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The University of Colorado Denver is nestled in the heart of downtown Denver,

Colorado's capital and biggest city. Also referred to as the Mile High City, Denver is known for its 300 days of sunshine, high-tech startups, diverse shops and restaurants, a unique music and arts scene, and of course its proximity to the breathtaking Rocky Mountains. You're sure to find something you love in one of the country's fastest growing cities, and we are in the center of it all giving you access to professional opportunities and social experiences.

CU Denver combines innovative research and accessible education with the advantages that only a dynamic urban environment can provide. On our campus where all are welcome, we offer the quality education that the University of Colorado is known for, at an exceptional value. For 50 years, we have helped 100,000+ graduates achieve their goals—achieve yours too, with a degree from CU Denver.

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Explore CU Denver



Life-Changing Education

At CU Denver, we strive to make education work for all.

Education has the power to transform lives, expand economies, and uplift communities, and everyone should have access to these opportunities. That is why we are actively striving to become the nation's first equity-serving institution—an inclusive, supportive university where all can excel.

In our immersive research culture, students discover what's possible at the forefront of technology—right in the heart of downtown Denver. Our innovative academic programs help students learn to think critically about issues with global impact. Here, students develop the skills to reach the next level in business, technology, education, public affairs, and creative industries and achieve their own definition of success.



15k
Total Students

1/2
Undergrads are
Students of Color

1/2
Undergrads are
First Generation

130+
Student-Led
Organizations

68%
Undergrads

32%
Grad Students

100k+
Alumni

100+
Alumni Countries of Origin

7
Schools
& Colleges

110+
Undergraduate
Majors & Minors

41
Bachelor's
Degrees

**CO's
Only**
Public Urban
Research University

59
Master's
Degrees

4
Doctoral
Degrees



Explore more
CU Denver has to offer.

Student Life

Join a club. CU Denver hosts 130+ student-led organizations focused on shared interests such as sports, arts, activism, and faith. Whether you decide to join the Biology Club, Black Student Alliance, Visual Art Club, or the Society of Women Engineers (just to name a few), you are sure to find a community that shares your passion. Interested in creating a brand new club for something else? Then you can start your own, with the help of a few friends, of course.



The Sentry

The student-run newspaper and podcast hires up to 40 students each year to be writers, photographers, editors, and producers. Learn more at cu-sentry.com.

Student Government Association

Elected representatives advocate for student interests during regular meetings with university administration. First-year students are welcome to participate.

Club Sports

This program is designed to provide students with the opportunity to engage in team sports in a friendly and competitive environment. Sports include basketball, cycling, swimming, tennis, running, and more.

Mental Health Resources

Without treatment, pressures that affect your mental health can keep you from fully enjoying the college experience. As a CU Denver student, you have access to supportive resources that help improve and maintain good mental health.

The Counseling Center

In-person and virtual counseling services are available at no additional cost for all fee-paying students.

The Phoenix Center at Auraria

The Phoenix Center provides free and confidential resources and assistance for survivors of interpersonal violence (relationship violence, sexual violence, and stalking), as well as their friends, families, and concerned others.

Lola & Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center

The Lola & Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center provides welcoming activity spaces completely free for all fee-paying students. Features of the Wellness Center include:

- Six-lane pool with 25-yard lap lanes and warm spa
- Outdoor adventure rental shop and bicycle repair station
- Climbing wall with gear and routes for all levels
- Weightlifting platforms, free weights, and training spaces
- Three full-size basketball courts, including one multi-activity court
- Fitness area with cardio equipment and strength-training machines
- Group fitness classes such as dance, yoga, and cycling
- Reflection rooms, food pantry, lactation rooms, and nap rooms
- Furnished study rooms with televisions and coworking technology
- Student kitchen and lounge with microwaves, snacks, and seating
- Gender-inclusive restrooms and shower rooms



We're Here For You.

