

# 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 1,433-acre foothills campus
- A 1,575-acre agricultural campus
- A 1,177-acre Pingree Park mountain campus
- 4,038 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 150,000.
- 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 72 fields.
- Master’s degrees are offered in 77 fields.
- Doctoral degrees are offered in 44 fields.
- A Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree is offered.

## Tuition, Fees and Housing

- Undergraduate tuition and fees for 2012-13 are \$8,649 for Colorado residents.
- Undergraduate tuition and fees for 2012-13 are \$24,441 for non-residents.
- Room and board is \$9,364 (standard room and 14-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 that feature superb students and faculty, small classes including seminars that fulfill half of the University’s general education requirement, and a senior-year creative activity and Honor’s thesis mentored by faculty are offered.
- 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 which fosters learning, social interaction, and an ethic of involvement in University life.

## Residence Life

- 13 residence halls with a capacity of about 5,180 students
- 618 apartment units for students with families
- 290 apartments for graduate students

## Student Life

- 458 student organizations
- 35 honor societies
- 15% of the student population participates in intramural sports.
- 6% of the student population joins one of 25 fraternities and 15 sororities.

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- Library holdings include more than 2 million books, bound journals, and government documents.
- Access to more than 34,000 electronic journals and 390,000 e-books available at <http://lib.colostate.edu>
- 440 desktop PCs plus more than 220 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; 25 percent of new hires are from abroad
- 1,600 international students and scholars from more than 90 countries
- Over 1,100 students per year participate in Study Abroad and other education abroad programs in over 70 countries
- A top-ranking university in the nation every year for recruiting Peace Corps volunteers
- 15 key strategic partnerships around the world, including four with leading Chinese universities
- Host to the new Confucius Institute at CSU, sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Education, and co-host with East China Normal University in Shanghai for the Joint Research Institute for New Energy and the Environment
- Involved with establishing the new INTO-CSU joint partnership, a public-private initiative to increase international student enrollment and assimilate international students into CSU through an innovative academic curriculum

## Engagement

- CSU Extension provides services in 60 of 64 Colorado counties. With research-based information and education, local issues ranging from youth and family, food safety and agriculture, home finances and landscaping are delivered through 4-H and the Master Gardener programs and many more. Additional information is available at [www.ext.colostate.edu](http://www.ext.colostate.edu).
- The 17 district offices of the Colorado State Forest Service provide landowners with information and technical assistance on forest management, wildfire mitigation, 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.
- CSU OnlinePlus, from the Division of Continuing Education, combines the academic excellence of Colorado State University with the flexibility of high-quality online and distance learning.
- The Colorado Water Institute focuses academic water expertise on the evolving water conditions faced by Colorado citizens.

## The Career Center

- Career Advisors serving every academic college help students with career exploration, job search strategy and resources; over 11,000 students receive 1:1 advising annually.
- Twelve unique career fairs are hosted.
- Over 6,000 full-time jobs and internships are posted annually.
- Over 500 unique hiring organizations come to campus to hire students each year.
- The Center hosts 3,000 interviews for students each year.

## Alumni

- CSU has 191,258 living alumni with 36 geographic alumni groups (14 in Colorado and 22 out of state) representing 15 states and 16 common interest groups.

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## 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), Moby Arena (capacity 8,745), Ram Field, University Tennis Complex, Moby Pool, Harmony Club, Jack Christiansen Track and the Glenn Morris Field House.
- Other facilities include a \$20 million, 66,267-square-foot indoor practice facility and Academic and Training Center.
- Since the Mountain West formed in 1999, CSU has won 28 conference championships, including 20 regular season titles and eight tournament titles.

## University Distinguished Professors

- Barry Beaty, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- Patrick J. Brennan, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- Edward A. Hoover, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- Jan E. Leach, Bioagricultural Sciences & Pest Management
- Karolin Luger, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- C. Wayne McIlwraith, Clinical Sciences
- Ian M. Orme, Microbiology, Immunology, & Pathology
- David A. Randall, Atmospheric Science
- Philip E. Risbeck, Art
- Jorge J. Rocca, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Physics
- Bernard E. Rollin, Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences, Animal Sciences
- John N. Sofos, Animal Sciences
- Thomas H. Vonder Haar, Atmospheric Science
- Diana Wall, Biology, Natural Resource Ecology Lab, School of Global Environmental Sustainability
- Robert M. Williams, Chemistry
- Stephen J. Withrow, Clinical Sciences

## University Distinguished Teaching Scholars

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

## Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence

- Animal Reproduction & Biotechnology Laboratory
- Atmospheric Sciences and Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere (CIRA)
- Center for Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) Science & Technology
- Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematics & Statistics (CIMS)
- Center for Meat Safety & Quality
- Graduate & Research Program in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Graduate Degree Program in Ecology
- High Energy Physics and Particle Astrophysics
- Human Performance/Clinical Research Laboratory
- Molecular, Cellular, & Integrative Neuroscience Program
- Musculoskeletal Research Program
- Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory (NREL)
- Occupational Therapy Program
- Prion Research Center
- Program in Chemical and Molecular Sciences
- Program in Molecular Plant Biology
- Sustainable Bioenergy Development Center
- Water Science for Environmental Sustainability
- Wheat Research - Outreach and Education Program

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## 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, Knoxville
- Virginia Tech
- Washington State University

## 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 is also ranked third in the country in federal research dollars.
- In its 2013 edition, *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best Colleges" ranked CSU in the prestigious Top Tier (rank of 134) among public and private national universities and 67<sup>th</sup> among public universities. It also ranked the College of Engineering's Undergraduate Program 64<sup>th</sup> (among institutions offering doctorates) in the nation. The Undergraduate Program in the College of Business was ranked 107<sup>th</sup> in the same category.
- 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>  
Computer Science - 79<sup>th</sup>  
Earth Science - 69<sup>th</sup>  
Mathematics - 76<sup>th</sup>  
Physics - 70<sup>th</sup>  
Statistics - 40<sup>th</sup>

- U.S. News and World Report, *America's Best Graduate Schools* Rankings

### Top Engineering Schools (Ranked in 2012) - 67<sup>th</sup>

Civil Engineering - 37<sup>th</sup>  
Electrical Engineering - 62<sup>nd</sup>  
Environmental/Environmental Health  
Engineering - 41<sup>st</sup>  
Mechanical Engineering - 62<sup>nd</sup>

### Top Programs (Ranked in 2009)

Psychology - 91<sup>st</sup>  
Sociology - 82<sup>nd</sup>

### Top Programs (Ranked in 2012)

Occupational Therapy Master's - 6<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 121<sup>st</sup> out of 281 institutions nationwide.
- *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* ranked CSU 86<sup>th</sup> in 2012 based on academic quality and in-state costs/financial aid figures in its "100 Best Values in Public Colleges." It also ranked CSU 97<sup>th</sup> in the out-of-state category in the same publication.
- *The Princeton Review* regards CSU as one of "The Best 377 Colleges" for 2013 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 (94<sup>th</sup> out of 124) for 2012.