

# General Information

**Colorado State University** is a land-grant institution and a Carnegie Research University (Very High Research Activity). CSU was founded as the Colorado Agricultural College in 1870, six years before the Colorado Territory gained statehood. It was one of 68 land-grant colleges established under the Morrill Act of 1862. The doors opened to a freshman class of 20 students in 1879. In 1935, the school became the Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, or Colorado A & M, and was renamed Colorado State University in 1957.

## Campus

- A 586-acre main campus, which includes 101 acres for the Veterinary Teaching Hospital
- A 1,438-acre foothills campus
- A 1,575-acre agricultural campus
- A 1,177-acre Pingree Park mountain campus
- 4,043 acres of land for research centers and Colorado State Forest Service stations outside of Larimer County

## Location

- Fort Collins is a midsize city of approximately 144,000.
- Located in northern Colorado at the western edge of the Great Plains and at the base of the Rocky Mountains
- *Money Magazine* ranked Fort Collins as the sixth “Best Place to Live” in America for 2010.

## Colleges

- College of Agricultural Sciences
- College of Applied Human Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Engineering
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Natural Sciences
- College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
- Warner College of Natural Resources

## Degrees

- Bachelor’s degrees are offered in 65 fields.
- Master’s degrees are offered in 55 fields.
- Doctoral degrees are offered in 40 fields.
- A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree is offered.

## Tuition, Fees and Housing

- Undergraduate tuition and fees for 2011-12 are \$8,042 for Colorado residents.
- Undergraduate tuition and fees for 2011-12 are \$23,742 for nonresidents.
- Room and board are \$8,836 (standard room and meal option).

## Academic Year

- The fall semester begins in late August and ends before Christmas.
- The spring semester begins in January and ends in May.
- There are 12 weeks in the regular summer session.

## University Honors Program

- Outstanding academics featuring superb students and faculty, small classes including seminars that fulfill half of the University’s general education requirement, and a senior-year creative activity mentored by faculty.
- The Academic Village and Edwards Hall are residential learning communities that include seminar rooms, the Honors office suite and the Fireside Lounge. This small community provides students with individual attention and support and fosters learning, social interaction, and an ethic of involvement in University life.

## Residence Life

- 13 residence halls with a capacity of about 5,350 students
- 609 apartment units for students with families
- 299 apartments for graduate students

## Student Life

- 412 student organizations
- 35 honor societies
- 18% of the student population participates in intramural sports
- 5% of the student population joins one of 23 fraternities and 14 sororities.

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## Libraries

- Library holdings include more than 2 million books, bound journals, and government documents.
- Access to more than 430,000 electronic resources, including e-journals, e-books, and research databases available at <http://lib.colostate.edu>
- 320 desktop PCs plus more than 239 laptop computers (Macs and PCs), iPads, video cameras, and specialized calculators are available for checkout.
- An expedited interlibrary loan service, including desktop delivery of articles

## University Center for the Arts

- 300 world-class music, theatre and dance performances; exhibitions; and other high-profile arts events annually
- Facilities include the University Center for the Arts with the Runyan Music Hall, Griffin Concert Hall, University Theatre and Studio Theatre, Dance Theatre, the Organ Recital Hall, University Art Museum, and the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising.

## International Programs

- Internationally-active faculty with a distinguished history of involvement in international programs and research
- Nearly 1,400 international students and scholars from more than 85 countries who are engaged in academic work and research on campus
- Over 980 students per year participate in educational programs and international field experiences in over 70 countries.
- Consistently one of the top-ranking universities in the nation for the recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers.
- Unique programs offer students opportunities to internationalize their on-campus studies.

## Alumni

- CSU has 184,586 living alumni with 27 geographic alumni groups representing 17 states (4 in Colorado and 23 out of state) and 16 common interest groups.

## Outreach

- CSU Extension provides services in 59 of 64 Colorado counties and delivers community development and university-based information and education, including 4-H and Master Gardener programs.
- The 17 district offices of the Colorado State Forest Service provide forest landowners with information and technical assistance on forest management, wildfire protection, urban and community forestry, and conservation education.
- The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station conducts site-specific research on agriculture and related issues through its eight research centers.
- Through online education and classrooms along the Front Range, CSU OnlinePlus from the Division of Continuing Education provides degrees and certificates that deliver the University's academic excellence in flexible formats for working professionals.
- The Colorado Water Institute focuses academic water expertise on the evolving water conditions faced by Colorado citizens.

## Athletics

- A member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division I Level - Mountain West Conference
- Sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports
- Athletic facilities include Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium (capacity 32,500) and Moby Arena (capacity 8,745).
- \$20 million, 66,267-square-foot indoor practice facility and brand-new Academic and Training Center opened in the fall of 2009
- The Colorado State volleyball team has now advanced to 16 straight NCAA Tournaments, including the 2009 Sweet 16.
- CSU football won its fifth bowl game in program history in 2008, defeating Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl. The Rams were receiving votes in the national polls after opening the 2009 campaign 3-0.