Build Your Support System with the Center for Identity & Inclusion (CII)

All students benefit from being part of a diverse student body, and CU Denver is the most diverse public research university in the state. Each year, the CII helps thousands of students to succeed academically and professionally. Dedicated support offices consist of:

- American Indian Student Services
- Asian American Student Services
- Black Student Services
- Latinx Student Services
- Undocumented Student Services
- Women and Gender Center

At CU Denver, our diversity is highly prized by students, faculty, and staff alike. We aim to put our diversity in action by becoming the nation's first equity-serving institution—one that provides a racially and culturally enhancing educational and work environment and a sense of belonging for all. We will sustain a culture of belonging for all and provide the necessary resources and supports to help everyone succeed.

Veteran & Military Student Services

Whether you are active duty, a reservist, in the National Guard, a veteran, or a dependent of someone in the military, the Office of Veteran and Military Student Services (VMSS) supports students as they adjust from military life to the classroom or civilian workforce.

LGBTQ+ Student Resource Center

The LGBTQ+ Student Resource Center serves students, faculty, and staff of all genders and sexualities on campus. Here, you will find supportive resources related to gender identity, sexuality, and the prevention of discrimination or harassment.

Disability Resources & Services

The Office of Disability Resources & Services promotes an inclusive experience for students in all aspects of campus life. They coordinate reasonable accommodations to provide each student equal access to the university's programs, activities, and services.

Live Where You Thrive

Denver, Colorado

is the largest and most diverse metropolitan area in the Rocky Mountain region. With more than 300 days of sunshine and year-round outdoor activities to enjoy, it is no surprise that our city ranks as one of the very best places to live.

Your Home Away From Home

Whether you want to live on campus, at home, or elsewhere in Denver, you can find the right environment for your needs. Housing options include:

City Heights

This residence hall right in the heart of campus allows undergraduate students to live with their peers while they settle into college life. Amenities include fully furnished rooms, on-site dining, free laundry, and stunning views of downtown and the Rocky Mountains.



Lynx Crossing

A short walk from most classrooms, Lynx Crossing offers undergraduate students a range of private and shared living arrangements to choose from.

Off-Campus Resources

CU Denver's housing database can help you find a convenient place to live. Browse roommate profiles and rental listings for an option that works for you.

Food for Thought

Your brain consumes about 20% of your daily energy, so you must eat to learn. Whatever your dietary needs, CU Denver offers food to fuel all your brilliant ideas.

On-Campus Choices

In the Tivoli Student Union and at various locations around campus, students have access to healthy options and tasty treats from restaurants, cafes, and food trucks.

Residence Halls

You do not need to live in City Heights to enjoy its dynamic food stations that feature guest chefs and samplings from local restaurants. Lynx Crossing offers everyone a variety of grab-and-go choices inside its new Eat Food Market, too.

Local Discounts

Exclusive student discounts through the UniverCity Key can help you enjoy an affordable night out.

Getting Around Campus

CU Denver is located on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver, surrounded by museums, restaurants, and an entertainment district of theater, music, and sports venues. To go within or beyond downtown safely and efficiently, Denver has a reliable public transit system that includes buses and light rail. Every student receives a pass to use public transportation at a discounted rate.

Bicycle commuting is a popular option among students, made possible by Denver's sunny weather, multiple bike racks and repair stations, and miles of protected bike lanes. If you prefer to drive, there are many paid parking spots available for daily or hourly rates.

LynxConnect

LynxConnect is your one-stop-shop

for enhancing your student experience, expanding your global perspective, researching your world, discovering internships, finding campus employment, and exploring your career options.

Setting You Up For Success

The Career Center engages you in purposeful discussions to help you realize your full professional potential. During appointments, you can address any career-related need, including finding on-campus employment that aligns with your career goals. Staff in the Career Center can assist with:

- Choosing a major
- Building your résumé
- Searching for jobs
- Preparing for interviews
- Making a career change



Study Abroad

You deserve the chance to experience affordable international study opportunities. These experiences can grow your perspective. For many students, the hardest part of studying abroad is deciding where to go, but the Office of Global Education can help make the process as simple as possible. They will work with you on finding the best fit for you within your budget.

