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SUMMER SPRINGBOARD @ CAL POLY

Join us this summer at Cal Poly, California's "Best in the West" top-ranked public undergraduate university. Founded in 1901 as the first public polytechnic school, Cal Poly is known for its Learn by Doing approach that puts hands-on learning at the center of campus life.

At Summer Springboard at Cal Poly, students explore a potential field of study while living and learning in San Luis Obispo, a town often recognized as one of the happiest in the U.S., set between rolling California mountains and the Pacific.

Save your spot now to avoid the waitlist!

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EXPLORE A MAJOR. DISCOVER CAL POLY. ENJOY AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER.



Our mission at Summer Springboard is to help students increase their self-awareness so they can make decisions about college selection, academic majors and career planning that reflect their personal vision for success.

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Look Inward. Go Upward.

Welcome, students and families! Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly is planning an exciting summer for bright, ambitious high school students like you who would like to spend two weeks on the campus of Cal Poly in beautiful San Luis Obispo, engaged in a program that combines hands-on learning, career exploration and college prep.

Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly is a partnership between the Cal Poly Extended, Professional and Continuing Education and Summer Springboard (SSB), a leader in pre-college summer programs for teens. The purpose of the program is to expose students to Cal Poly's Learn by Doing philosophy, allow high school students to experience living on the Cal Poly campus and help students to better define what direction they want to take after high school.

We are excited to share our diverse offering of courses this summer, through the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. This is a special opportunity for high-achieving students entering grades 9, 10, 11 or 12 next fall to explore their academic and career interests with like-minded students from all parts of the world. If this sounds like you or a high school student in your family, we hope you will take a moment to learn more about Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly and find out how your student can enroll in our summer 2026 program.

Sincerely,

Marissa Floyd, Ph.D.
Program Director of Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly





WHY CAL POLY?

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California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo is the **number one ranked public undergraduate college** in the Western United States.



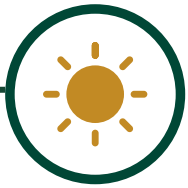
All Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly courses are taught by **active Cal Poly professors.**



Cal Poly has earned recognition through its unique **Learn by Doing philosophy**. Classes emphasize active-learning methods and include a high proportion of laboratory and field work.



Students can earn **three continuing education units (CEU)**, **a letter of participation** from an active Cal Poly professor and **a certificate of completion** from Summer Springboard.



