk-taking, trust and self-confidence are all part of the Chumash Challenge experience. Call 756-2628 for more information.

Fitness and Instructional programs are designed for individuals to acquire new skills in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. Programs offered include an extensive aerobic schedule, spin classes, martial arts, pilates and yoga. Nationally certified personal trainers are on staff to assist in meeting fitness goals.

Informal Recreation provides non-structured opportunities to participate in a variety of activities such as swimming, cardiovascular exercise, free weight and weight machines, basketball, volleyball, racquetball and indoor soccer.

Intramural Sports provides a variety of structured sports leagues and tournaments in a safe, recreationally competitive environment. The program is open to all Cal Poly students and also to faculty, staff and alumni who are current members of the Recreation Center. Popular sports include: basketball, flag football, soccer, softball and volleyball.

CAREER SERVICES

Student Services (124), Room 114, 805 756-2501

This centralized service is available to all students and alumni of the University. In conjunction with the seven academic colleges, Career Services assists students with exploring, formulating and implementing career plans. Career Services actively promotes and supports effective professional relationships between the University and employers.

Career Counseling

Through individual appointments and group workshops, students are guided through the exploration and formation of personal career plans. Students considering a change of major are particularly encouraged to utilize Career Services so that they may become better informed about career options. With the assistance of department staff, students may take advantage of interest inventories; utilize computerized career guidance systems, review current literature on career profiles, trends and work environments; attend career fairs, employer/industry information sessions, and career-related events. Students are offered the opportunity to network with company representatives.

Student Employment

Student employment opportunities are available to all currently-enrolled students. Positions are centralized online through Mustang Jobs through the On-Campus Interview Program or Job Listing Service. This includes local part-time jobs (on campus and off campus), Co-op, internships, summer, and seasonal jobs. These types of jobs can support a student’s future career direction, as well as allow them to earn money for college expenses.

Cooperative Education

Cooperative Education is a joint partnership between employers, Career Services and Cal Poly's academic programs. Students are able to secure professional-level work experience related to their majors, obtain professional contacts in industry, affirm career goals, obtain marketable skills, develop self-confidence, and integrate what is learned in the classroom within the world of work. Co-op assignments are primarily full-time paid positions, three to six months in duration, offered to junior- and senior-level students. Students earn academic credit for their participation.

Career Employment and Graduate School Services

Through workshops and individual advisement, students are guided through the job search or graduate school application process, which includes clarifying the career objectives; identifying, researching and contacting potential employers and graduate programs; preparing resumes and personal statements; and preparing for interviews.

Employer contacts may be generated through Mustang Jobs (on-campus interview program, job listings) and job fairs, as well as professional directories and publications geared toward the hiring of new college graduates.

Students are encouraged to take advantage of the Career Resource Center, which contains a variety of career resources, annual reports, salary trend information, alumni network files, and student workstations allowing Internet research and computer-assisted career exploration programs.
DEAN OF STUDENTS
Health Services Bldg. (27), Room 188, 805 756-0327
The Dean of Students Office provides leadership to support student success, strengthen campus community relations, and provide the initiatives for future student-centered programs that foster the development of the student academically, socially and ethically.

The Dean of Students supports student learning and service through:

- helping students manage academic and nonacademic situations;
- consulting extensively with faculty and staff on behalf of student concerns;
- interpreting and assisting with understanding campus policies and procedures;
- consulting with student clubs and organizations to foster a healthy student life;
- cultivating a caring, supportive campus and community environment; and
- assisting with parent concerns regarding campus life and policies.

Students with questions or concerns are encouraged to stop by or contact the office. The staff answers questions, advocates when appropriate, investigates student complaints of discrimination, and directs students to the appropriate campus or community resource as needed.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER
Student Services (124), Room 119,
805 756-1395, voice or tty
The Disability Resource Center’s mission is to assist in creating an accessible university community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of the educational environment. The Center cooperates through partnerships with students, faculty, and staff to cultivate student learning and success.

Students wishing to use disability-related services and accommodations complete an Application for Services, submit disability documentation, and then meet with an access specialist who determines eligibility and accommodations. Advance planning is strongly encouraged.

For detailed information please see www.drc.calpoly.edu.