Internships and Beyond

The Experiential Learning Center (ELC) in LynxConnect is your source for all information related to internships. Bringing together classroom learning with hands-on experiences, this office coordinates campus resources to support you at every stage. Reasons to get an internship:

- Amplify academic training with real-world perspective
- Establish professional skills and confidence
- Understand a career path from inside different industries
- Expand your network by meeting new people
- Improve your résumé for better job prospects

Undergraduate Research

Our students are building robots, making films, and creating tools that help save lives. Through research, you can be part of an exciting world of discovery. The Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (URCA) is your connection to roles in laboratories, studios, and industries beyond the campus. Financial aid such as work-study, grants, and fellowship opportunities can help you to pursue your passions.

145 undergraduates were funded by URCA programs during the 2021-22 academic year

92 faculty members supported research training and creative learning with URCA

300 individual URCA appointments helped students explore their experiential learning and career goals

Schools & Colleges



College of

Architecture & Planning

The College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) is the only school in Colorado that offers accredited degrees in architecture, landscape architecture, and urban planning.

Bachelor of Science in Architecture

A curriculum centered on studio design combines critical thinking with active making, which encourages students to discover creative solutions to contemporary design problems. Architecture students learn the fundamentals of design, how to apply those fundamentals to the design of buildings, neighborhoods, and cities, and how to graphically communicate a design solution.

Graduates have been hired by renowned local and international firms, including Snohetta, Hargreaves, Stantec, Allied Works, Open Studio, and Rowland + Broughton. Our alumni can be found working as architects as well as allied fields, such as landscape architecture, interior design, furniture design, game design, urban planning, historic preservation, construction management, real estate development and more.

CAP also offers minors in Landscape Architecture and Interior Design.

“ Before graduating at CU Denver I had already received offers for internships at local and national firms.”

Aaron Best, CAP Undergraduate

Arts & Media

With close ties to Denver's vibrant arts scene, the College of Arts & Media (CAM) produces graduates who are ready to lead in creative industries. Experienced faculty guide students as they become career-ready with 11 undergraduate degrees in the fields of music and entertainment business, film and television, media forensics, or visual arts.

Residential Creative Community

City Heights, a CU Denver residence hall, is home to the CAM's Residential Creative Community. This unique residential space forms a creative environment for student artists, filmmakers, and musicians. The communal spaces are designed and equipped to foster making, creativity, and collaboration amongst peers and classmates.

Nationally Ranked Animation Program // Animation Career Review

#2 in Colorado among public college and universities **Top 20** nationally among public college and universities (#12)

Nationally Ranked Illustration Program // Animation Career Review

#1 in Colorado among public college and universities **Top 20** nationally among public college and universities (#13)

Nationally Ranked Graphic Design Program // Animation Career Review

#1 in Colorado among private and public schools **#33** nationally among public schools

Top Music Business Program in US // Billboard Magazine

Top Film School in US // Filmmaker Magazine and MovieMaker Magazine

Nationally ranked programs in animation, illustration, graphic design, music business, and film.

“My proudest accomplishments have been getting the opportunity to write and direct my senior thesis film, as well as being asked to attend the 2020 Sundance Film Festival with a selected short film I worked on in Los Angeles through a CU Denver internship.”

Molly Farrell White, Film & Television, BFA

Business

At the CU Denver Business School, we make the most of being deeply embedded in the heart of the Mile High City and the nation's fastest-growing economy to open doors and lower barriers to success. Our programs and partnerships create more inclusive business networks and cultures. You can choose from more degree options than any other business school in Colorado. As a result, you can equip your future to make an impact locally and globally.

Top 5% of business schools worldwide*

1,700+ undergraduate students

1,500+ students enrolled in graduate programs

26,000+ business school alumni

A Career Team Dedicated to You

Our Business Career Center develops valuable relationships with competitive employers who participate in career fairs and industry panels. These employers tell us they prefer to hire CU Denver students because they are motivated to succeed. The Business Career Center can help you:

- Interview and network confidently with employers
- Find internships or jobs to get the career you want
- Develop your unique brand online and in-person

Get Exposure to Business

Your minor matters. A CU Denver business minor can help you gain practical skills for any profession. Becoming an engineer? A business degree can aid you in successfully navigating large-scale projects. Studying the arts? Business can teach you how to profitably market your brand. Pursuing medicine? Business can help you develop efficient organizational management practices. The opportunities are endless. Join our thriving Business Minor community to develop career-ready skills and future growth potential in your chosen industry.