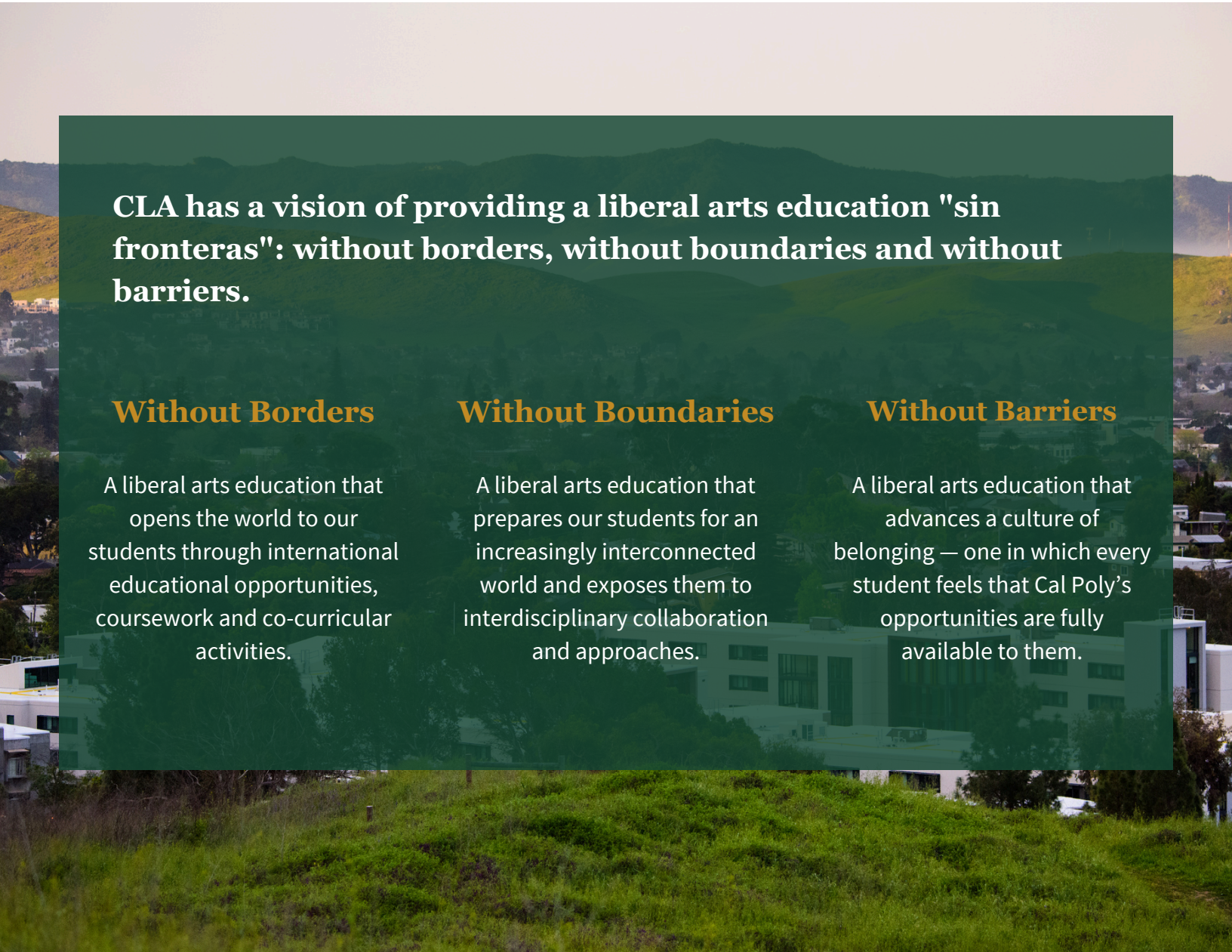
The university is located in the charming **Central Coast town of San Luis Obispo**. Set between rolling hills and the Pacific Ocean with **perfect weather year-round**, San Luis Obispo is home to a **charming downtown center**, award-winning restaurants and a vibrant cultural scene.

THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS (CLA)

Summer Springboard and Cal Poly Extended, Professional and Continuing Education have partnered with the College of Liberal Arts to proudly offer 14 courses taught by active Cal Poly professors.

The College of Liberal Arts comprises 15 highly selective departments offering programs in the arts, humanities, communications and social sciences. These diverse disciplines share a focus on human experience and expression. Providing nearly one-third of the university's instruction, the CLA serves as an essential component of liberal education for all students at Cal Poly.

The College of Liberal Arts promotes excellence through teaching, scholarship and service; encouraging intellectual discovery and individual growth by promoting diversity, social responsibility and lifelong Learn by Doing in both the local and the global communities.



CLA has a vision of providing a liberal arts education "sin fronteras": without borders, without boundaries and without barriers.

Without Borders

A liberal arts education that opens the world to our students through international educational opportunities, coursework and co-curricular activities.

Without Boundaries

A liberal arts education that prepares our students for an increasingly interconnected world and exposes them to interdisciplinary collaboration and approaches.

Without Barriers

A liberal arts education that advances a culture of belonging — one in which every student feels that Cal Poly's opportunities are fully available to them.

THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (CAFES)

Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly is excited to welcome courses from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences to our course offerings beginning in 2026.

Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences offers 22 broad majors and boasts one of the nation's most prestigious undergraduate agriculture programs. Students have access to state-of-the-art laboratories across departments and majors.

The laboratories also include ranchland, orchards, vineyards and forest, which, in turn, provide the Learn by Doing opportunities that are the essence of the Cal Poly experience. These living laboratories, combined with the attention of faculty members dedicated to their students' success, offer a powerful combination of rigorous academics with hands-on experiences that lead to fulfilling careers and distinctive professional accomplishment.