HEALTH AND COUNSELING SERVICES
Student Health Center (27), 805 756-1211
The goal of Health and Counseling Services is to support the physical and psychological well-being of all students attending Cal Poly. A variety of services are offered for students including outpatient care, individual counseling, a pharmacy, and health education programs. Health and Counseling Services assists students by minimizing class time lost due to illness, injury, or personal problems.

Health Services
Student Health Center (27), 805 756-1211
The following services are available to all students as part of the health services fee:

- **Outpatient medical services** are available, year-round, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. except Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and includes primary physician and nursing services, men’s/women’s health care, laboratory and routine x-ray procedures.

- **Health education** programs on nutrition, Educational Resources On Sexuality (EROS), and Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices (TLC) are provided by staff professionals and students trained as peer health educators. Programs include nutrition counseling, alcohol and drug awareness, sexuality and lifestyle wellness.

- **Additional health services** are also available at a low cost and include pharmacy items (prescription and over-the-counter items), lab tests when specimens are sent off campus for processing, immunizations, orthopedic supplies and optometry.

- **Major medical insurance** coverage for off-campus services is strongly recommended. Students are encouraged to have their own coverage for major medical, surgical and emergency expenses. **Due to a shortage of doctors in the community in certain specialty areas, students requiring specialty medical care are encouraged to call for appointments with local specialists well in advance.**

Counseling Services
Student Health Center (27), 805 756-2511
Counseling Services offers individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, education and outreach, and internship training. Counselors are available to assist with the normal adjustments of academic and social life; personal issues such as confidence and self-esteem, stress management, body image and sexuality; as well as more serious personal concerns such as depression, anxiety, alcohol and drug abuse.

OFFICE OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Student Services (124), 805 756-2794
www.osrr.calpoly.edu
The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities administers the California State University Standards for Student Conduct. This office ensures a fair and impartial administration of the disciplinary process, while educating students about their responsibilities and protecting the rights of all members of the university community. The Office addresses student behavioral problems in a developmental and educational manner with the goal of fostering the ethical development and personal integrity of students. The Standards for Student Conduct and disciplinary process are available at www.osrr.calpoly.edu.
PARENT PROGRAM
Health Center (27), Room 113
Parent Helpline: 805 756-6700
www.parent.calpoly.edu
e-mail: calpolyparent@calpoly.edu
The Cal Poly Parent Program is dedicated to helping families effectively support their students’ transition and success and providing opportunities for them to stay connected to the university community. All of the Parent Program’s services are designed to serve as resources for parents and families as they discover the best way to support their sons or daughters, while also enabling their students’ independence and personal responsibility.

Parents are encouraged to sign up for the Parent E-newsletter. This monthly service provides links to University news and important dates, and features timely tips and articles on relevant topics.

The University’s Parent Program Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Parent Program and offers the Cal Poly parent community experienced parent perspectives and avenues for involvement. In addition, the Parent Program welcomes parents at orientation events, hosts an annual Parents’ Weekend, and encourages support of Cal Poly and its programs through the Cal Poly Fund.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES
Hillcrest (81), 805 756-2301
Student Academic Services (SAS) offers comprehensive programs that directly support academic excellence. Program services include academic and personal advising, admissions and transition services, new student first year seminars, supplemental workshops and study group assistance. Academic advisors work with each of the seven academic colleges to provide academic and personal advising assistance to students with class scheduling, assessment of academic skills, graduation planning, career clarification and related learning and study skills.

Supplemental workshops and study sessions are available for key content courses in first- and second-year curricula.

An additional emphasis of SAS is to offer support to students from backgrounds that have been traditionally underrepresented in the California State University System. The goal of SAS is to ensure that all students have equal opportunity to achieve academic success and graduation. Student Academic Services incorporates the following:

Academic Skills Center
Kennedy Library (35), Room 112, 805 756-1256
The Academic Skills Center (ASC) offers a wide variety of retention programs and campus support services, including study skills seminars, study sessions and tutor referral services.

College Bound
Hillcrest (81), 805 756-2301
The purpose of EOP College Bound is to motivate and assist in the preparation of students from low-income, first-generation college families for application and entrance to Cal Poly or another post-secondary institution of their choice. The program offers various educational outreach strategies to high school students.

