

Comparison of Public University Fees

Over the last several years, Cal Poly has experienced funding shortfalls that equate to approximately \$25 million. An increase in the college based fee would help us to minimize the negative impact that the budget reductions have had. An additional measure we've looked at to determine the proposed fee increase level is that of fees/tuition at other universities similar to Cal Poly. We often compare Cal Poly to campuses within the University of California system e.g. U.C., Irvine - \$7556, U.C., Santa Cruz - \$8286, U.C., Santa Barbara - \$8,573, U.C., Davis - \$8,635, and U.C., San Diego - \$8,911.

When comparing Cal Poly's current fees with the Public "Tech" Colleges group as defined by US News, excluding other CSU campuses, Cal Poly's undergraduate fees are \$1,864 below the average and \$7,339 below the high of \$12,382.

US News Public "Tech" Colleges

Southern Polytechnic State University	\$4,232
CUNY–New York City College of Technology	\$4,289
Louisiana Tech University	\$4,458
Cal Poly	\$5,043
Tennessee Technological University	\$5,165
Georgia Institute of Technology	\$5,272
SUNY Institute of Technology-Utica/Rome	\$5,317
Arkansas Tech University	\$5,430
SUNY College of Technology – Alfred	\$5,498
SUNY College of Technology – Delhi	\$5,648
Montana Tech of the University of Montana	\$5,712
Oregon Institute of Technology	\$6,093
South Dakota School of Mines & Technology	\$6,430
Texas Tech University	\$6,783
West Virginia University Institute of Technology	\$7,523
Virginia Tech	\$8,198
Missouri University of Science & Technology	\$8,498
Vermont Technical College	\$9,984
Michigan Technological University	\$11,206
Pennsylvania College of Technology	\$11,790
New Jersey Institute of Technology	\$12,382

These higher fees at "tech" colleges are reflective of the higher costs associated with being a "polytechnic" university.

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When comparing Cal Poly's current undergraduate fees with the comparison group used by the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), excluding other CSU campuses, Cal Poly's undergraduate fees of \$5,043 are \$2,894 below the high of \$7,937 and \$682 below the average of \$5,725.

IPEDS Default Comparison Group – 2008-09 Data

University of North Florida (Jacksonville)	\$3,775
The U of Texas-Pan American (Edinburg)	\$3,899
Kennesaw State U (Kennesaw, GA)	\$4,144
CUNY Baruch College (New York, NY)	\$4,320
CUNY Hunter College (New York, NY)	\$4,349
CUNY Queens College (Flushing, NY)	\$4,377
Boise State University	\$4,632
Cal Poly	\$5,043
Troy University (Troy, AL)	\$5,590
U of Maryland – University College	\$5,640
Arizona State U – West Campus (Glendale)	\$5,659
Middle Tennessee State U (Murfreesboro)	\$5,803
Sam Houston State U (Huntsville, TX)	\$5,910
Missouri State University (Springfield)	\$6,256
Western Kentucky U (Bowling Green)	\$6,930
James Madison U (Harrisonburg, VA)	\$6,964
Texas State University – San Marcos	\$6,994
The University of Texas at San Antonio	\$7,100
Towson University (Towson, MD)	\$7,314
Grand Valley State U (Allendale, MI)	\$7,600
Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti)	\$7,937

An increase in the college based fee will put each academic unit in a better position to continue its academic distinction and thereby contribute to the growing national reputation of Cal Poly and the enduring value of a Cal Poly diploma.