

Fall 2002 Census Applications

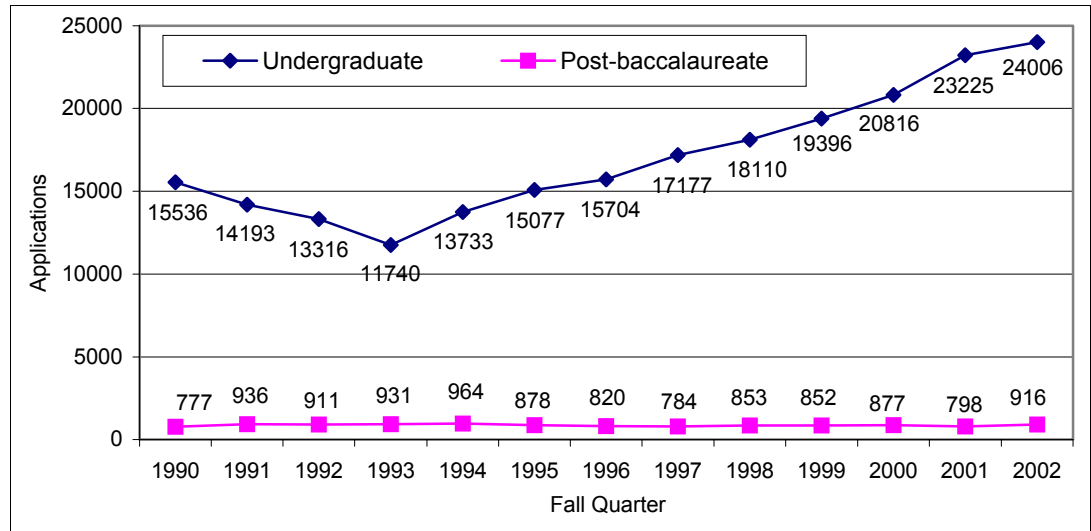
INFO BRIEF

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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TOTAL APPLICATIONS

The total number of applications for the Fall 2002 application cycle was 24,922. This number includes all new applications to Cal Poly, former students reapplying, and applications from transitory students ("others").



UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS

In Fall 2002, Cal Poly once again received more undergraduate applications than during the previous Fall application cycle. Since the Fall 1993 application cycle, the number of undergraduate applications received each Fall has increased by nearly 12,266.

New undergraduate applications for Fall 2002 numbered 24,006, an increase of 781 applications over Fall 2001. First-time freshmen applying for admission

to the university accounted for 19,739, or 82.2% of the total undergraduate application pool. Lower division transfers comprised 2.0% of the total pool with 488 applications, and upper division transfer applications numbered 3,779 or 15.7% of the total pool.

Cal Poly received 4,098 early decision applications for Fall 2002, 892 students were "selected," and 647 (72.5%) enrolled.

Fall 2002 Applications, Selected and Enrolled (Official Census Data, 10/31/02)

First-time Freshmen (FTF) Applications ¹	19,739	Total New Undergraduate Applications ^{1, 2}	24,006
FTF Selected (Accommodated) ¹	7,658	Total New Undergraduates Selected (Accommodated) ^{1, 2}	8,946
Percent FTF Selected (Accommodated)	39%	Percent of Total Undergrads Selected (Accommodated)	37%
FTF Enrolled ³	2,843	New Undergraduates Enrolled ^{1, 2, 3}	3,718
Percent of FTF Selected (Accommodated) Who Enrolled First in Summer or Fall	37%	Percent of Selected (Accommodated) Who Enrolled First in Summer or Fall	42%
Undergraduate Transfer Applications ^{1, 2}	4,267	Post-baccalaureate Applications ¹	916
Undergraduate Transfer Selected (Accommodated) ^{1, 2}	1,288	Post-baccalaureate Selected (Accommodated) ¹	532
Percent UG Transfers Selected (Accommodated)	30%	Percent of Post-baccalaureate Selected (Accommodated)	58%
Undergraduate Transfers Enrolled ^{2, 3}	875	New Post-baccalaureate Enrolled ¹	360
Percent UG Transfers Selected (Accommodated) Who Enrolled First in Summer or Fall	68%	Percent of Post-bacc Accommodated Who Enrolled	68%

¹ Includes "other" students (transitory/visiting students, non-degree seeking faculty and staff, and students applying for the Cuesta College Ag Tech Program).

