

# Fall 2003 Census Applications

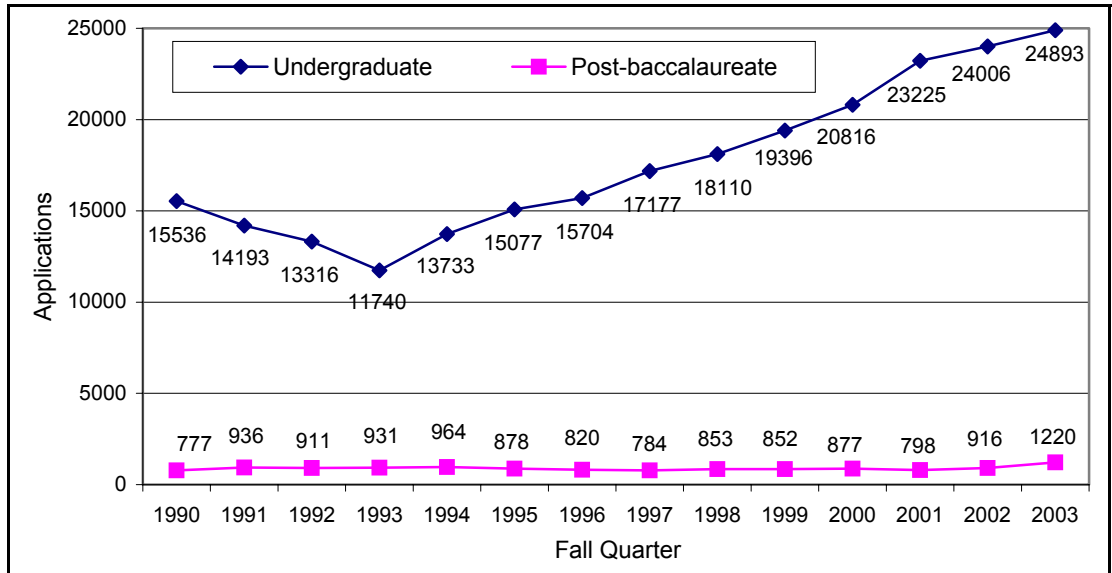


Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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## TOTAL APPLICATIONS

The total number of applications for the Fall 2003 application cycle was 26,113. This number includes all new applications to Cal Poly, former students reapplying, and applications from transitory students ("others").



## UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS

In Fall 2003, 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 more than doubled.

New undergraduate applications for Fall 2003 numbered 24,893, an increase of 887 applications over Fall 2002. First-time freshmen applying for admission to the

university accounted for 20,827, or 83.7%, of the total undergraduate application pool. Lower division transfers comprised 1.6% of the total pool with 398 applications, and upper division transfer applications numbered 3,668, or 14.7%, of the total pool.

The totals include 2,717 early decision applications for Fall 2003: of these, 513 students were "selected" and 415 (80.9%) enrolled.

### Fall 2003 Applications, Selected, and Enrolled (Official Census Data, 10/30/03)

First-time Freshmen (FTF) Applications <sup>1</sup>	20,827	Total New Undergraduate Applications <sup>1, 2</sup>	24,893
FTF Selected (Accommodated) <sup>1</sup>	7,989	Total New Undergraduates Selected (Accommodated) <sup>1, 2</sup>	9,384
Percent FTF Selected (Accommodated)	38%	Percent of Total Undergrads Selected (Accommodated)	38%
FTF Enrolled <sup>3</sup>	2,899	New Undergraduates Enrolled <sup>1, 2, 3</sup>	3,876
Percent of FTF Selected (Accommodated) Who Enrolled First in Summer or Fall	36%	Percent of Selected (Accommodated) Who Enrolled First in Summer or Fall	41%
Undergraduate Transfer Applications <sup>1, 2</sup>	4,066	Post-baccalaureate Applications <sup>1</sup>	1,220
Undergraduate Transfer Selected (Accommodated) <sup>1, 2</sup>	1,395	Post-baccalaureate Selected (Accommodated) <sup>1</sup>	748
Percent UG Transfers Selected (Accommodated)	34%	Percent of Post-baccalaureate Selected (Accommodated)	61%
Undergraduate Transfers Enrolled <sup>2, 3</sup>	977	New Post-baccalaureate Enrolled <sup>1</sup>	377
Percent UG Transfers Selected (Accommodated) Who Enrolled First in Summer or Fall	70%	Percent of Post-bacc Accommodated Who Enrolled	50%

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes students seeking second baccalaureates and students returning to a new major.

<sup>3</sup> 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 2003 was 10,132, about 650 higher than Fall 2002. 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 2003 are only part of the group that were initially

targeted for Fall admissions. About 100 undergraduate students who were part of the Fall enrollment target first enrolled in Summer. These students included those enrolled through the Summer Institute Program and new students who were regularly accommodated for Fall 2003 but elected to start in Summer.

Of the 9,384 undergraduate applicants who were selected, 7,989 (85%) were freshmen, and 1,395 (15%) were transfer students, for a total accommodation rate of 38%. Of those selected, 3,876 (41%) new undergraduates enrolled. Please see the Fall 2003 *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 2003 was 1195, compared with the average from Fall 2002 of 1192. The average high school GPA for the same group of first-time freshmen in Fall 2003 was 3.73,

compared with the Fall 2002 average of 3.71. New transfer students (beginning either in Summer or Fall 2002) display an average transfer GPA of 3.27 compared with the Fall 2002 average of 3.24.

### New First-time Freshman Profile—Headcount Enrollment and Fall Targets (Official Census Data, 10/30/03)

College	Fall Pool		First Quarter Enrolled		Total FTF Fall Target Students Enrolled*	GPA	SAT
	Applied	Selected	Fall	Summer*			
<b>Agriculture</b>	1,733	11,35	616	12	628	3.52	1101
<b>Arch &amp; Environmental Design</b>	1,788	605	316	14	330	3.78	1210
<b>Business</b>	3,447	1,093	328	5	333	3.79	1212
<b>Engineering</b>	5,332	2,526	884	4	888	3.81	1253
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	5,440	1,172	345	30	373	3.74	1163
<b>Science &amp; Mathematics</b>	3,084	1,458	339	6	345	3.81	1215
<b>Other**</b>	3	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a
<b>New Freshman Preliminary Total</b>	<b>20,827</b>	<b>7,989</b>	<b>2,828</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2,899</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>1195</b>

### New Transfer Profile—Headcount Enrollment and Fall Targets (Official Census Data, 10/30/03)

College	Fall Pool		First Quarter Enrolled		Total Transfer Fall Target Students Enrolled*	GPA
	Applied	Selected	Fall	Summer*		
<b>Agriculture</b>	419	285	178	8	186	3.06
<b>Arch &amp; Environmental Design</b>	448	163	118	1	119	3.22
<b>Business</b>	778	166	112	5	117	3.40
<b>Engineering</b>	816	274	167	11	178	3.28
<b>Liberal Arts</b>	1,222	377	210	5	215	3.33
<b>Science &amp; Mathematics</b>	383	130	71	4	75	3.40
<b>Other**</b>	0	0	87	0	87	n/a
<b>New Transfer Preliminary Total</b>	<b>4,066</b>	<b>1,395</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>3.27</b>

\*New FTF first enrolled summer includes students in the Summer Institute program 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.