Connections for Academic Success
University Union (65), Room 217A, 805 756-6774
The mission of Connections for Academic Success (CAS) is two-fold: to help increase the retention of new students by providing services in support of their academic success, and, through outreach efforts, provide educationally and/or economically disadvantaged students with information about Cal Poly and support their preparation for admission. CAS provides academic advising and referrals to other advising resources; assistance with obtaining tutoring and study session contacts; assisting students with identifying and overcoming obstacles to their academic success; and connecting students with other campus resources.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
Hillcrest (81), 805 756-2301
EOP provides admissions and academic support programs for low-income, historically disadvantaged students. EOP offers academic and personal advising, study sessions, academic orientation courses, career and post-graduate advising, and referrals to campus resources.

Educational Talent Search
Hillcrest (81), 805 756-2301
Educational Talent Search (ETS) is a federally funded program designed to assist participants in reaching their academic potential. Cal Poly’s program assists middle and high school students who meet federal low-income guidelines and may be the first in their family to attend college. The services of ETS support those offered through guidance offices at selected campuses in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. While the staff is employed at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, the program is not used as a recruitment tool for the University; participants receive assistance in applying to any college, university or other qualified post-secondary institution.

Partners Program
University Union (65), Room 217A, 805 756-6774
The Partners Program is a recruitment and access feeder program which collaborates with a select number of California high schools. The University has established formal partnerships with high schools throughout the state. For those student who enroll at Cal Poly, the Connections for Academic Success program (CAS) collaborates with the Admissions Office, University Housing, College Advising Centers, as well as faculty and staff, to provide support to enable students to make successful transitions from high school to Cal Poly.
The program is designed to assist students with acquiring information about support services such as tutoring, employment and academic advising; become knowledgeable about academic policies and procedures relevant to their majors; access financial aid resources; and understand how to register for classes.

**Student Support Services**  
*Student Services (124), Room 119, 805 756-1395*  
The purpose of this federally funded program is to provide support services to low-income, first-generation or disabled college students to enhance their academic skills, increase their retention and graduation rates, and facilitate their entrance into graduate and professional school programs.

**Summer Institute**  
*Hillcrest (81), 805 756-2301*  
Summer Institute (SI) is an academic scholars’ program held annually at Cal Poly. Selected newly admitted freshman students have the opportunity to participate in this three-to-five-week residential program geared at helping make a successful transition from high school to the more rigorous Cal Poly environment.

**Upward Bound**  
*Hillcrest (81), 805 756-2301*  
Upward Bound (UB) is a federally funded program which provides a college preparatory program for low-income and/or potential first-generation college students. This program motivates and academically prepares local high school students for college. The academic program and residential summer school session at Cal Poly offer tutoring, career advisement and supplemental instruction, as well as cultural and recreational activities.

**STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP**  
*University Union (65), Room 217, 805 756-2476  
www.studentlife.calpoly.edu*  
Student Life and Leadership offers opportunities to develop leadership skills, contribute to the community, experience diversity, participate in group dynamics, and mentor new students. Its mission is to advance and encourage the learning and personal development of students, and its programs are integrated into the student’s total learning environment.

**Clubs and Organizations**  
Student clubs and organizations provide opportunities for the enhancement of academic, cultural, social, and recreational aspects of student life through participation in group activities and programs. Being part of a campus club or organization can greatly enrich the student experience at Cal Poly.

**Commencement**  
Commencement ceremonies are coordinated by Student Life and Leadership staff, in collaboration with the Commencement Committee, and are held each December and June.

**Community Service Programs**  
The Community CENTER at Cal Poly represents the University’s commitment to community involvement and civic engagement. It is dedicated to helping each individual, as well as student clubs, find meaningful and satisfying service experiences through both volunteer service and service related to academic learning.

**Student Community Services** provides volunteer service programs that address a variety of social issues, concerning children, homeless individuals, mentally disabled adults, seniors, animals, and the environment. Each year, thousands of students participate in service activities. Annual events include Make a Difference day, WOW Day of Service, Hunger Awareness Week, Homeless Awareness Week, Change the Status Quo Conference, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service, and César Chávez Day of Service.