² Includes students seeking second baccalaureates and students returning to a new major.

³ Includes undergraduates new for Fall and those new for Summer who were part of Fall target but first enrolled Summer quarter.

SELECTED (ACCOMMODATED) APPLICANTS

The total number of applicants (undergraduate and post-baccalaureate) selected for Fall 2002 was 9,478, about 2,000 lower than for Fall 2001. The number of applicants selected each year depends on several factors: Cal Poly's total enrollment target as assigned by the CSU, the likely number of continuing and returning students from prior years, and the proportion of those newly selected who may actually enroll. Cal Poly's enrollment planning strategy is to work toward a "steady-state" enrollment that is in balance with the University's operating budget and facility capacity.

New undergraduate students enrolling for the first time in Fall 2002 are only part of the group that were initially

targeted for Fall admissions. Over 275 undergraduate students who were part of the Fall enrollment target first enrolled in Summer. These students included those enrolled through the new Jump Start program, the Summer Institute Program and new students (mainly transfers) who were regularly accommodated for Fall 2002 but elected to start in Summer.

Of the 8,946 undergraduate applicants who were selected, 7,658 (86%) were freshmen, and 1,288 (14%) were transfer students, for a total accommodation rate of 37%. Of those selected, 3,718 new undergraduates enrolled. Please see the Fall 2002 *Enrollment InfoBrief* for more detail.

FRESHMAN SAT SCORES AND NEW UNDERGRADUATE GPAs

The average total SAT score for enrolled first-time freshmen first registered in either Fall or Summer 2002 was 1192, compared with the average from Fall 2001 of 1169. The average high school GPA for the same group of first-time freshmen in Fall 2002 was 3.71,

compared with the Fall 2001 average of 3.64. New transfer students (beginning either in Summer or Fall 2002) display an average transfer GPA of 3.24 compared with the Fall 2001 average of 3.21.

New First-time Freshman Profile—Headcount Enrollment and Fall Targets (Official Census Data, 10/31/02)

College	Fall Pool		First Quarter Enrolled		Total FTF Fall Target Students Enrolled*	GPA	SAT
	Applied	Selected	Fall	Summer*			
Agriculture	1,596	1,140	608	47	655	3.46	1090
Arch & Environmental Design	1,623	682	306	36	342	3.70	1194
Business	3,361	1,003	304	19	323	3.80	1219
Engineering	5,668	2,474	786	93	879	3.81	1255
Liberal Arts	4,866	1,078	316	27	343	3.79	1179
Science & Mathematics	2,620	1,281	281	20	301	3.80	1214
Other**	5	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
New Freshman Preliminary Total	19,739	7,658	2,601	242	2,843	3.71	1192

New Transfer Profile—Headcount Enrollment and Fall Targets (Official Census Data, 10/31/02)

College	Fall Pool		First Quarter Enrolled		Total Transfer Fall Target Students Enrolled*	GPA
	Applied	Selected	Fall	Summer*		
Agriculture	390	279	151	8	159	3.00
Arch & Environmental Design	449	183	125	3	128	3.22
Business	848	110	61	6	67	3.35
Engineering	886	305	176	11	187	3.27
Liberal Arts	1,322	303	185	8	193	3.36
Science & Mathematics	370	108	45	5	50	3.41
Other**	2	0	0	91	91	n/a
New Transfer Preliminary Total	4,267	1,288	743	132	875	3.24

*New FTF first enrolled summer includes students in the Jump Start and Summer Institute programs and students who were regularly admitted for Fall and elected to start in Summer. New transfer students first enrolled summer includes students who were regularly admitted for Fall and elected to start in Summer, students seeking second baccalaureates and undergraduates returning in a new major. Note: Average SAT scores and GPAs in this table reflect averages for all students who are considered part of the Fall target whether they first enrolled in Summer or Fall.

**"Others" include transitory/visiting students, non-degree seeking faculty and staff and students applying for the Cuesta College Ag Tech Program.

Source: Admissions Offices Avenue of Admissions Report and ODIN Quarterly Application Report.