

Who is OIRPA?

We are the Office of Institutional Research, Planning, and Analysis (OIRPA). Our mission is to discover, interpret, and provide educational, administrative, institutional, and related information to enhance knowledge-based decision making among institutional leadership, academic departments, administrative units, and student service areas as well as external agencies and the public. (For more information, see our [Mission, Vision and Values](#).)

What does OIRPA do?

As the 'data gurus' of UC Denver, we engage in a variety of activities. For example:

1. We provide aggregate-level (summarized) reports, both periodic and *ad hoc*, about student activity, including enrollment, graduation, retention, performance, and more. We also report on employee information, like salary and headcounts. We have access to the information contained in the CIW (Central Information Warehouse), which is fed from both the student and course management system (ISIS, or Integrated Student Information System) and our Human Resources information system (PeopleSoft).
2. We are involved with developing and maintaining the University of Colorado's data infrastructure.
 - a. We serve on a number of teams that act as consultants, trouble-shooters, beta-testers, and even developers for the implementation of the new ISIS.
 - b. We take snapshots of student and employee data, augmenting with additional data elements to provide consistent, accurate, and replicable reporting over time.
3. OIRPA personnel serve on a number of committees and task forces and bring a data-savvy perspective to the work they do. We serve on the Academic Assessment Committee, the Survey Work Group, the University Planning and Accreditation Committee, the Undergraduate Working Group, the Associate Deans and Academic Support Group, and many others too numerous to list here. (For more information, see [OIRPA's Committee Membership List](#))
4. OIRPA coordinates the administration and analysis of third-party surveys like the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), acts both as consultants and analysts for surveys designed and administered by UC Denver, like the Human Resources' Exit Interview, and administers surveys with specific purposes, like the alumni surveys.
5. We extract and organize student, course and degree data at the program level for program review reports. If it is a college-level review, we run it at the college level. If it is at the department or major level, then we run it at the department or major level. We do this as needed and we're working on a system that will report all of the program review information every year for all programs.
6. We provide strategic guidance as well as data and reporting services for the upcoming accreditation process, working with leadership to determine how the accreditation criteria apply to us, how we track the relevant data, and how we can best document our compliance with accreditation requirements. (For more information, see our [Products and Services](#).)

What doesn't OIRPA do?

Most importantly, no member of OIRPA will violate any confidentiality regulations at any time, for any reason. We do not release record-level data – that is, we will not provide or report information on any individual, be it student or employee. Requests for lists of students should be directed to the [Registrar's office](#) (also see the [Registrar's Self-Reporting Library](#)). Requests for lists of employees should be directed to the [Human Resources office](#). Our practice is to never release reports that would allow sensitive information to be deduced (click our [Privacy Policy](#) for details). For example, if a given program has fewer than 5 members of a given ethnicity, we may suppress that count so that no one is tempted to make guesses about who those individuals might be.

How do I get in touch?

Please visit [our website](http://www.ucdenver.edu/ir) (www.ucdenver.edu/ir). You can also call us at 303-315-2840, or stop by and see us on the 10th floor of the Lawrence Street Center on the Denver Campus. We look forward to hearing from you! (For more information, see our [Contact Us](#) information.)