SUMMER INSTITUTE 2016
Offering Cal Poly incoming freshmen the head start experience of a life-time!

Mark your calendar! July 30—August 23, 2016
Summer Institute (SI) is an academic transition program for freshmen. In its 32nd 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, supplemental instruction/ study group for Psychology
- 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

Program Eligibility and Selection
SI participation is offered to students affiliated with the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).
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 2015-2016 FAFSA
There are only 90 spaces available so interested students are urged to apply early!

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

Application Period: April 4—May 16, 2016

Questions?
- Check out our website: www.sas.calpoly.edu/si or
- Contact the SI Staff at 805-756-2301, summerinstitute@calpoly.edu
Benefits of Summer Institute

- Attempt 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 to learn how to access resources that will help you “hit the ground running” in the fall.

Financial Aid
Full financial aid will be provided to all selected EOP participants.

It is projected that SI 2016 participants who file the 2015-16 FAFSA and have a high need on their parents’ Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will receive a full financial aid package to cover the entire SI student costs.

To ensure that your full cost of attending SI is funded, you must:

Complete the 2015-2016 FAFSA online: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/

The priority application deadline is May 18th.

Summer Institute 2016 Application Process
STEP 1: Apply within the SI application period: April 4 - May 18, 2016
- 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 2015-2016 FAFSA online as soon as possible and no later than June 1st. Remember, you must do this even if you already filed the 2016-2017 FAFSA for Fall 2016 through Summer 2017. SI 2016 will be funded by the 2015-2016 FAFSA NOT the 2016-2017 FAFSA.

Other Important Reminders:
- **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.