

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo, CA

Freshman Admission Requirements
Entrance Difficulty

Moderately Difficult: More than 75% of freshmen were in the top 50% of their high school class and scored over 1010 on the SAT I or over 18 on the ACT; about 85% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION

High School Graduation	High school diploma required and GED is accepted
High School Program	College preparatory program is required

High School Units Required or Recommended

Subject	Required Units	Recommended Units
English	4	5
Mathematics	3	5
Science	2	4
Foreign Language	2	4
Social Studies	1	
History	1	
Academic Electives	1	

Examinations

Exam	Required Units	Scores Due in Admissions Office
SAT or ACT	Required	December 1
SAT Only		
ACT Only		
SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT		
SAT Subject Tests Only		
SAT Essay Component Policy	Accepted with or without essay component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	Accepted with or without writing component	
ACT Writing Test Policy	SAT: Not used ACT: Not used	

Applying for Admission
Admissions Office

Address	1 Grand Avenue
City, State, Zip	San Luis Obispo, CA 93407
Phone	(805) 756-2311
Fax	
E-mail	admissions@calpoly.edu

Application Dates and Fees

Regular Admisson Deadline	November 30
Application Fee	\$55
Application Fee Waiver	Available
Regular Admission Notification	April 1
Accept Offer of Admission	May 1
Waiting List Used	Yes
Defer Admission	Student cannot defer admission

Transfer Admission **Transfer applications accepted**

Early Admission

Early Decision Offered	
Early Decision Deadline	
Early Decision Notification	
Early Action Offered	No
Early Action Deadline	
Early Action Notification	

Application Form

Common Application	Not accepted
Universal College Application	Not accepted
Electronic Application	Available

Other Application Requirements

Interview	Not Required
Essay or Personal Statement	
Letters of Recommendation	
Other	
Financial Need	

Selection of Students

Factor	Very Important	Important	Considered	Not Considered
Rigor of Secondary School Record	X			
Academic GPA	X			
Standardized Tests	X			
Class Rank				X
Recommendations				X
Essay				X
Interview				X
Level of Applicant's Interest				X
Extracurricular Activities			X	
Volunteer Work			X	
Particular Talent/Ability			X	
Character/Personal Qualities				X
First Generation to Attend College			X	
State Residency				X
Geographic Residence			X	
Relation with Alumnus				X
Religious Affiliation/Commitment				X
Ethnicity				X
Work Experience			X	

Profile of Fall Admission

Overall Admission Rate	30% of 54,663 applicants were admitted
Women	35% of 26,238 applicants were admitted
Men	26% of 28,425 applicants were admitted
Students Enrolled	5,644 (34%) of 16,491 admitted students enrolled
Women	2,483 (27%) of 9,192 admitted students enrolled
Men	2,400 (33%) of 7,299 admitted students enrolled
Early Decision Admission Rate	
Early Action Admission Rate	
Students Offered Wait List	6,643
Students Accepting Wait List Position	
Students Admitted From Wait List	2,436

Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)

Average GPA	4.00
3.75 and Above	75%
3.50 - 3.74	17%
3.25 - 3.49	6%
3.00 - 3.24	2%
2.50 - 2.99	
2.00 - 2.49	

SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

SAT Math	620-730 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	40%
Score of 600 - 700	44%
Score of 500 - 600	16%
Score of 400 - 500	0%
Score of 300 - 400	0%
Score of 200 - 300	0%
SAT EBRW	655 average 620-700 range of middle 50%
Score of 700 - 800	25%
Score of 600 - 700	60%
Score of 500 - 600	15%
Score of 400 - 500	0%
Score of 300 - 400	0%
Score of 200 - 300	0%

ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen

ACT Composite	29 average 26-32 range of middle 50%
Score of 30 - 36	48%
Score of 24 - 29	43%
Score of 18 - 23	8%
Score of 12 - 17	0%
Score of 6 - 11	0%
Score of 5 or Below	0%

Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen

High School Class Rank	Top tenth: 59% Top quarter: 89% Top half: 99%
National Merit Scholar	0%
Valedictorian	Not reported
Class President	Not reported
Student Government Officer	Not reported



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