**Service-learning courses** integrate community service with course curriculum to enhance learning outcomes. Each quarter, hundreds of students are involved in community service as part of their academic coursework. The Community CENTER provides support for faculty and students in developing and implementing service learning.

The Community CENTER assists the University in recognizing students for outstanding service in a variety of ways. Each year, the University President awards the President’s Community Service Award to outstanding students, clubs, and faculty. Students can have their service hours noted on their official university transcripts.

**Greek Organizations**  
There are 34 fraternities, sororities, and cultural Greek organizations affiliated with Cal Poly. Many of the social sororities and fraternities own or lease housing near the campus. Some provide lodging and meals for their members and pledges.

**Multicultural Center**  
The mission of the Multicultural Center (MCC) is to promote an environment where diversity is respected and celebrated, and alliances are built regardless of ethnic/racial membership or sexual orientation. The mission serves to complement the University’s philosophy that affirms all students’ identities and which enhances the quality of university life for all students. The Center’s mission strives to prepare all students to become culturally competent citizens in a global society.

**Orientation Programs**  
**Open House** encompasses many activities showcasing the excellence of Cal Poly and the surrounding community. An event preview is hosted on Thursday night at the popular Farmers’ Market, and on Friday, conditionally admitted students and their supporters are invited to campus. On Saturday, campus is open to the public with many events, including the Poly Royal parade, open ceremonies, kids’
fair, and an exciting club booth and activity area with more than 200 student clubs participating.

Student Orientation, Advising and Resources (SOAR) is an academic advising session that helps new students and their families learn how to navigate the Cal Poly environment. The University invites new students to participate in SOAR to get connected to information specific to the students’ majors and to prepare them to register for classes. Families and students learn about available resources and what to expect during their time at Cal Poly.

The Week of Welcome (WOW) orientation program is coordinated by staff and operated by students, for students, with a peer-helping method that creates a combination of excitement, learning, and new experiences for new students and their families in a fun, comfortable atmosphere. First-year and transfer students are placed in small groups that participate in activities introducing them to the campus and community for the week prior to fall classes.

The WOW experience is designed to assist new students with a successful academic, social and emotional transition to university life. Parent orientation programs provide parents with an opportunity to celebrate their student’s transition as well as have their own questions and concerns addressed during Family Orientation Weekend. During this weekend, programs are also provided for first-year students, transfer students, non-traditional students, and parents and younger siblings of new students.

WOW also hosts the parents’ Coffee House during Open House, summer advising sessions for parents, non-traditional student orientation day, and welcome activities for new students starting during winter and summer quarters. WOW is an exciting environment in which to meet new people, become familiar with Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo, and prepare to start a college career.

Pride Alliance: LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) Center
The LGBT Center is a resource center for the entire campus community. Its mission is to provide programming, networking and resources that raise awareness and educate students of diverse backgrounds about LGBT and related issues. The center’s Ally Training program prepares members of the campus community to support and be sensitive to the needs of LGBT people.

SAFER (Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resources)
SAFER’s mission is to promote a caring, empowered campus community where people understand what constitutes sexual assault; understand the harmful effects of sexual assault; are motivated to intervene to prevent sexual assault; know how to reduce the risk of sexual assault for themselves and others; know who to call and what to do should they or someone else experience sexual assault; and agree that all sexual activities should be consensual and based on respect and equality.

Sport Club Program
The Sport Club program offers the campus community a wide variety of competition, instruction, and development in the form of 16 sport clubs and related activities. The program currently has approximately 535 members and features a competitive level above the traditional intramural program. The members compete against clubs from other universities, improve their skills through instruction, and develop leadership skills through the management of their organizations. Students of all skill levels are encouraged to participate.

Women’s Programs and Services
The mission of Women’s Programs and Services is to create and sustain a university environment that promotes the personal, educational and professional growth of women. Students, faculty and staff work together in The Women’s Center to create activities and programs which highlight women’s achievements and concerns. Programs are planned and produced in collaboration with diverse campus and community groups.

