EXTENDED EDUCATION

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Cal Poly Extended Education is a self-support unit that works closely with its university, business, community, and international partners to provide access to Cal Poly’s unique academic programs and educational resources. We offer a diverse range of degree programs, professional certificates, online courses, and international education programs. Our primary international education program for incoming short-term students is VISIT, visit.calpoly.edu (https://visit.calpoly.edu/).

Information on programs and current courses is listed on our website at Extended Education (https://extended.calpoly.edu/) where online registration is available.

For details about Cal Poly’s continuous enrollment requirements for graduate students, see the Graduate Education Continuous Enrollment webpage (https://grad.calpoly.edu/policies/continuous-enrollment.html).

Academic Credit

These programs are offered on a self-support, special session basis in cooperation with colleges on campus.

Graduate Degrees

Program name | Program type
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Business Analytics | MS
Fire Protection Engineering | MS
Packaging Value Chain | MS
Quantitative Economics | MS
Taxation | MS

Graduate Certificates

Program name | Program type
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Fire Protection Engineering Applications | Graduate Certificate
Fire Protection Engineering Science | Graduate Certificate

Fire Protection Engineering – Graduate Certificates

The College of Engineering offers graduate certificate programs in Fire Protection Engineering Science and Fire Protection Engineering Applications through Extended Education. Both graduate certificates provide students with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to solve FPE problems and develop fire safety design solutions in a variety of professional settings. The FPE Science certificate highlights the science and engineering principles of fire protection engineering. Alternatively, the FPE Applications certificate emphasizes the fire service aspect of the industry, including courses that identify fire safety codes and regulations, understanding evacuation models, and information about fire detection and alarm systems.

Open University

Open University allows access to Cal Poly’s quality Learn by Doing instruction without formally enrolling in the university as part of a degree granting program. Open University is not available to students matriculated in state-supported programs at Cal Poly. Enrollment in courses is based on a space available basis.

A maximum of 36 units of Open University credit and other extension credit may be applied towards a Cal Poly bachelor’s degree. If approved by the Graduate Coordinator, graduate students may apply a maximum of 12 non-matriculated units toward the completion of their Cal Poly Master’s degree. All units taken outside of matriculation in a Cal Poly Master’s program—including Open University units, Special Session units, and units taken at another institution—count toward this maximum. For more details on this policy, please visit the Courses Taken Through Cal Poly Open University on Office of the Registrar’s website.

Enrollment forms, guidelines, deadlines, and other information about Open University is available online at Open University (https://openuniversity.calpoly.edu/). Enrollment in Open University is available year round.

Summer Term

Cal Poly Extended Education manages a self-support Summer Term which provides over 400 academic classes to matriculated Cal Poly students and community members. Summer Term is typically scheduled in four sessions: 5-week (2), 8-week, and 10-week.

Quarter Plus

The Quarter Plus is an intensive academic program for incoming Cal Poly first-year students that allows incoming students to take courses and experience the campus before the beginning of fall quarter. More information is available on the Quarter Plus website (https://quarterplus.calpoly.edu/).

Professional Advancement

For those desiring to upgrade their skills or knowledge, Extended Education offers a wide range of educational opportunities ranging from professional certificate programs to one-day seminars. These courses may offer academic credit, continuing education units (CEUs), or be offered on a non-credit basis.

Current Professional Certificates

Program name | Program type
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Agricultural Specialist Certificate Program | Professional Certificate
Business Analytics | Professional Certificate
Design for Packaging Value Chain | Professional Certificate
Packaging Analytics | Professional Certificate
Packaging for Logistics and Supply Chain | Professional Certificate
Packaging for Marketability | Professional Certificate
Packaging Value Chain | Professional Certificate

Other noncredit courses and programs for professional upskilling and reskilling are detailed at the Extended Education (https://extended.calpoly.edu/programs/professional/) website.
Corporate and Organizational Training
Extended Education will customize training to meet the specific needs of a business, corporation, or organization. This process starts with a needs assessment and continues through design, implementation and evaluation. Past clients include PG&E, the State of California, and the U.S. Forest Service.

GS Courses
GS 597. Continued Graduate Study. 1-15 units
Term Typically Offered: CR/NC
Prerequisite: Must be in good standing in a graduate program at Cal Poly.

Activities other than regular coursework that are needed to complete the requirements for the degree. Analysis of data, thesis and project report writing, oral defense of the thesis/project, preparation for the comprehensive exam, and other activities related to the culminating experience for the student's program. Can be used to fulfill the continuous enrollment requirement for graduate students. Units earned in this course may not be used toward degree completion. Credit/No Credit grading only. Total credit limited to 15 units; repeatable in same term.