

Housing

Undergrad life, both academic and social, revolves around the eight student Houses. The Houses are pretty unusual, if not unique, as college residences go. They're not dorms, and they're not frats; a closer description might be "self-governing living groups." Freshmen are required to live on campus and are guaranteed housing in one of the eight undergraduate Houses. After freshman year, students may live off campus if they wish; but some 80 percent of undergrads become very attached to their House and choose to live there throughout their undergrad years. Even students who move off campus usually keep a House affiliation and go back "home" for parties or the occasional dinner. Website: housing.caltech.edu

Caltech

Guarantees 4 years
of housing for
incoming freshmen

Major Deadlines Fall 2008 Freshmen

Early Action

October: Last month for taking the SATs/ACTs/SAT Subject Tests

November 1: Deadline for application and supporting material

Mid-December: Notification of admission decision

February 15: Midyear School Report deadline

May 1: Admitted students' reply date

Regular Decision

December: Last month for taking the SATs/ACTs/SAT Subject Tests

January 2: Deadline for application and all supporting materials

February 15: Midyear School Report deadline

Late March: Notification of admission decision

May 1: Admitted students' reply deadline

2007-2008 Undergraduate Student Budget for Freshmen

Tuition \$29,940

Student Fees \$2,895

Room (contract price) \$5,370

Board (5 days/week) \$4,170

Additional Meal Allowance (est.) \$1,260

Books and Supplies (est.) \$1,165

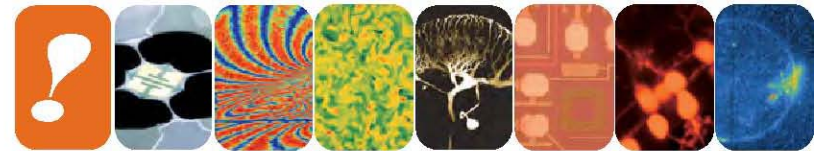
Personal Expenses (est.) \$1,760

Total \$46,560

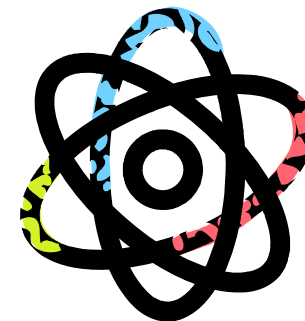
Caltech has consistently been recognized for the strength of its financial aid program;

59% of Caltech undergraduates receive need-based financial assistance

www.finaid.caltech.edu



Facts at a Glance



Class of 2011

Applications.....	3595
Offers of admission.....	605
Percentage admitted.....	17%
Matriculated.....	235

High Schools Represented

Public.....	70%
Private.....	15%
International.....	14%

Academic Achievement

SAT mid-50%.....	2190-2320
ACT mid-50%.....	33-35
Top 10% of class.....	99%
Not ranked.....	40%

Geographic Demographic

International.....	11%
Southwest.....	8%
California.....	29%
West.....	27%
Midwest.....	27%
South.....	14%
Northeast.....	14%

Academic Organization

Caltech has six academic divisions:

- Biology
- Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
- Engineering and Applied Science
- Geological and Planetary Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy

Beneath this apparently simple organization lie some 40 areas of concentration in science, mathematics, engineering, and the humanities and social sciences.

The Numbers

Nobel laureates.....	31
Student: faculty ratio.....	3:1
Undergraduate students.....	864
Graduate students.....	1222

Core Curriculum

Caltech's core curriculum includes

- five terms of mathematics
- five terms of physics
- two terms of chemistry
- one term of biology
- freshman "menu" course
- two terms of introductory lab courses
- two terms of science writing
- twelve terms of humanities/social sciences courses
- three terms of physical education

Placement exams are offered during the summer before enrollment in mathematics, physics, and writing to assure appropriate placement within courses in these disciplines.

Academic Requirements

Preparation

- 4 years of math (including calculus)
- 1 year of physics and 1 year of chemistry
- 3 years of English (4 years recommended)
- 1 year of U.S. history/government (waived for international students)

Testing Requirements:

SAT: Critical Reading, Math, and Writing or

ACT: (with or without the optional writing section) and

SAT Subject Tests: Mathematics Level 2 and one of the following Subject Tests: Biology (Ecological), Biology (Molecular), Chemistry, or Physics

SURFing at Caltech

There are lots of ways for Caltech undergrads to conduct research, but probably the most popular way is to **SURF**—that is, participate in Caltech's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships Program. Students who want to SURF begin by drafting research proposals in order to receive fellowship grants.

SURFers work on their projects with a professor, grad student, or postdoc for about 10 weeks, sometimes longer, and receive a \$6,000 stipend. At the end of the summer, they write up their findings in the format of a scholarly article and give a talk at SURF Seminar Day. Structured like a professional scientific meeting, Seminar Day draws a large audience of parents, students, and other members of the Caltech community. www.surf.caltech.edu

Special Programs

Study Abroad Programs

Caltech currently offers four study abroad programs: the Cambridge Scholars Program, London Scholars Program, Copenhagen Scholars Program and Edinburgh Scholars Program. Caltech students apply during their sophomore or junior year to study abroad during their junior or senior year. Further information about these programs is available on the Fellowship Advising and Study Abroad Office website: fasa.caltech.edu

Cross-Registration Opportunities

Caltech has formal agreements with three nearby institutions—Occidental College, Scripps College, and Art Center College of Design—that allow students to take classes that Caltech doesn't offer and receive Caltech credit. Caltech students are not required to pay tuition to these colleges to take courses there (although they must pay any special fees required).

Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars Program

The Caltech-UC San Diego Medical Scholars program is an eight-year medical school program. Each year, six newly admitted freshmen at Caltech will also be offered early admission to the University of California, San Diego, School of Medicine.

Extracurriculars

Athletics

Caltech athletics (like many other aspects of Caltech) have their own special character, which is directly related to the character of Techers themselves. Caltech Athletics are NCAA Division III Athletics as they were intended to be.

Anyone who wants to participate in sports is given the opportunity to do so. Website: athletics.caltech.edu

Intercollegiate sports

Men's baseball, basketball, cross country, fencing, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and water polo.

Women's basketball, cross country, fencing, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and water polo.

Club and interhouse sports: badminton, cricket, cycling, fencing, ice hockey, kiteboard, racquetball, rugby, Shotokan karate, soccer, surfing and windsurfing, table tennis, triathlon, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, water polo, and yoga.

Performing and Visual Arts

There are many ways for students to express themselves creatively at Caltech—just for fun or for academic credit.

- Instrumental Music
- Choral Music
- Theater

Website:

www.music-theater-art.caltech.edu

Clubs and Organizations

All of our students are scientists, yet they are also student leaders, musicians, artists, dancers, chess champions, and athletes. Name an interest, and there's probably a (semi)organized group of Techers who share it. If not, you're welcome to try to round one up!

