Summer Institute 2015

Offering Cal Poly incoming freshmen the head start experience of a lifetime.

Mark your calendar! July 25-August 18

Summer Institute (SI) is an academic transition program for freshmen. In its 31st year, SI has a successful history of providing newly admitted freshmen with an opportunity to get a head start on classes, build a network of friends, learn about critical support services, and get to know the campus—all this before the fall quarter begins! In program surveys, former participants have strongly indicated SI made a great difference in their transition to Cal Poly. In addition, 100% of past participants have indicated they would recommend SI to a friend!

Summer Institute Includes:

- Psychology 201 (a four-unit general education course)
- A one-unit writing seminar
- Personalized academic advising
- Room and board on-campus
- On-campus residential experience and fun activities
- Campus orientation
- Networking with peers, faculty and staff

Q: How do Cal Poly freshmen ensure themselves a head start experience of a lifetime?
A: They attend Summer Institute!

Program Eligibility & Selection:

SI participation is open to freshmen, with priority given to those affiliated with the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), and/or freshmen who are low-income, first-generation college students. Selection criteria:

1) EOP program affiliation
2) Applicant’s compelling reasons for attending the program as stated on the brief application essay
3) Completion of and financial aid eligibility based on the 2014-2015 FAFSA

There are only 90 spaces available so interested students are urged to apply early!

Applications are available at: http://sas.calpoly.edu/si

Hiking to the Cal Poly “P” is an annual SI tradition.

SI students explore “Bubble Gum Alley,” a popular San Luis Obispo landmark, during the city’s weekly Farmers’ Market.
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**Benefits From Your Summer Get-Away**

- Six units of academic credit that count toward baccalaureate credit.
- An opportunity to get a “taste” of Cal Poly’s fast-paced learning environment. Put your time management and other important study skills to a test—at the college level.
- A network of peers, staff and faculty that will help you greet fall quarter with the comfortable feeling of knowing you have friends away from home.
- The opportunity to get to know the campus, as well as learn how to access resources that will help you “hit the ground running” in the fall.

**Financial Aid is Available!**

**Sample SI Costs**

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It is projected that SI 2015 participants who file the **2014-15 FAFSA** and have a high need based on their parents’ Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will receive a full financial aid package to cover the entire SI student costs.

Cost should not discourage you from attending SI!

Complete the 2014-2015 FAFSA online!


The SI application is available on-line at:  [www.sas.calpoly.edu/si](http://www.sas.calpoly.edu/si)

**The priority application deadline is May 18th.**

**Summer Institute 2015 Application Process:**

**STEP 1:** Apply within the SI application period: March - May 18, 2015
- Complete and submit the Summer Institute application by May 18th at www.sas.calpoly.edu/si. There are only 90 spaces for SI—apply early!

**STEP 2:** Apply for Financial Aid for SI (required for students wanting financial aid and for all EOP students)
- Complete the **2014-2015 FAFSA** on-line as soon as possible and no later than **May 31st**. Remember, you must do this even if you already filed the 2015-2016 FAFSA for Fall 2015 through Summer 2016. SI 2015 will be funded by the 2014-2015 FAFSA **NOT** the 2015-2016 FAFSA.

**STEP 3:** Return the Housing License Agreement
- Complete and return the SI Student Housing License Agreement. This Housing License Agreement will be emailed to all SI applicants. Make sure your “Housing License Agreement” is printed and returned by June 22nd. Do not send a payment with your License Agreement, simply check “financial aid.”

Other Important Steps:
- **To-Do-List and Email:** Check your To-Do-List on your my.calpoly portal AND your email regularly.
- **Final High School Transcripts:** Follow-up with your school to ensure your final transcript is sent to the Cal Poly Admissions Office soon after you graduate. Transcripts are due by no later than July 15th (this deadline is strictly enforced at Cal Poly). Early submittal will be most helpful with enrollment in SI classes.

If you have questions, check out our website: [www.sas.calpoly.edu/si](http://www.sas.calpoly.edu/si)
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