As a result of their ability to combine professional skills and technical competence with a big-picture vision and an innovative spirit, Cal Poly graduates are highly sought after by a broad cross-section of prestigious employers.



THE THREE SSB PILLARS







Explore a Career Path

- Outstanding instructors with real-world industry experience.
- Courses featuring hands-on group projects.
- Notable guest speakers and academic excursions.

Prepare For Choices Ahead

- Reflections on best-fit college majors and top-choice universities.
- Series of College Readiness Workshops.
- Guided mentor-group discussions.

Experience College Life

- Daily life on campus.
- Wide range of evening activities.
- Fun local excursions.

TESTIMONIALS



This program was so much fun! The mentors, staff, and other students were all so supportive and kind, I loved getting to know everyone. My class was seriously a blast and we had the best teacher ever. The campus is beautiful and I'm so glad I got this opportunity to explore Cal Poly because I would love to come here for college!

-Amanda B., former Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly student

The experience greatly exceeded my expectations. Not only did I get a glimpse at college life, but I got to enjoy many events hosted by SSB, hang out with a fantastic group of participants, and experience what it means to Learn by Doing.

-Collin B., former Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly student



FACULTY



Donna Templeton

BRANDING AND DESIGN

Donna Templeton teaches courses ranging from digital publishing and emerging digital technologies to magazine and book design. With a doctorate in Strategic Media, her research explores exciting topics like cross-media engagement and disruptive technologies.



Keri A. Schwab

EXPERIENCE DESIGN

Dr. Keri A. Schwab is a professor in Cal Poly's Experience Industry Management Department, where she teaches and mentors undergraduate students in experience design, event planning and management. Her research examines motivations, retention and benefits associated with recreation participation.



Casey McDonald-Liu

DIGITAL ADVERTISING

McDonald-Liu studies how organizations use human-like communication on social media. She began her career at Walt Disney Studios in digital communications and marketing, worked as a digital sales specialist, ran a cosplay catering business and taught ESL in Japan.



Christiane Schroeter

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Christiane Schroeter is a TEDx speaker, bestselling author, and university professor with more than two decades of expertise in marketing, innovation and student success. With a doctorate in health economics, she is known for making complex ideas clear, practical and engaging for young learners.



Sara Kuwahara

ENERGY FOR A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY

Sara Kuwahara is an assistant professor in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department. Her research integrates environmental microbiology, bioenergy and controlled environment systems to advance sustainable agriculture and renewable energy production.



Dina Vees

MARKETING BOOTCAMP

Dina Vees holds a B.S. in graphic communication from Carroll University and an MFA in media design from Full Sail University. With a background in integrated marketing, she teaches graphic communication courses and researches prepress, workflow automation, variable data and web design.

FACULTY CONTINUED



Susan Hawk

NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCE

Susan Hawk has over 25 years of experience in clinical nutrition, working extensively teaching future dietitians how to care for patients. She has a doctorate in nutrition from UC Davis with a minor in endocrinology, and is also a registered dietitian.



Bo Liu

ROBOTICS

Bo Liu is a professor in the BioResource and agricultural engineering department. He specializes in mechatronics, robotics and automation, applying these technologies to address challenges in agriculture.



Tyler Johnson

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Tyler Johnson earned a master's degree in comparative politics from the London School of Economics, specializing in voter behavior and China's Belt and Road Initiative. He has studied Sino-Iranian relations in China and worked on U.S. presidential, congressional and California State Senate campaigns.



Roger Hall

U.S. HISTORY

Roger Hall teaches history at Cal Poly and Allan Hancock College, where he is chair of the Social and Behavioral Science Department. He is the author of the textbook, "West of the West: Perspective on California State History". He was three times accepted into the National Endowment of the Humanities, Landmarks in American Democracy program.



Kara Samaniego

PUBLIC HEALTH

Kara Samaniego holds a master's in business administration. She has over 13 years of experience in public health-related fields, spanning from college health and violence prevention, to end-of-life care. Her research with the Kinesiology and Public Health Department explores sexual and reproductive health among college-aged populations.



