

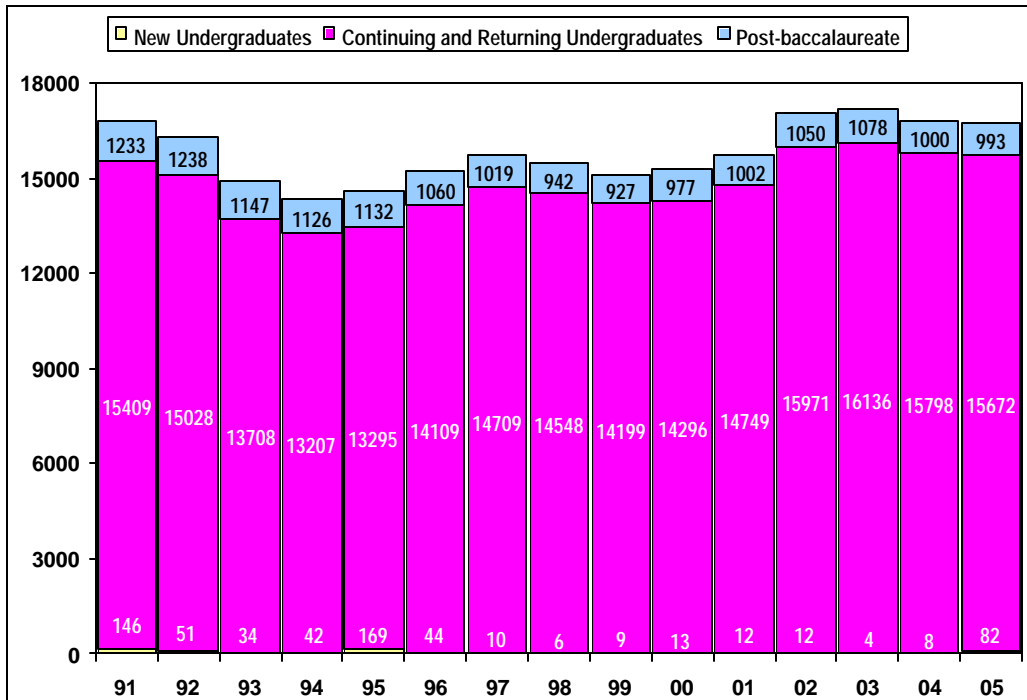
# Spring 2005 Census Enrollment

# INFO BRIEF

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

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## UNIVERSITY HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT



The total headcount enrollment for Spring 2005 is 16,747. This is higher than the original enrollment target set in March 2004 (16,737).

However, Cal Poly did not meet the enrollment target revised by the CSU in August primarily because the decision to reduce Summer enrollment had been implemented and Fall admissions were complete at that time. In addition, the campus experienced a shortfall in headcount during Fall quarter and lower average student unit loads during Winter and Spring (affected by the implementation of new registration procedures).

More target-related information can be found at [www.ipa.calpoly.edu/targets.html](http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/targets.html)

## HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE

While Cal Poly's total enrollment for Spring 2005 was lower than last year, decreases were not shared equally among the colleges. The largest enrollment decrease from Spring 2004 occurred in the College of Science and Math (down 8.6%), followed by the College of Education (down 5.8%), the College

of Business (down 2.2%), and the College of Liberal Arts (1.1%). Enrollment increased in the College of Engineering (up 3.8%); the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (up 1.0%); and the College of Agriculture (up 0.2%).

### OFFICIAL College and University Total Headcount Enrollment (Spring Census, 5/6/05)

College	Undergraduate	Post-baccalaureate	Headcount Total
Agriculture	3,352	136	3,488
Arch & Environmental Design	1,838	55	1,893
Business	2,044	88	2,132
Engineering	4,290	263	4,553
Liberal Arts	2,648	93	2,741
Science & Mathematics	1,508	62	1,570
Education	n/a	276	276
Other	74	20	94
<b>Total University Enrollment</b>	<b>15,754</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>16,747</b>

**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 Spring 2005 at 15,413. Actual FTES is 15,424, slightly above the original target set in March 2004.

Over 92% of undergraduate students enrolled full-time (12 or more units) in Spring 2005. Following the typical enrollment pattern, this percentage is lower than for both Winter 2005 (94%) and Fall 2004 (95%).

As noted above, Spring 2005 saw a decrease in the number of average units per student, down from 13.95 in Spring 2004 to 13.82 per student (total enrollment). Undergraduate students in the College of Agriculture displayed the highest average unit

load at 14.20, followed by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (14.18); the College of Engineering (14.05); the College of Business (13.97); the College of Liberal Arts (13.86); and the College of Science and Mathematics (13.83).

**Average Undergraduate and Post-baccalaureate Units**



**UNIVERSITY STUDENT DIVERSITY**

Of the total enrolled students at Cal Poly in Spring 2005, 43.4% are female and 56.6% are male. Among the colleges, the female/male ratio varies with more females than males in the College of Education (79.0% female), the College of Liberal Arts (69.4% female), the College of Agriculture (57.9% female), and the College of Science and Mathematics (54.7% female). Males outnumber females in the College of Engineering (85.2% male), College of Architecture and Environmental Design (65.9% male), and the College of Business (57.6% male).

Cal Poly Spring 2004 enrollment by ethnic origin shows that 64.4% of the undergraduates identified themselves as white and 26.3% as non-white, 0.7% are designated as international students, and 8.7% of undergraduates chose not to respond to the ethnic origin question (information on student ethnic origin is voluntary and self-reported).

Among post-baccalaureate students enrolled for Spring 2005, 58.3% are white, 25.1% are non-white, 2.1% are international students, and 14.5% did not respond.

**NEW STUDENTS**

Admissions for Spring term are typically very limited. Most new Cal Poly students are admitted for Summer or Fall. We processed 222 undergraduate applications for Spring 2005 and selected 122 students. Census numbers indicate 82 new undergraduate students actually enrolled. Also taking Spring 2005 courses were 15,660 returning and continuing undergraduates and 12 "other" new undergraduate students\*.

At the post-baccalaureate level, Cal Poly processed 165 applications and selected 116 students. Census data shows 117 new post-baccalaureate students, 874 returning and continuing students, and 2 "other" new post-baccalaureate students\* registered for Spring 2005 courses.

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