TESTING SERVICES
Student Services (124), Room 121, 805 756-1551
Testing Services administers standardized tests of admission, placement and certification, such as the PRAXIS Series, Law School Admission Test, and Medical College Admission Test, and coordinates the administration of the CSU English Placement (EPT) and Entry Level Math (ELM) test programs. Testing Services provides general proctoring services to the campus community, and operates an ETS Computer-Based Testing Center that offers such tests as the GRE, TOEFL and PPST.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING
Building 031, 805 756-1226
Living on-campus can be a unique and rewarding experience. For the majority of first-year students, it is the first experience in a shared community living environment. Learning in the classroom is extended into on-campus residence halls and apartments through the “Living/Learning,” “Connections,” and “Transitions” Programs.

Returning students and new transfers have an opportunity to live in on-campus apartments in an environment which provides programmatic support with the goal of retention and academic success.

All students participate in a variety of social interactions and share the same community with diverse groups of individuals. Residents are provided with an environment that educates, challenges and supports their development. Activities are coordinated by hall staff and residents. Most students make lifelong friends while residing on campus.
Staff
Community programs and activities are administered by full-time live-in professionals (Coordinators of Student Development), who are available to assist residents with counseling, crisis intervention, general referrals, and judicial actions. The Coordinators also supervise front desk services and the Resident Advisors/ Community Advisors.

Resident Advisors and Community Advisors, known as RAs, and CAs, are typically upper-division students who understand the challenges faced by new students and try to make living on campus a positive and memorable experience for all residents. The RAs and CAs are trained in advising, event planning, and crisis intervention to assist students through their first year.

Residential Life Programs
Living/Learning Halls
The Living/Learning Residence Halls are for freshmen and are centered around Cal Poly’s academic colleges. Faculty, administrators, and alumni meet with the students in an informal setting. The programming focuses on four fundamental areas: academic development and support, personal development, professional affiliation, and leadership development. This provides many advantages for residents including direct faculty contact, study groups, and events relating to the student’s major and career planning.

The Connections Program
The “Connections” Halls offer freshmen programs that support student transition into the residence hall community and University. This program is designed to provide incoming freshmen with the information, resources and support needed to be personally and academically successful at Cal Poly. Participating students have the opportunity to get involved with leadership, community service and social activities in the halls.

The “Transitions” Program
“Transitions” offers programs and activities in the on-campus Cerro Vista Apartments for first year and transfer students who are comfortable and experienced with a more independent lifestyle. Students living here are expected to be independent and have abilities and experience to live and cook on their own. The Honors Community is located within the Cerro Vista Apartments.

The “Sophomore Success” Program
The Poly Canyon Village Apartments and the “Sophomore Success” Program are offered to returning residents through a lottery process. Student programming and activities support retention and overall academic success.

Community Involvement
Student representatives are elected in fall term to serve on governing boards in each of the halls and apartments. Participants contribute to their hall’s community by planning social, recreational, and educational events, and by voicing student-related concerns. Networks in community services, recreational sports and multicultural issues provide additional opportunities for student involvement.

ResNet
All on-campus rooms have access to the Cal Poly Network and the Internet. Cal Poly ResNet is the on-campus housing network that provides dedicated high-speed connections 24 hours a day. The ResNet Office provides this and other computing support programs for on-campus residents.

Applying for On-Campus Housing
www.housing.calpoly.edu
Information about the on-campus housing program and timeline to apply can be found at the Housing web site. Housing is offered to university-admitted students; however, spaces are limited. On-campus housing is secured on a first-come/first-served payment basis and cannot be guaranteed to all incoming freshmen due to the variance of new students admitted each year. Conditionally admitted students who have accepted their offers of admission submit housing applications via an online process through the my.calpoly.edu portal, printing the Housing License Agreement, and submitting payments to Cal Poly.

Living Expenses for Students in Campus Residence Halls and Apartments (Subject to Change)
All Housing fees are payable in advance. Quarterly installment plans are available. All fees listed below reflect 2008-09 prices and are subject to change:

- Residence Hall Rooms – Double Occupancy (academic year license) ........................................ $5,233
- Residence Hall Meal Plan (mandatory) .................... $4,137
- Apartments – Private Rooms (academic year license) $700/month (approx.)

Off-Campus Housing Resources
www.housing.calpoly.edu
The Housing Office maintains information regarding the rental of off-campus houses and apartments, and an extensive list of private and shared rooms. Information is available at the Housing website. The University does not inspect, approve or disapprove of any housing offered through these rental resources.