April Elliott

WEB DEVELOPMENT

April Elliott, a lecturer in Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department, holds a B.S. in graphic communication and an M.A. in education. With 20+ years in the industry, her expertise ranges from large-format printing to web and screen design. She teaches courses in digital publishing, social media and web development.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

This is a typical day of a Summer Springboard student for residential and commuter students on program and during the weekdays.

8 a.m.	Breakfast
9 a.m.	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival
12 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity
3:30 p.m.	College Readiness Workshop or True You
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Commuter Student Departure
6 p.m.	Dinner
7 p.m.	Clubs
10:30 p.m.	Night Checks

Programs and Tuition

Residential



Our residential students will spend two weeks living in on-campus, suite-style apartments and experience Cal Poly's Vista Grande dining hall. Courses will take place on the campus of Cal Poly. All off-campus excursions and activities are included.

Residential Tuition: $5,398

Commuter



Our commuter students will experience the Monday-Friday *Day In The Life* schedule from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (including lunch). These students are able to add the weekend excursions for $125 per day.

Commuter Tuition: $2,998

COURSES

Students can choose from several courses within the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES). All courses offer meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities.

Business and Law Track:

- Digital Advertising
- Experience Design
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Marketing Bootcamp
- Political Science

Engineering and Science Track:

- Energy for a Sustainable Society
- Robotics

Medicine and Healthcare Track:

- Nutrition and Food Science
- Public Health

Humanities and Liberal Arts Track:

- U.S. History

Media and Design Track:

- Branding and Design

Computer Science Track:

- Web Development

There are nine three-hour class sessions over the two-week course.

- **Week 1:** Students have class from 9 a.m. - noon Monday - Friday.
- **Week 2:** Students have class from 9 a.m. - noon Monday through Thursday.
- Wednesday afternoon each week is dedicated to students' course-specific academic excursion, guest speaker or activity.

Dates

Session 1: July 5 - July 17, 2026
Session 2: July 19 - July 31, 2026

Requirements

- For students completing grades 8-11.
- 3.0 weighted grade point average (or local equivalent).

BUSINESS AND LAW ACADEMIC TRACK

Digital Advertising

- Explore the psychology of branding, including theories of influence and persona development.
- Build strong visual storytelling skills using principles of design, character, tone, coherence and messaging across media such as graphic design, photography, video and audio production.
- Understand the role of campaign channels and tracking in marketing communications, from broadcast and direct strategies to social media campaigns.

Real World Insights

This course is designed to provide students with an understanding about the marketplace of attention and create effective narratives of their own creation. Students will be exposed to higher level thinking as media consumers and have the opportunity to test their theories by designing and producing a strategic communications campaign, a video commercial and social media content for a real client.

Experience Design

- Gather end-user qualitative data to create a client persona.
- Apply positive psychology principles, map and create intentional experiences.
- Engage diverse audiences for desired, positive outcomes.
- Use design thinking to empathize, ideate and prototype experiences.

Real World Insights

From the professional to the personal, events big and small are woven into the fabric of daily life. Behind every event is a person or group designing that experience. Whether a team building weekend for a remote office, a family reunion or Comic Con, strategic intention will separate the “life changing” experiences from the “barely memorable.” This class invites students to learn about human-centered, end-user focused experience design. Students will learn how experiences are intentionally designed to shape emotions, behavior, choices and create meaning and learning, in events, tourism, hospitality, recreation and community settings.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship

- Create compelling value propositions that address real-world consumer needs.
- Transform innovative ideas into market-ready business concepts.
- Conduct market research and analyze consumer insights to refine products.
- Develop a persuasive and concise elevator pitch.
- Build a professional portfolio showcasing your work and skills.

Real World Insights

Modeled after the hit TV show Shark Tank, this hands-on program pushes students beyond theory to create real, marketable business ideas. Working in teams of three to four, students develop innovative food product concepts, progressing through the full entrepreneurial process — from ideation to a final pitch — while building a professional portfolio complete with headshots and videos. The course culminates in a presentation to a panel of industry professionals, giving students valuable feedback and the confidence to pursue their ventures.

