

Fall 2002 Census Enrollment

INFO BRIEF

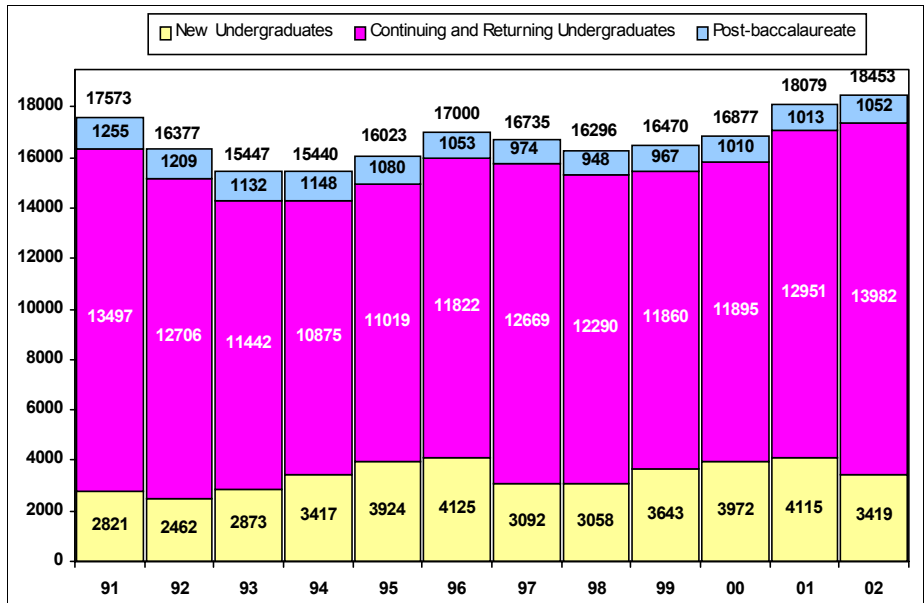
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT

The total headcount enrollment for Fall 2002 is 18,453. This is an increase of 374 students over Fall 2001, and 787 students above the total enrollment target set in March 2002 for Fall 2002.

Undergraduate enrollment was over target: new students by about 90 headcount and continuing by approximately 460. The new student coverage was due to a higher new transfer show rate than expected. New post-baccalaureate students also exceeded target, while continuing post-baccalaureate enrollment was very close to target. For Fall 2002 targets, see the IP&A target web site at <http://ipa.calpoly.edu/targets/023tar.htm> (Note that the new undergraduate target includes certain students who start in Summer 2002.)



Information collected during the Winter and Spring 2002 registration surveys was utilized in developing the continuing student projections. The actual continuing student enrollment exceeded the number of undergraduate students answering "yes" or "undecided" to the question, "Are you planning on enrolling for Fall quarter 2002?" About 12,700 students responded in the

affirmative or undecided, but the actual continuing undergraduate enrollment was closer to 13,700. This was only the second year that the registration question was asked. The usefulness of the information should increase as additional sets of data are collected.

HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

While we exceeded the total enrollment target set for Fall 2002, the increase was not shared equally among the colleges. The largest increase occurred in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (up 5.9%), followed by the College of Engineering (up 3.5%), the

College of Agriculture (up 2.9%), the College of Business (up 2.4%), and the College of Science and Mathematics (up 2.3%). Enrollment in the University Center for Teacher Education decreased 5.2% from last Fall, while the College of Liberal Arts was down by 0.9%.

OFFICIAL College and University Total Headcount Enrollment (10/31/02)

College	Undergraduate	Post-baccalaureate	Headcount Total	Total Student Headcount Target
Agriculture	3,624	114	3,738	3,576
Arch & Environmental Design	1,771	66	1,837	1,758
Business	2,525	115	2,640	2,555
Engineering	4,568	214	4,782	4,665
Liberal Arts	3,060	83	3,143	3,009
Science & Mathematics	1,733	86	1,819	1,789
UCTE	n/a	345	345	370
Other	120	29	149	158
Total University Enrollment	17,401	1,052	18,453	17,880