More Choices Than Any Other Business School in Colorado

11 Undergraduate Majors // 5 Industry Programs // 5 MBA Options
3 Centers of Excellence // 8 Master of Science Degrees

Education & Human Development

The School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) is a national leader for quality, access, and equity across the education lifespan. Our programs prepare education and mental health professionals to cultivate opportunity, achievement, and success in diverse communities. Our commitment to diversity and inclusion works toward a more just and compassionate world.

NxtGEN: Get Paid While You Learn to Teach

This program prepares you to lead the next generation of highly effective urban educators. A residency model integrates classroom theory with clinical practice and coaching. Students in the program participate in paid, part-time internships and teach alongside expert educators during the final year of residency.

Summer in Spain

Opportunity to participate in service learning with diverse Spanish families, schools, and communities in the Southern Spain region. During this summer experience you will participate in cultural and educational excursions with guest lectures from Spanish mental health, educational and community experts about serving in familial, community and educational settings.

The need for diverse, culturally sustaining teachers and community service professionals continues to grow —56% of SEHD's undergraduates are students of color.* Our graduates are recognized to be among the most prepared in the nation to support diverse languages, cultures, and abilities in classrooms and community settings.

“ I see the work of many community-serving organizations in the Denver metro area and how their work is closely tied to CU Denver's desire to prepare professionals who can serve diverse populations in a variety of community and social service settings.”

Antwan Jefferson,
SEHD Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

*Data as of fall 2020, not inclusive of international students or students for whom race is unknown.

Engineering, Design, and Computing

The College of Engineering, Design and Computing delivers a comprehensive engineering education to prepare students for careers that will define the future. Working alongside students and industry collaborators, our expert faculty conduct transformational research across the five disciplines of bioengineering, computer science, and civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering. These research opportunities give students the hands-on experience to excel in the professions of their choice.

Bachelor of Arts: CS+ Program

More than two-thirds of tech jobs exist in industries other than high-tech. That is why the CS+ program allows students to combine a computer science degree with a specialization in another academic discipline. Increased reliance on computer science is transforming careers in fields such as finance, health care, and education. The multiskilled graduates of the CS+ program are ready to meet this demand.

Computing is the most in-demand career sector in the U.S., with approximately 10 open jobs for every graduating computer science student. Professionals with a bachelor's degree earn a median wage of \$86,320.

“ I decided to pursue the Computer Science BA because it allows me to develop a strong foundation in computer science skills (without taking 80+ computer science credits) and apply computer science skills to my other passions and concentrations, such as linguistics and data science.”

David DeBonis, Computer Science, BA

Liberal Arts & Sciences

An education in liberal arts and sciences prepares you to answer inspiring and challenging questions in the modern world. With more than 75 major and minor degree programs to choose from in fields such as psychology, history, public health, English, and more, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences allows you to investigate the issues that matter most to you.

Bachelor of Arts or Science in Public Health

Public health professionals work to identify sources of illness, control disease outbreaks, and develop effective health policy. Public health intersects with an array of academic disciplines, and this program's customizable format prepares graduates for the diverse activities that protect a community's wellbeing.

Individually Designed Major

The Individually Designed Major offers two tracks for students who want to take an active role in designing a degree path that suits their needs. The Interdisciplinary Studies track provides great flexibility for students by allowing them to choose two or three areas of concentration within both traditional disciplines or thematic fields of their choosing. The Integrated Health Studies Major is a more specialized track which allows students to combine a cluster-based health minor with a thematic cluster on various health topics.

Integrated Studies Major

Integrated Studies is an interdisciplinary B.A. or B.S. that provides maximum flexibility and multiple pathways towards graduation tailored to each individual. Students construct an individualized major that meets their unique needs through the combination of two course clusters. This major offers students the opportunity to shift their focus towards new academic subjects while allowing them to integrate prior coursework into their plan.