Marketing Bootcamp

- Bring an online business idea to life by analyzing the target market's needs and wants.
- Learn about creative materials that can be used to capitalize on various distribution channels for a product's target market.
- Gain exposure to important branding guidelines for a variety of materials one can use to market their products.
- Learn how to evaluate various marketing designs to create cost-effective advertising to get your product to the market.

Real World Insights

This course is THE course for any student interested in starting an online business. Learn how to create a campaign to market products in any industry. This course will cover the core concepts of marketing, beginning with the creative process (ideation), various distribution channels for marketing products, creating consumer persona and determining total available market.

Political Science

- Understand how the Supreme Court operates and how justices make their decisions.
- Examine landmark Supreme Court rulings and explore their impact on everyday life.
- Step into the role of a justice by participating in a mock Supreme Court session.
- Learn practical strategies for networking and getting started on your own political career path.

Real World Insights

Dive into the workings of the Supreme Court and the influence its decisions have on society. Explore the full journey of how a case reaches the nation's highest court, as well as the limitations of the judicial branch. Learn how justices analyze cases, how precedent is established, and what these rulings mean for citizens. Students will also take a closer look at campaigning and how political campaigns are planned and executed.

ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE ACADEMIC TRACK

Energy for A Sustainable Society

- Identify renewable energy sources and explain the role of bioenergy in sustainable systems.
- Describe the food–energy–waste nexus and strategies for waste reduction and resource recovery.
- Design, build and monitor a small-scale anaerobic digester.
- Conduct and interpret simple bioenergy experiments (biodiesel and ethanol mini-labs).
- Record and analyze personal energy use through a daily diary.

Real World Insights

This is a hands-on summer course that explores how energy, food and waste are interconnected in building a more sustainable future. Students will examine where energy comes from, how it is used and how food and agricultural waste can be repurposed or transformed into renewable energy. Through engaging lessons, daily energy-awareness activities and guided field experiences, participants will connect global sustainability challenges to personal choices and community action.

Robotics

- Explore core electronics, microcontrollers and toolchain.
- Learn how to program robots to move, sense and respond to their environment.
- Master motor control, sensors and basic autonomy.
- Dive into locomotion, navigation and system integration.
- Build and test your own robotic systems with power management and debugging skills.

Real World Insights

Discover the mechanics, electronics and intelligence behind autonomous machines. Students will learn to build, wire and program robots capable of sensing and reacting to their environment. Through daily hands-on activities, they will gain a foundation in motors, sensors, microcontrollers and autonomy. The final project challenges teams to design and demonstrate a robot that can navigate and make decisions independently, simulating real-world robotics applications.

MEDICINE AND HEALTHCARE ACADEMIC TRACK

Nutrition and Food Science

- Analyze and interpret food labels with confidence.
- Explore diverse cultures and their unique food traditions.
- Understand how social media influences our food choices.
- Learn how to properly fuel and nourish your body.
- Examine the complex relationships we have with food, personally, within families, and across society.

Real World Insights

Dive into the science and data behind the multi-billion-dollar diet and exercise industry. Explore what it takes to grow, thrive and achieve optimal health. Learn the facts about nutrition and fuel while debunking common myths about macronutrients like carbs and proteins. Discover the vital role of micronutrients, including vitamins and minerals, and examine the many factors that influence our daily food choices. Investigate how food, fitness and stress all contribute to overall health and wellness.

Public Health

- Build a stronger understanding of the physical, mental, and social health challenges young adults face.
- Explore the psychological, behavioral, and social factors that shape health-related decisions.
- Examine how healthcare systems work and what influences access to care.
- Strengthen self-advocacy skills to navigate personal health needs with confidence.
- Develop effective communication strategies that support informed, positive health choices.

Real World Insights

Get excited about one of the most important topics in our lives and our world! Blending public health and psychology principles, students will learn how to identify trustworthy health information, understand the psychological and social factors that shape access to healthcare, design impactful public health messages and explore career paths in psychology and public health. Whether a student is interested in pursuing a health-related major, or wants to feel more empowered about their health, this course will equip them with essential skills in and out of the classroom.

