

Welcome |

Welcome to Cal Poly, ranked by U.S. News and World Report for more than a decade as the best public largely undergraduate university in the West.

Home to 18,000 of the West Coast's best students, Cal Poly has been providing a learn-by-doing education for over a century. Located only minutes from the Pacific Ocean, Cal Poly helps meet California's workforce needs with graduates in engineering, agriculture, architecture, science, math, liberal arts, business and education.

Facts |

Name: California Polytechnic State University, known as Cal Poly
Location: San Luis Obispo — about 230 miles south of San Francisco, 200 miles north of Los Angeles
Emphasis: Comprehensive undergraduate education combining technical and professional curricula with the arts and humanities
Guiding philosophy: "Learn by doing"
Colors: Green and gold
Terms: Four 11-week quarters per year
Student body: About 18,730
Faculty (including part-time): About 1,245
Staff (Approx., including part-time, hourly and management): State, 1,070; Corporation, 430; ASI, 81
Size: 6,051 acres plus the 3,200-acre Swanton Pacific Ranch and 500-acre Valencia Property, Santa Cruz County

Fees: Vary by college; check our Web site at www.calpoly.edu
Financial aid: Awarded to more than half our students
Presidents:
Warren J. Baker - 1979-present
Robert E. Kennedy - 1967-1979
Julian A. McPhee - 1933-1966
Robert E. Kennedy Library:
203,605 sq. ft. with 3.4 million items
Annual local economic impact: \$1 billion plus
Affiliation: Part of the 23-campus California State University, the nation's largest four-year public university system



Highlights |

For more than a dozen years, U.S. News & World Report has rated Cal Poly the best public largely undergraduate university in the West.
A Carnegie Communications survey named Cal Poly the best regional university in the West, public or private.
In a survey by DesignIntelligence Cal Poly's undergraduate architecture program was ranked among the best in the nation for producing "graduates most prepared for real-world practice." In a separate study, Cal Poly's undergraduate landscape architecture program was ranked among the 10 best internationally.
The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences is now offering a bachelor's degree in wine and viticulture,

blending viticulture, enology and the business aspects of the wine industry. As part of developing its comprehensive interdisciplinary program, the university and E&J Gallo have established a state-of-the-art wine-grape vineyard on campus.
In America's Best Colleges guidebook, U.S. News & World Report ranked Cal Poly's College of Engineering No. 2 in the nation among public non-doctoral schools (behind only the U.S. Military and Naval academies).
The National Science Foundation has recognized Cal Poly's science program as among the most innovative undergraduate science programs in the nation. Design is beginning on a quarter-million-square-foot Center for Science and Mathematics.
Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business is recognized as a leading source of accounting graduates in California.
Cal Poly's Centennial Campaign (1998-2004), the largest fund-raising campaign in the history of the California State University, raised \$264.4 million.

History |

In the 1890s, when a proposal for a teacher training school at San Luis Obispo seemed unlikely to succeed, State Senator Sylvester C. Smith of Bakersfield suggested a polytechnic institute. Myron Angel, chronicler of San Luis Obispo County history, became an ardent supporter of the idea and articulated a vision to establish a school that would "teach the hand as well as the head." The plan succeeded, and on March 8, 1901, legislation was signed founding the California Polytechnic School, a vocational high school.

Over the next three decades, Cal Poly evolved into the equivalent of a junior college, but its future became uncertain. In 1933, Julian A. McPhee, chief of the California Bureau of Agricultural Education, agreed to become the school's president, saving it from abolishment. During the next 33 years, he guided Cal Poly's transformation into a four-year institution and set an educational standard still emulated today.

Cal Poly's first baccalaureate exercises were held in May 1942, and in 1947 it was renamed California State Polytechnic College. As its programs continued to evolve, the institution became California Polytechnic State University in 1972.



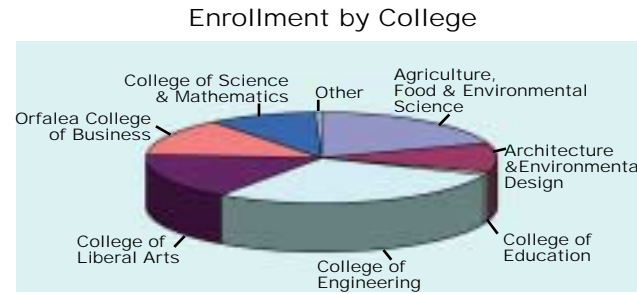
On the Cover: Alumnus Chris Gocong, a biomedical engineer and the highest NFL draft pick in Cal Poly history. Gocong was selected 71st overall by the Philadelphia Eagles in the 2006 draft.



