

Fall 2003 Census Enrollment

INFO BRIEF

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

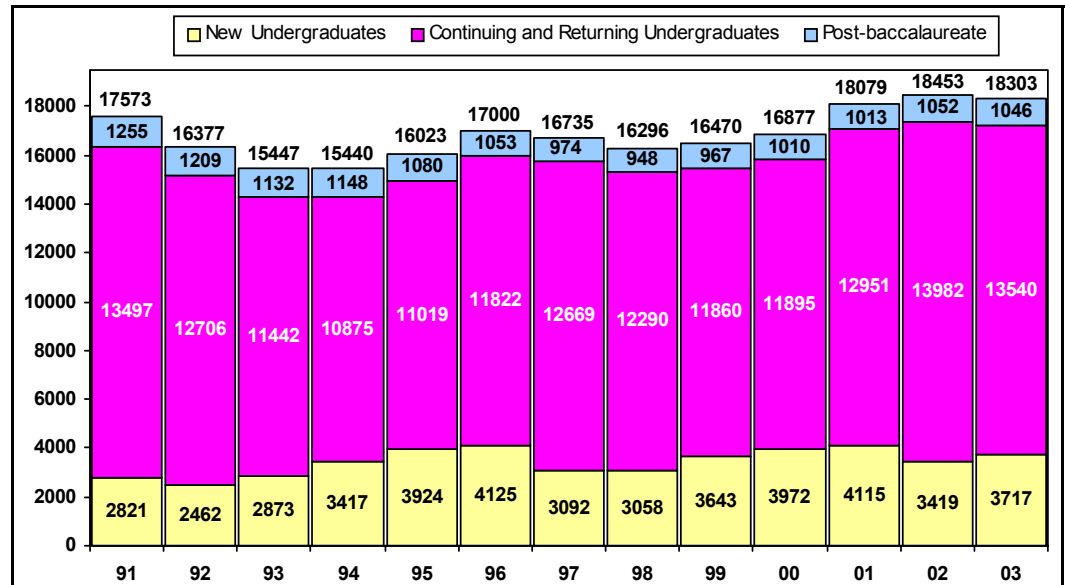
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UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT

The total headcount enrollment for Fall 2003 is 18,303. This is 150 students fewer than Fall 2002, but 203 students over the target set in March 2003 for Fall 2003.

New undergraduate enrollment was over target by 386 students. For Fall 2003 targets, go to the IP&A target web site at <http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/targets/034tar.htm> (Note that the new undergraduate target includes certain groups of students who start in Summer 2003.)

Information collected during the Winter and Spring 2003 registration surveys was utilized in developing the continuing student projections. The actual continuing student enrollment exceeded the number of undergraduate students answering "yes" to the question, "Are you planning on enrolling for Fall



quarter 2003?" About 13,000 students responded in the affirmative, with 800 more "undecided," but the actual continuing undergraduate enrollment was closer to 13,400.

HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

While we exceeded the total enrollment target set for Fall 2003, the increase was not shared equally among the colleges. In fact, two colleges (the College of Business and the University Center for Teacher Education) did not meet their enrollment targets.

Overall university enrollment decreased from last year. The largest change was seen in the College of Business,

a decrease of 9.1%. Enrollment decreases were also seen in the University Center for Teacher Education (7.2%), the College of Liberal Arts (2.1%), and the College of Agriculture (0.3%). Enrollment increased over last Fall in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (6.0%), the College of Science and Mathematics (1.4%), and the College of Engineering (0.4%).