HUMANITIES AND LIBERAL ARTS ACADEMIC TRACK

U.S. History

- Explore key moments in U.S. political history during the mid-1960s.
- Strengthen research skills by examining diverse perspectives.
- Evaluate the reliability and relevance of different historical sources.
- Analyze and interpret complex, and at times conflicting, information and ideas.
- Apply your learning by participating in a mock trial experience.

Real World Insights

How do we evaluate evidence and determine what we believe and what we deem as truth? Through an in-depth examination of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and enduring controversy, students will review how it happened, who was involved and the plausibility of a conspiracy to cover-up the truth surrounding the crime. Students will examine an array of written, physical, photographic and video evidence, along with eye-witness accounts.

MEDIA AND DESIGN ACADEMIC TRACK

Branding and Design

- Understand the fundamentals of visual communication and its impact on brand perception.
- Define what a brand is and identify key components of branding, including brand personality and visual identity creation.
- Apply graphic design principles and elements to develop compelling and visually appealing designs.
- Design and create a personal brand that incorporates unique elements and techniques.

Real World Insights

Students go beyond theory by actively applying what they learn through real-world design projects. This experiential approach not only deepens understanding but also prepares students for future careers in design, marketing or entrepreneurship. Students will visit local businesses to better understand the process of moving from brand creating to design to product.

COMPUTER SCIENCE ACADEMIC TRACK

Web Development

- Explore the evolution of the Internet and learn the fundamentals of how it works.
- Understand the client workflow process from concept to completion.
- Use HTML and CSS to design and build functional websites.
- Create responsive, accessible websites that follow industry best practices.

Real World Insights

Take your web development skills to the next level by working through real-world, client-based scenarios. Students will use a range of industry-standard tools and processes to create accessible, user-friendly and responsive websites optimized for multiple devices. Through both group and individual projects, students will apply best practices in design and coding, culminating in the development of their own basic website, complete with uploaded files and a shareable URL.

COLLEGE READINESS WORKSHOPS

College Readiness Workshops are interactive sessions designed to help you develop vital life skills, beyond academics, giving you the tools you need to thrive in college and beyond.

Workshops take place in the afternoon. Students will participate in one session of each of the following:

Prepping for College

Led by the Office of Admissions, students will review the application process, how to prepare and organize in advance, tips and tricks, how to create a more competitive profile and more.

Essay Writing

Take your essay writing skills to the next level with our program, designed to help you excel in crafting compelling college application essays and mastering the art of college-level writing.

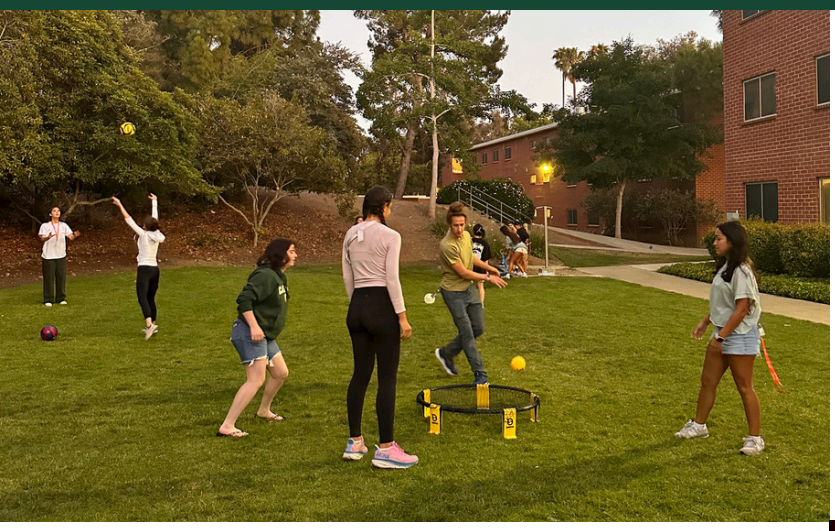
Mastering Money

Learn fundamental skills in money management such as building a budget, responsible spending and how to navigate the financial aid process.

Speaking with Confidence

From speaking in front of a class to prepping for a college interview, find your voice and develop your ability to express yourself clearly and confidently.