Academic Programs |



Programs offered:
68 bachelor's, 24 master's, one doctorate of education in association with UC Santa Barbara, 64 minors, eight credentials
Accreditation: The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accredits the university;



prep tomorrow's elementary and secondary teachers, school counselors and administrative leaders. The College of Education at Cal Poly and the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education at UC Santa Barbara have launched a field-based Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership for working professionals.
College of Engineering: Departments of aerospace engineering, civil & environmental engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, industrial & manufacturing engineering, materials engineering, mechanical engineering
College of Liberal Arts: Departments of art & design, English, ethnic studies, graphic communication, history, journalism, liberal studies, modern languages & literatures, music, philosophy, political science, psychology & child development, social sciences, speech communication, theatre & dance
College of Science and Mathematics: Departments of biological sciences, chemistry & biochemistry, kinesiology, mathematics, physics, statistics
Orfalea College of Business: Study areas in accounting, economics, finance, industrial technology, management, marketing



14 additional agencies accredit individual programs.
College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences: Departments of agribusiness, agricultural education & communication, animal science, bioresource & agricultural engineering, dairy science, earth & soil sciences, food science & nutrition, horticulture & crop science, military science, natural resources management
College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Departments of architectural engineering, architecture, city & regional planning, construction management, landscape architecture
College of Education: Collaborates with faculty from across campus and other educational partners to



Student Life |

Annual events:
Week of Welcome (WOW) - September
Homecoming - October or November
Commencement - December and June
Open House/Poly Royal - April
On-campus student housing: 3,580 beds
Intercollegiate athletics: Men and women compete in NCAA Div. I in baseball (men only), basketball, cross country, football (men), golf, soccer, softball (women), swimming, tennis, track, volleyball (women) and wrestling (men).
Intramural sports: Each year about 8,500 students participate in 14 sports, with an average of eight tournaments annually.
Club sports: Cal Poly's 16 club teams regularly compete for regional and national championships, including the women's lacrosse squad, which has won six consecutive titles.



Student Body |

Profile: Cal Poly attracts many of California's best students, and admission is highly competitive. The university receives more than 35,000 applications a year.
Stats: Men, 56%; women, 44%; Non-white, 26%
Average age: 21
Geographic Origin of New Freshmen:
Central Coast: 8%; San Francisco Bay area: 32%
Los Angeles area: 19%; Central Valley: 10%
Other California areas: 22%; Out of state: 9%
Placement: 92-96% of graduates are employed full time or attend graduate school within one year after graduation; median starting salary is about \$40,000 — about \$60,000 for computer science grads.



Accomplished Alumni |

- ✧ Raytheon Chairman & CEO Bill Swanson
 - ✧ Astronauts Rick Sturckow and Robert "Hoot" Gibson
 - ✧ Attorney Joseph Cotchett, one of America's "100 most influential" lawyers
 - ✧ Aerospace pioneer and Ansari X PRIZE winner Burt Rutan
 - ✧ Leading agricultural producer Bob Meyer
 - ✧ Getty Center structural engineer Thomas Sabol
 - ✧ *The Man Who Listens to Horses* author Monty Roberts
 - ✧ University of North Texas President Gretchen M. Bataille
 - ✧ NBC News national correspondent Michelle Franzen
 - ✧ Pro-football personality John Madden
 - ✧ CBS 2 Los Angeles news co-anchor Laura Diaz
 - ✧ Two of Jamba Juice's founders, Linda Ozawa Olds and Joseph Vergara
 - ✧ Hollywood director Lisa Satriano
 - ✧ Lions Gate Entertainment President Steve Beeks
 - ✧ Hall of Fame St. Louis Cardinals shortstop "Ozzie" Smith
 - ✧ Foster Farms owner George P. Foster
 - ✧ Digiscope President Mary Stuart Welch
 - ✧ Grammy-winning rock parodist "Weird Al" Yankovic
 - ✧ "Quickie" wheelchair co-developer and advocate for the disabled Marilyn Hamilton
 - ✧ Longtime pro-football general manager and adviser Bobby Beathard
 - ✧ Grauman's Chinese Theatre structural reinforcement designer, architect Francisco Behr
 - ✧ Hollywood writer-producers Jim Kouf and Kevin Falls
 - ✧ Humanitarian and San Diego Chargers owner Alex Spanos
 - ✧ Clif Bar & Co. founder and owner Gary Erickson
- For a more extensive list, visit www.calpoly.edu/simplythebest/simplythebest.html#_alumni



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