OFFICIAL College and University Total Headcount Enrollment (10/30/03)

College	Undergraduate	Post-baccalaureate	Headcount Total	Total Student Headcount Target
Agriculture	3,638	131	3,769	3,637
Arch & Environmental Design	1,885	63	1,948	1,824
Business	2,309	91	2,400	2,498
Engineering	4,552	247	4,799	4,795
Liberal Arts	2,992	84	3,076	3,070
Science & Mathematics	1,766	79	1,845	1,831
UCTE	n/a	320	320	292
Other	115	31	146	153
Total University Enrollment	17,257	1,046	18,303	18,100

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

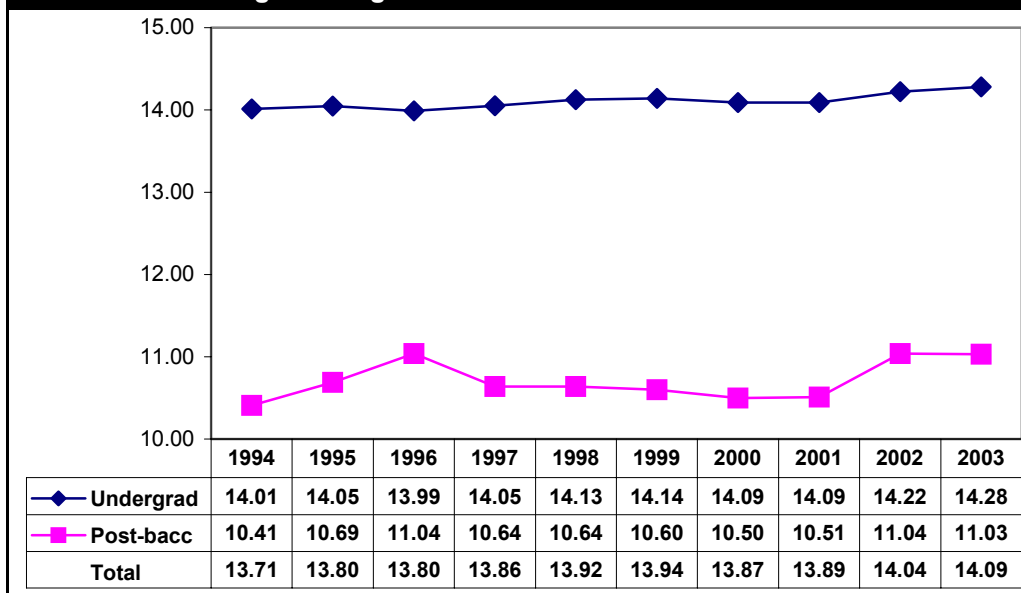
Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) is a theoretical normal workload equal to 15 units per student per term. It assumes that a student will complete a 180 quarter unit baccalaureate program in 12 quarters or 4 years at 15 units per term.

FTES was targeted for Fall 2003 at 16,852. Actual FTES is 17,196, 2.0% above target. Fall 2003 FTES was a decrease of 78 from Fall 2002. However, with the lower headcount, loads were up substantially.

Undergraduate students in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design displayed the highest average unit load at 14.55.

Average undergraduate units for the remaining colleges include the College of Agriculture (14.44); the College of Engineering (14.30); the College of Business (14.27); the College of Liberal Arts (14.17); and the College of Science and Mathematics (14.01).

Average Undergraduate and Post-baccalaureate Units



The proportion of undergraduate students enrolled full-time (12 or more units) in Fall 2003 was 95.2%, continuing the steady increase from 92.5% in Fall 1998.

Post-baccalaureate student average load decreased slightly from last year to 11.03 units.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT DIVERSITY

Cal Poly Fall 2003 enrollment by ethnic origin shows that 62.7% of the undergraduates identify themselves as white, 25.6% as non-white, and 0.9% are designated as international students. Post-baccalaureate students are 60.7% white, 22.0% non-white, and 2.4% 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, 10.7% of the Fall 2003 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 2003, 14.9% 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, 52% of enrolled students are female and 48% 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 the Summer Institute and other students who were selected for Fall but elected to start in Summer are 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 2003 show 2,828 new freshmen (enrolling first in Fall quarter), 803 new transfer students, and 86 new transitory students for a total of 3,717. Additionally, there were 54 students

seeking a second baccalaureate or returning to a new major for a total of 3,771 new undergraduates. In addition, 105 students who were admitted for Fall chose to start in Summer. When these new student enrollments are combined, the total new undergraduate students equal 3,876.

At the post-baccalaureate level, 327 students were targeted, but 377 new students actually enrolled for Fall.

For more information on new student enrollment and applications, see the Fall 2003 *Applications InfoBrief*.