PROGRAM INFORMATION



Housing

Summer Springboard takes place on the Cal Poly campus in San Luis Obispo. Residential students will stay in suite-style apartments on campus. Mentors will be on hand to provide support as needed. Commuter students will not stay in campus housing.

Meals

Residential students will eat three meals at the university dining hall. Commuter students however, will arrive after breakfast and depart before dinner so they will eat only lunch at the university dining hall. All students are welcome to bring extra money for purchasing their own snacks, coffee or for use in the vending machines.





Travel

Check-In

- Residential students: 4-6 p.m. on first day of program
- Commuter students: 5-6 p.m. on first day of program

Check-Out

- Residential students: by 10 a.m. on the last day of program (Friday)
- Commuter students: 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the program

Students are not permitted to drive their car during the program.

WEEKEND EXCURSIONS

City Exploration

California’s Central Coast is home to world-class hiking and beaches. Additional highlights include downtown San Luis Obispo, exploring Morro Bay, local beaches, a trip to Ravine Water Park and a San Luis Obispo Blues baseball game.





Campus Activities

Students can enjoy Cal Poly facilities such as recreational outdoor spaces, basketball and volleyball courts, student union, and cafes and smoothie stands across campus.

FINANCIAL AID

It is equally important to both Cal Poly and Summer Springboard that this program is accessible to all who want to participate. As such, Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly has a pool of need-based scholarships available for our programs for qualifying applicants. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need as well as student achievement.

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Need-based Scholarships

Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly has a limited pool of need-based scholarships available for qualifying applicants. Need-based scholarship applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

Application deadline:
March 31, 2026

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Two Full-Ride Dean's Merit Scholarships

We will also award a Dean's Merit Scholarship to two outstanding students who meet our combined criteria of merit and need.

Application deadline:
March 1, 2026



Scholarships are awarded based on financial need as well as student achievement. Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly uses the same application for both scholarship types. Click the button below to apply!

APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP NOW

For any financial aid related questions, please email cpscholarship@summerspringboard.com.

APPLY ONLINE

The application process is for you to reflect on your motivations for participating in Summer Springboard. This allows us to get to know you better and ensures that your interests are aligned with what the program offers. Please be aware that all programs have limited capacity so we recommend applying early.

Criteria for Admission

- Must have completed 8th grade or middle school by program start date.
- 3.0 grade point average (or local equivalent) for all programs.
- International students must demonstrate proficiency in English via a telephone interview, or they may provide one of the following minimum test scores:
  - TOEFL: 490 on paper test or 60 on iBT test.
  - Cambridge: PET-Distinction or FCE-C.
  - SAT: 450 in Reading/Writing.

A Completed Application for High School and Campus-Based Programs Includes:

- Non-refundable $99 application fee* + $600 program deposit.
- Short-answer essay questions.
- Medical questionnaire.
- Signed agreement forms.

We review completed applications and notify students of final decisions by email in seven to 10 business days.

*Application fee price will increase to $149 on Feb. 23 and to $199 on April 20.

Tuition Protection Plan

Families may purchase a Tuition Protection Plan for $499 at the time of application, subject to applications before May 10, 2026. The plan allows for the cancellation for any reason until the day of the program. The protection plan is only valid for campus-based programs. Contact us for more details.

Deadline Dates for Campus-Based Programs

DEC. 30, 2025: Early Decision Deadline
JAN. 31, 2026: Alumni Early Decision Deadline
FEB. 23, 2026: First Wave Application Deadline
APRIL 20, 2026: Second Wave Application Deadline
MAY 16, 2026: Final General Admission Deadline

APPLY NOW

NEED MORE INFORMATION TO ENROLL?

Call us at 1-805-439-6699

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. PST. Our staff is familiar with all the programs and can help you decide which program is right for you!

Chat with us

We're always available to answer questions on our Live Chat at **www.summerspringboard.calpoly.edu**

Cancellation, Refund and Change Policy

Tuition credit from previous years is not refundable. If a family cancels from a program, any tuition credits will be forfeited.