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT STUDENTS, AVERAGE UNITS AND FULL-TIME STATUS

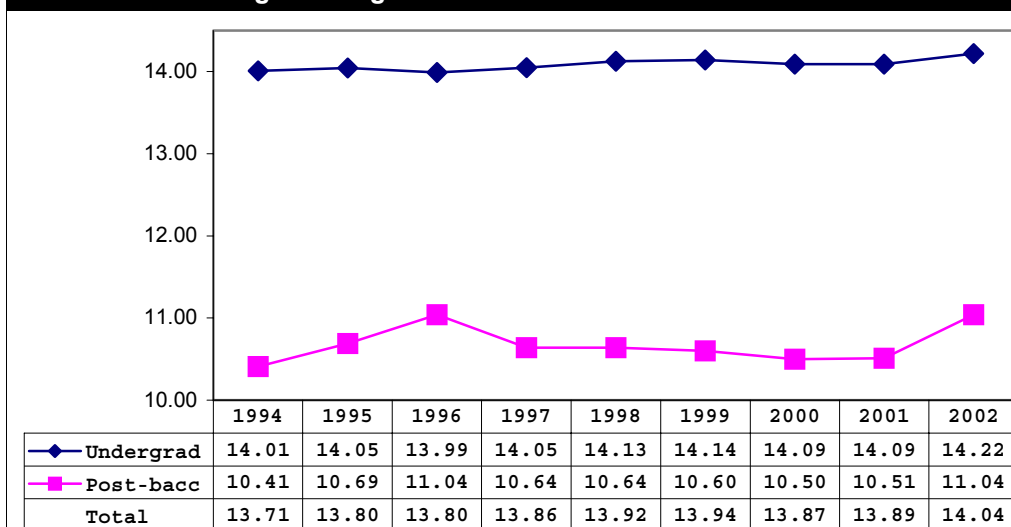
Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) is a theoretical normal workload equal to 15 units per student per term. It assumes that a student will complete a 180 quarter unit baccalaureate program in 12 quarters or 4 years at 15 units per term.

FTES was targeted for Fall 2002 at 16,560. Actual FTES is 17,274, 4.3% above target. Fall 2002 FTES was 529 higher than Fall 2001.

The Fall 2002 average units for all students was the highest on record.

Undergraduate students in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design displayed the highest average unit load at 14.61, followed closely by the College of Agriculture (14.45). Average undergraduate units for the remaining colleges include the College of Liberal Arts (14.21); the College of Engineering (14.18); the College of Business (14.09); and the College of Science and Mathematics (13.90).

Average Undergraduate and Post-baccalaureate Units



The proportion of undergraduate students enrolled full-time (12 or more units) in Fall 2002 was 95.0%, which continues the steady increase from 92.5% in Fall 1998. Post-baccalaureate student average load matched the previous high of 11.04 set in Fall 1996.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT DIVERSITY

Cal Poly Fall 2002 enrollment by ethnic origin shows that 61.4% of the undergraduates identified themselves as white, 25.4% as non-white, and 1.0% are designated as international students. Post-baccalaureate students are 61.4% white, 21.8% non-white, and 2.8% international students.

There was a decrease in the number of students choosing "no response" in the ethnic origin category. Down from a high of 13.0% in Fall 2000, 12.2% of the Fall 2002 undergraduates chose not to report this

information. In contrast, only 3.8% of undergraduates in Fall 1990 chose not to respond. (Student ethnic origin is self-reported.) Among the post-baccalaureate students enrolled for Fall 2002, 14.0% chose the "no response" option, also down from a Fall 2000 high of 17.8%.

Of the total enrolled students at Cal Poly 45% are female and 55% are male. At the undergraduate level, 44% of the students are female and 56% are male, and at the post-baccalaureate level, 54% of enrolled students are female and 46% are male.

NEW STUDENTS

When we compare new student targets to new student enrollments we need to look at both Fall and Summer enrollment data. Students enrolled in Summer Jump Start, Summer Institute and other students who were selected for Fall but elected to start in Summer need to be counted with the new students for Fall in order to make a true comparison between the targets and the actual "new" Fall enrollment.

Census enrollment numbers for Fall 2002 show 2,601 new freshmen (enrolling first in Fall quarter), 727 new transfer students, and 91 new transitory students for a

total of 3,419. Additionally, there were 16 students seeking a second baccalaureate or returning to a new major for a total of 3,435 new undergraduates. In addition, 283 students who were admitted for Fall chose to start in Summer. When these new student enrollments are combined, the total new undergraduate students equal 3,718, 94 students over target.

At the post-baccalaureate level, 335 students were targeted, but 360 new students actually enrolled for Fall.

For more information on new student enrollment and applications, see the Fall 2002 *Applications InfoBrief*.