

ACCREDITATION

Cal Poly is fully accredited as a four-year degree-granting institution by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

RECORDS SYSTEM

The University operates on the quarter system and offers four quarters per year. All quarters contribute equally to the academic year, which runs from Summer to Spring.

For the period from Fall 1987 through Summer 1988 student records may appear on more than one type of transcript. All student course work prior to that time appears on a single transcript. Graduate, 2-Year Technical Certificate, and Undergraduate careers appear on separate transcripts beginning Fall 1987. Continuing Ed, Continuing Education Units, and Vocational careers appear on separate transcripts beginning Fall 1988.

Academic Probation is not indicated on the transcript.

A maximum of 105 quarter units from community colleges may be applied towards a bachelor's degree.

Earned hours applicable towards the degree may be less than those recorded on the transcript.

GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate students must complete at least 180 units depending on degree program requirements. In order to graduate, all students must have at least a 2.000 GPA in Higher Education (Higher Ed) and Cal Poly Cumulative (CPSLO Cum) and Major.

Graduate students must complete at least 45 units depending on degree program requirements, with a GPA of at least 3.000 in course work designated in their Formal Study Plan.

See Cal Poly catalog for additional details relating to our policies and programs.

Recent catalogs are available on the web: <http://catalog.calpoly.edu>

COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

0010-0099	Not for baccalaureate (degree) credit. (Some non-baccalaureate courses fall outside this number range. Please see catalog description for more information.)
0100-0299	Lower Division, primarily Freshmen and Sophomore level.
0300-0499	Upper Division, primarily Junior and Senior level. 400-level courses can be used in undergraduate or graduate programs.
0500-0599	Graduate level courses.
0600-0699	Professional advancement in special fields and not for baccalaureate credit.
0800-0899	Continuing Education Units (CEUs).
E	Standard University courses taken by non-matriculated students through Open University (Extended Ed); not counted towards Residency
P or S	Standard University courses taken by matriculated students through Open University (Extended Ed); count towards Residency.
Suffixes	Standard University course numbers may include letters (i.e., ENGL 470A).
X	New courses carrying regular degree credit and used to denote new offerings between catalog cycles. Course descriptions appear in the Quarterly Class Schedule

HONORS AT GRADUATION

The Dean's Honors List recognizes undergraduate students who have completed 12 or more letter-graded units during the term with a GPA of 3.500 or higher.

Candidates for bachelor's degrees are awarded Honors at graduation for a cumulative Cal Poly GPA as follows:

Cum Laude = 3.500 Magna Cum Laude = 3.700
Summa Cum Laude = 3.850

Graduate students with a Higher Education GPA of 3.750 or higher and recommendation from their college deans will graduate With Distinction

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GRADING SYSTEM, GPA CALCULATION, AND ACRONYMS

	UG/QHRS	GP/QPTS	UE/EHRS
A Superior	Yes	4.0	Yes
B Good	Yes	3.0	Yes
C Acceptable	Yes	2.0	Yes
D Poor	Yes	1.0	Yes
F Failure	Yes	0.0	No
+ Plus (+)	Yes	+0.3	Yes
- Minus (-)	Yes	-0.3	Yes
AU Audit	No	No	No
I Incomplete Authorized	No	No	No
NR/WIP No Report/Work in Progress	No	No	No
RD Report Delayed	No	No	No
RP Report in Progress	No	No	No
SP Satisfactory Progress	No	No	No
U Incomplete Unauthorized	Yes	No	No
W Withdrawal	No	No	No
WU Withdrawal Unauthorized	Yes	No	No
CR Credit	No	No	Yes+
<i>Credit grades (passing) have a letter value of A, B, C, plus or minus.</i>			
NC No Credit	No	No	No
<i>No credit grades (not passing) have a letter value of D, F, U, plus or minus.</i>			
*	Course taken in another career and not included in statistics on this transcript.		
R	Repeat of prior course with original grade removed from GPA calculation.		
UA	Units attempted		

UE or ERHS: Units earned or Earned Hours are all hours for which credit was earned (excluding F, U, WU, and NC).

UG or QHRS: Units Granted or Quality Hours carry grade point value (excludes CR/NC).

GP or QPTS: Grade or Quality Points are awarded per course unit and are determined by multiplying course unit by the quality point value of the grade.

GPA: Grade Point Average is determined by dividing QPTS by QHRS.

CPSLO Cum: All college level coursework taken at Cal Poly.

Higher Ed: All college level coursework in transfer and at Cal Poly.