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## University Distinguished Professors

- Barry Beatty, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- Patrick Brennan, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- Edward Hoover, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- Jan Leach, Bioagricultural Sciences & Pest Management
- Karolin Luger, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- C. Wayne McIlwraith, Clinical Sciences
- Ian Orme, Microbiology, Immunology & Pathology
- Jorge Rocca, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Physics
- Bernard Rollin, Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences, Animal Sciences
- George E. Seidel, Biomedical Sciences
- Gary C. Smith, Animal Sciences
- John Sofos, Animal Sciences
- Graeme Stephens, Atmospheric Science
- Thomas Vonder Haar, Atmospheric Science
- Diana Wall, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Biology, Natural Resource Ecology Lab
- Robert Williams, Chemistry
- Stephen Withrow, Clinical Sciences

## University Distinguished Teaching Scholars

- Ken Barbarick, Soil & Crop Sciences
- Pattie Cowell, English
- Rich Feller, School of Education
- K. Douglas Hoffman, Marketing
- Paul A. Kennedy, Mathematics
- Kate Kiefer, English
- Nancy Levinger, Chemistry
- Mike Palmquist, English
- Erica Suchman, Microbiology, Immunology & Pathology
- Stephen Thompson, Chemistry
- Ray Whalen, Biomedical Sciences
- Toni Schindler Zimmerman, Human Development & Family Studies

## Board of Governors Peer Group

- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina State University
- Oklahoma State University
- Oregon State University
- Purdue University
- Texas A & M University
- University of California, Davis
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- University of Tennessee
- Virginia Tech
- Washington State University

## Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence

- Animal Reproduction & Biotechnology Laboratory
- Center for Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) Science & Technology
- Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematics & Statistics (CIMS)
- Center for Meat Safety & Quality
- Center for Research on Communication & Technology
- Department of Atmospheric Science
- Department of Occupational Therapy
- Engines & Energy Conversion Laboratory
- Graduate & Research Program in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Graduate & Research Program in the Chemical & Molecular Sciences & Technology
- Graduate Degree Program in Ecology
- Human Performance/Clinical Research Laboratory
- Institute of Applied Prevention Research
- Molecular, Cellular, & Integrative Neuroscience Program
- Musculoskeletal Research Program
- Natural Resources Ecology Laboratory (NREL)
- Program in Molecular Plant Biology
- Water Resources & Environmental Engineering
- Wheat Research - Outreach and Education Program

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## Other Facts

- CSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, along with numerous other accrediting organizations.
- The Professional Veterinary Medicine program is currently ranked third in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* and first in the country in federal research dollars.
- In its 2011 edition, *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best Colleges" ranked CSU in the prestigious Top Tier (rank of 128) among public and private national universities and 63<sup>rd</sup> among public universities. It also ranked the College of Engineering's Undergraduate Program 66<sup>th</sup> (among institutions offering doctorates) in the nation. The Undergraduate Program in the College of Business was ranked 115<sup>th</sup> in the same category.
- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* ranked CSU 90<sup>th</sup> in 2011 based on academic quality and in-state costs/financial aid figures in its "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." It also ranked CSU 99<sup>th</sup> in the out-of-state category in the same publication.
- *The Princeton Review* regards CSU as one of "The Best 373 Colleges" for 2012 and named the University a "Best Western College" (schools that stand out within their region).
- *Business Week* ranked CSU as one of the top undergraduate business programs in the country (89<sup>th</sup> out of 101) for 2011.
- U.S. News and World Report, *America's Best Graduate Schools* Rankings

### Top Programs (Ranked in 2010)

Biological Sciences - 82<sup>nd</sup>  
Chemistry - 45<sup>th</sup>  
Earth Science - 69<sup>th</sup>  
Mathematics - 76<sup>th</sup>  
Physics - 70<sup>th</sup>

### Top Engineering Schools (Ranked in 2010) - 60<sup>th</sup>

Civil Engineering - 39<sup>th</sup>  
Electrical Engineering - 66<sup>th</sup>  
Environmental/Environmental Health  
Engineering - 42<sup>nd</sup>  
Mechanical Engineering - 67<sup>th</sup>

### Top Programs (Ranked in 2009)

Psychology - 91<sup>st</sup>

### Top Programs (Ranked in 2008)

Occupational Therapy Master's - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Social Work - 60<sup>th</sup>

- When asked to rate national universities, guidance counselors from the *U.S. News and World Report's* "America's Best High Schools" ranked CSU 147<sup>th</sup> out of 262 institutions nationwide.