4+1 Program

The 4+1 accelerated master's program is an expedited program in which students can complete bachelor's and master's degrees in only five years. After declaring their intent to pursue the 4+1 program, high-achieving students take graduate-level courses beginning as early as their junior year. Courses count toward both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Health Professions Programs

Students at CU Denver can prepare for careers as licensed medical professionals by aligning their bachelor's with an advanced degree at CU Anschutz Medical Campus.* The health care industry is an excellent match for individuals with a commitment to learning and a compassion for others.



*Programs hosted on CU Anschutz Medical Campus require an additional application process.

Public Affairs

Critical issues such as affordable housing, education policy, and criminal justice have profound impacts on individual neighborhoods and all of society. The School of Public Affairs is one of Colorado's top schools for public affairs, public administration, and criminal justice. For students who wish to continue their studies, the School of Public Affairs offers several top-ranked graduate programs and certificates.

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

This program is designed for students interested in the American criminal justice system. Students receive rigorous training in research methods and statistics that teaches them how to ask and answer important questions. Students can concentrate their electives in law enforcement, victims and victim studies, or other related topics.

The Best in Colorado

// U.S. News & World Report 2023 Best Graduate Schools rankings

- #1** Public Affairs Program
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Nonprofit Management
- Public Finance and Budgeting
- Public Management and Leadership
- Local Government

“What has continually motivated me to get a degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Victims and Victim Studies is knowing that I can make a positive impact with people who are experiencing difficult times. So much of the spotlight is on offenders, but my mind always goes to how we can better serve victims, which is what inspires me to keep moving forward.”

Hannah Huyck, Criminal Justice, BA

Graduate Programs

The pursuit of a graduate degree is a commitment to personal development and contributes to the foundation for future success. Our students graduate with skills they will use in exciting and challenging professions that expand the frontiers of science, healthcare, technology, commerce, and education. Graduate students at CU Denver work collaboratively with faculty who are consistently recognized for research that shapes our community, the nation, and the world. Our expert faculty incorporate their freshest, highest quality research work in the classroom through direct hands-on learning.

Explore Our Programs

From traditional master's and doctoral programs to graduate certificates and accelerated master's programs, you're sure to find your program of interest. Scan the QR code to view our full list of graduate programs.



Apply for Admissions

Visit graduateschool.ucdenver.edu (or scan the QR code) to learn the first steps you need to take to apply. You can contact us at 303.315.2183 or graduateadmissions@ucdenver.edu.



Explore all majors and programs

ucdenver.edu/academics/degrees-programs



Application Process & Admissions

- 1** *Schedule a campus tour*
(virtual options available!) 
- 2** *Meet with an admissions counselor* 
- 3** *Find your major*
- 4** *Review admissions requirements for CU Denver and your program*
- 5** *Submit your application*
- 6** *Get admissions decision*
- 7** *Apply for financial aid*
- 8** *Register for New Student Orientation*
- 9** *Sign up for classes*
- 10** *Start your first day*

Two Ways to Apply to CU Denver

Milo's App

The easiest way to apply to CU Denver.



Common App

A college admission application that applicants may use to apply to any of its member college and universities.



You Are More Than A Test Score

CU Denver is test-optional and does not require test scores for admission consideration. It is up to the applicant if they want their test score to be considered in the admission process. Applicants who choose not to submit a test score for admission will be considered the same as students who submit test scores. There is no penalty for not submitting a test score. The following can be considered in making an admission decision without test scores:

- High school grade point average (GPA)
- Number and mix of academic courses
- Rigor of courses such as honors and higher-level math courses
- College-level courses (concurrent enrollment) completed during high school
- AP/IB courses and exam scores
- Work experiences, such as pre-apprenticeships, job shadowing, and more
- Volunteer or Leadership experiences
- Campus fit (interest in offered majors, interest in the institution, and more)



Begin Your Application

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Need help?

