As Colorado’s only public urban research university, CU Denver educates a diverse student body through quality academics, ambitious research and creative work, and civic engagement in the city we call home. Graduates gain the powerful combination of immersive classroom and real-world experiences that are in demand today, while the city benefits from well-educated, top talent and a new generation of knowledge that fuels the future of Denver and our region.

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With nearly 60% of CU Denver students relying on financial aid, raising funds for student scholarships is a top priority. Endowed professorships and chairs help attract and retain the best faculty, and ensuring our facilities are top-notch create additional opportunities for philanthropy. We invite you to invest in the people, programs and places at CU Denver by visiting giving.cu.edu.

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POINTS OF PRIDE

- The only college in Colorado where students can access a full range of degrees in architecture and related disciplines, from undergraduate through professional master’s to doctorate, is CU Denver’s College of Architecture and Planning.
- The Fray, My Body Sings Electric and You Me & Apollo are just a few of the bands that have cut records through the College of Arts & Media CAM Records Label. The label has also collaborated to release music videos for Denver artists like MTHDS, Ragged Night, Wiredogs, Lucid Vision, Ronniit and Sawmill Joe.
- The Business School offers more graduate degree choices than any other public university in Colorado including 6 MBA options and 10 master of science degrees. The school’s Health Administration Program is the oldest of its kind in the state and belongs to a prestigious alliance with schools such as Harvard, Yale and UC Berkeley.
- U.S. News & World Report ranks the School of Education & Human Development #36 nationally in Best Online Graduate Education Programs (2016).
- In the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences’ unique bioengineering program, students complete their first two years at CU Denver and their last two at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.
- The Graduate School has 35 programs—both master’s and doctoral. Many are nationally ranked, and their renowned faculty are drawn from all schools and colleges across the university.
- In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the university’s largest academic unit, students learn what’s known and discover what’s not. The college is an intellectual powerhouse of award-winning professors, researchers and writers.
- The School of Public Affairs offers nationally ranked graduate programs in environmental policy and management (#10), nonprofit management (#15), public management administration (#24) and city planning and urban policy (#25), according to U.S. News & World Report (2017).

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

“CU Denver students take academic, professional and cultural advantage of our location in the heart of downtown. Their education is enriched through real-world experiences throughout the city, in which they research and apply new ways of thinking to meet local and global challenges. The university is an important knowledge partner and contributor to a diverse, vibrant and entrepreneurial downtown. We are CU in the city.”

– Dorothy Horrell, PhD

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CU Denver alumni number more than 85,000 worldwide. Notable CU Denver alumni include:

- Michael Hancock, MPA ’95, mayor of Denver
- Matthew Willis, EdS ’09, 2013 National Assistant Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Tim Kimmel, BS ’98, Emmy-award winning sound designer on hit shows like Game of Thrones
- Rick Alden, BA ’96, founder of Skullcandy, a leading earbud and headphone company
- Zuhair Fayezy, MA ’71, founder of Saudi Arabia's largest architecture and engineering firm
- Kelly Brough, MBA ’89, president and CEO of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Mario "O.J. Chonz" Rodriguez, BS ’91, award-winning DJ and radio personality with a national reputation
- Linda Ginzel, BA ’84, recipient of the President's Service Award, the nation's highest honor for volunteer service
- Alec Garnett, MPA ’06, state representative, District 2, the youngest state representative in Colorado
- Rick Schaden, BS ’87, cofounder of Smashburger
- Lynne Valencia, BA ’90, vice president community relations, 9News

ENROLLMENT (Fall 2016)

- 14,770 students
- 71% undergraduate, 29% graduate
- 72% full-time
- 16% nonresident students
- 7% international students
- 47% male, 53% female
- 43% of undergraduates are students of color
- 47% transfer students

New freshmen:

- 1,474 new freshmen
- 57% students of color
- Average entering ACT score: 22.9 Composite
- Average entering SAT scores: 540 Math, 537 Verbal
- Average high school GPA: 3.4

QUALITY EDUCATION

At CU Denver, student success is the #1 priority. The city itself is the campus and affords 155 square miles of experiential learning opportunities through employers, community organizations and other partners. In addition, close ties with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus create even greater opportunities for students to learn and grow. CU Denver offers:

- 8 schools and colleges
- 10+ bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degree programs
- Top undergraduate majors include biology, pre-engineering, music, fine arts and psychology
- Over 400 online courses and 20 online degree programs

RESEARCH

CU Denver faculty are recognized for producing timely, topical and innovative research, which is vital to the generation of new knowledge and provides solutions to complex local and global issues. The university is home to more than 20 centers and institutes. Substantial student inclusion in research and creative work contributes to the richness of the learning experience.

KEY CENTERS ON CAMPUS:

- The Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship has helped launch more than 20 new businesses, and offers consulting services and venture capital opportunities through student organizations.
- Through its five research centers, the School of Public Affairs serves as a resource for policy development in Colorado and the nation, hosts events and community outreach programs, and improves the performance of leaders and managers in all sectors through leadership development programs.
- The National Center for Media Forensics develops new technologies to strengthen the field of digital and multimedia forensic science. It applies scientific methods to aid the criminal and civil justice systems in the area of audio, video and computer evidence data gathering, analysis and authentication.
- The J.P. Morgan Center for Commodities, the only center of its kind in the nation, employs strong industry support and focuses on the study of all commodities to help ensure students are grounded in the latest business practices.
- The Comcast Media and Technology Center provides a venue for students to explore new technologies and approaches to research and development, media creation and content development, and apply their discoveries to real-world problems.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CU Denver develops programs to meet workforce needs, ensuring that students are prepared for an ever-changing economic and employment landscape.

- CU Denver students participate in more than 675 internships annually across a variety of industries.
- Employers recruit CU Denver graduates to fill more than 3,000 jobs every year.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Workforce: 2,445 employees
- Total annual operating revenue: $200 million
- Sponsored research awards: $25 million
- State funding: 11% of budget
- Total impact (direct and indirect): Up to $721 million*

*University of Colorado Denver 2013 Economic Impact Report

CU IN THE CITY

CU Denver is located in the heart of a thriving, growing city. Denver ranks as #1 Best Place to Live (U.S. News & World Report; #3 for Most Popular Destinations for Millennials (Mayflower Company 2016), and #1 Best Place for Business and Careers for the second consecutive year (Forbes 2015 and 2016)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

CU Denver partners with organizations throughout the Denver metro area, meeting community needs and providing students opportunities for experiential learning. Here are a few of our partnerships:

- Students have conducted safety inspections on Denver's 600 bridges since 1997 as part of The Bridge Repair Partnership—a collaboration between the College of Engineering and Applied Science and the city.
- CU Denver’s Teacher Education Program enables aspiring teachers to gain more than 900 hours of classroom experience, far exceeding the average training of first-year teachers, through partnerships between top CU Denver faculty and local regional school districts.
- Hundreds of youth throughout Colorado enhance their studies through programs hosted on campus such as the Colorado Student Leaders Institute, National History Day Colorado and the Regional Science Fair.
- The Colorado Center for Community Development collaborates with rural and urban communities to improve the places we live, work and play. In its 50-year history, more than 1,000 students have gained real world experience and 2,000+ projects have been completed in every county of the state.
- In the Urban Citizen Program, CU Denver students invest 600–800 hours in service-learning projects each semester in Denver and the surrounding community, while learning about urban social issues.