View refund policy here. Go to *What is the refund policy? under Tuition & Financial Aid.*

Speak with references

Call **1-805-439-6699** or email **calpoly@summerspringboard.com** to get a list of alumni students and parents who can share their experiences with you.

Payment Schedule

For online academies, payment is due upon application.

If tuition was rolled over from a previous year, payment is due:
- **March 10, 2026**: 33% of balance due
- **April 10, 2026**: 33% of balance due
- **May 10, 2026**: remaining balance due

If application is submitted any time before March 10, payments are due on:
- **March 10, 2026**: 33% of balance due
- **April 10, 2026**: 33% of balance due
- **May 10, 2026**: remaining balance due

If an application is submitted any time after March 10, payments are due:
- **April 10, 2026**: 50% of balance due
- **May 10, 2026**: remaining balance

If an application is submitted any time after April 10, payments are due:
- **May 10, 2026**: remaining balance

If an application is submitted any time after May 10, payments are due:
- **Immediately**: full balance due within 48 hours



ABOUT US

SUMMER SPRINGBOARD

Summer Springboard was founded to give college-bound teens a supportive environment where they can explore a career path, prepare for their choices ahead and experience real college life. Leveraging the years of success enjoyed by our sister organizations, Global Leadership Adventures and Discover Corps, Summer Springboard aims to continue the tradition of providing unique and compelling summer experiences for college-bound teens as they look to grow, expand and impact their communities.

CAL POLY
Extended, Professional & Continuing Education

Cal Poly Extended, Professional and Continuing Education provides access to Cal Poly and expands learning opportunities for individuals through a variety of academic and professional programs.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is Summer Springboard different from other programs?

Summer Springboard is a unique blend of hands-on learning, career exploration and college prep. Unlike summer camp or summer school, the goal of our program is to help students increase their self-awareness so they can make decisions about college selection, academic majors and careers that reflect their personal vision for success.

Who are your instructors? Are they professors from the host university?

All instructors for Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly are also instructors at Cal Poly during the regular school year.

What do we receive upon completion of campus-based programs?

Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive the following: three continuing education units (CEU) from Cal Poly Extended, Professional and Continuing Education and a Certificate of Completion. Successful completion is determined by the instructor. Exceptional students may receive a letter of reference from the instructor.

Is this program operated by the host university?

Summer Springboard @ Cal Poly is run in partnership with Cal Poly Extended, Professional and Continuing Education and Summer Springboard.

Where do students live during the program?

Students will reside in Poly Canyon Village. Each building has large open spaces for outdoor activities, a lounge and a community room. Apartments have four to five single rooms, two shared bathrooms, extra-long twin beds (38" x 80"), desks and chairs for each student, small dresser, waste/recycling bins and window coverings.

How many students share a room? Can I request a roommate?

Students will have single rooms in a shared apartment with three to four roommates. Each student will have their own bed along with fresh linens and towels (however extra blankets and towels are recommended). The bathroom is shared. We do honor roommate requests, but encourage students to build their network by sharing a room with peers outside of their current group of friends.

How do you ensure student safety?

Our number one priority is creating a safe and secure environment for our students. All of our campus locations have been selected based on their distinction for safety and comfort. Staff are trained on our Five-Point Safety System™, which ensures that issues are addressed efficiently and safely, and that students, parents, staff and campus partners are in close communication.

What is the Summer Springboard Code of Conduct?

Like all purposeful programs, you only get out of it what you put into it. Our Code of Conduct requests that students be respectful, committed and engaged in the program. Additionally, it requires that students comply with our prohibition on tobacco, alcohol and drugs. Failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct may result in dismissal from the program and forfeiture of tuition.

Are flights included?

The cost of flights is not included in the program tuition, in order to give you maximum flexibility in purchasing flights that work for your family. Once enrolled, you can book on your own using discount websites, utilizing frequent flyer miles that you may have accrued or using your own preferred travel agent, should you have one.

Are international students allowed to join the program?

Yes, we are happy to report that international students are able to participate in the program.

For more detailed FAQs, visit https://www.summerspringboard.calpoly.edu/faq.



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