Our admissions counselors are ready to assist you.
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Transfer Your Experience

Your experience counts, and we will help you make the most of any credits earned at another institution. As a prospective student, you are welcome to schedule a meeting with an academic advisor before you submit your application. Pre-transfer advising can provide answers to your questions, including an informal evaluation of your transfer credits.

Interested in learning more about CU Denver's admissions process, requirements, and programs? Email admissions@ucdenver.edu.



Bridge to Bachelor's

Students at participating Colorado community colleges can easily transfer to CU Denver after earning an associate's degree through the Bridge to Bachelor's program. This program provides automatic admission if you meet the minimum cumulative grade point average required for your intended major and other requirements.

Pre-Transfer Advising

Get an unofficial, informational transfer credit evaluation by reaching out to an academic advisor at the school or college of interest.

Transferology

Use this tool to see how your courses can transfer and apply to your degree.

This tool is not an official assessment of your credits, but it gives you a clearer understanding of how your credits will transfer to CU Denver.

Transfer Degree Maps

In close partnership with the Colorado Community College System, CU Denver Transfer Degree Maps provide specific degree plan information. These guides outline courses that can be taken in your first two years at a Colorado community college, as well as the courses you will take at CU Denver toward completion of your bachelor's degree. By following the recommendations on the Transfer Degree Maps, community college students are prepared to transfer to CU Denver seamlessly and graduate on time with minimal debt or loss of transfer credit.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

How To Pay For College

We want you to succeed in college, not worry about its costs. That is why we work with you to explore all options for funding your education. In addition to state and federal aid, CU Denver awards financial aid for merit and institutional scholarships. We will review your individual circumstances and help you find ways to fill any need-based gaps. More information can be found on our financial aid website.



ScholarLynx+

At CU Denver, searching for scholarships has never been easier. Our streamlined ScholarLynx+ application tool allows you to search for and apply for scholarships offered by CU Denver and private donors. It even helps identify scholarships that would be the best fit for you.

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Before applying for any scholarships, you should first submit your FAFSA. Filling out the FAFSA will not cost you anything, and you do not need to pay someone else to prepare it for you. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so we recommend that you apply early.

ASSET

Advancing Students for a Stronger Tomorrow (ASSET) allows eligible undocumented students to pay in-state tuition at Colorado's public colleges and universities and receive the College Opportunity Fund Stipend. Students who attended a Colorado high school for at least one year and graduated from a Colorado high school may qualify for ASSET. Learn about your eligibility for ASSET Status at www.ciccoloradoasset.org.

DACA

Students who hold a status of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and can demonstrate Colorado domicile may qualify for in-state tuition. Please visit www.ucdenver.edu/registrar/residency to learn how to establish a Colorado domicile.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

Out-of-state students from Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) states can attend CU Denver at a discounted tuition rate through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program—saving you more than \$11,000 every year (based on 15 credit hours per semester). Admitted students who indicate they are legal residents of a WICHE state on their applications for admissions—based on permanent address—are automatically classified as WUE students. Visit higher.ed.colorado.gov/residency-requirements to learn more.

Financial Aid Calendar

OCT *Apply for Financial Aid + Scholarships*

File the FAFSA and complete the ScholarLynx+ application.

NOV *Submit Requested Paperwork*

If you have forms to complete, we will notify you via email.

DEC *Follow-up Recommended*

Review your to do list in the UCDAccess portal.

JAN *ScholarLynx+ Application Deadline*

Finalized scholarship applications.

FEB *Meet the Priority Deadline*

Complete all paperwork. Students with all documents accept by April 1 receive priority consideration.

MAR *Financial Aid Offered*

We begin offering financial aid to incoming first-year and transfer students.

MAY *Accept Financial Aid*

Remember to determine and accept the aid you need for both fall and spring terms.

JUN *Parent Plus Loan Application*

Parents who plan to borrow should complete a credit check early to determine if they meet qualifications.

JUL *Complete Loan Paperwork*

Students who accept offered loans should monitor their to do list in the UCDAccess portal.

AUG *Financial Aid is Applied to Fall Bills*

CU Denver begins applying financial aid to bills one week prior to first day of semester.



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