

Institutional Profile

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Colorado State University is a land-grant institution and a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University-Extensive. 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 19 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.

Location

- Fort Collins is a midsize city of approximately 142,000.
- 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 “Best Place to Live” in America for 2006.

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 and Biomedical Sciences
- Warner College of Natural Resources

Faculty

- 1,450 faculty members
- 950 faculty on tenure-track appointments
- 99% of tenure-track faculty hold terminal degrees.
- The student to faculty ratio is 17 to 1.

Other Employees

- 2,050 administrative professionals (870 are research associates)
- 2,040 state-classified personnel
- 1,400 graduate assistants
- 200 post doctorates
- Fort Collins’ largest employer

Student Life

- 325 student organizations
- 34 honor societies
- 25% of the student population participates in intramural sports.
- 5% of the student population joins one of 19 fraternities or 14 sororities.

Enrollment

- About 24,700 resident instruction students
- From every state and more than 85 foreign countries
- Colorado residents comprise 80% of all students.
- 13% of U.S. students are ethnic minorities.
- Entering freshmen class of about 4,250 students
- The average entering freshman ranks in the 72nd percentile, brings a 3.5 grade-point average, and has an average ACT composite score of 24.0 or an SAT combined score of 1,112.

Residence Life

- 12 residence halls with a capacity of about 5,500 students
- 720 apartment units for students with families
- 190 apartments for older or graduate students

Libraries

- Library holdings include more than 2 million books, bound journals, and government documents.
- 300 public terminals are available to access specialized indexes and web-based sources.
- More than 30,000 electronic resources, including e-journals, can be accessed through the web at <http://lib.colostate.edu>
- An expedited interlibrary loan service including desktop delivery of articles
- The circulation desk offers laptop computers for checkout and use in the library.

University Honors Program

- Outstanding academics featuring superb students and faculty, small classes including seminars, and a senior-year creative activity
- A network of support through living, learning communities in the new Academic Village and Newsom Hall

Degrees

- 5,469 degrees were awarded in 2006-2007.
- 4,164 bachelor’s degrees were awarded in 62 programs.
- 965 master’s degrees were awarded in 59 programs.
- 211 doctoral degrees were awarded in 38 programs.
- 129 professional degrees were awarded in Veterinary Medicine.

Tuition, Fees and Housing

- Average undergraduate tuition and fees for 2007-2008 are \$5,419 for Colorado residents.
- Average undergraduate tuition and fees are \$18,859 for nonresidents.
- Room and board are \$7,092 (standard room and meal option).



The Arts

- 300 world-class music, theatre and dance performances; exhibitions; and other arts events annually
- Facilities include the new University Center for the Arts with the Runyan Music Hall, Griffin Concert Hall, University Theatre, and Studio Theatre, in addition to the Casavant Organ Concert Hall, Hatton Gallery, Curfman Gallery, and the Lory Student Center Theatre, with additional spaces, including a University Art Museum, currently under construction.

Outreach

- Cooperative Extension has offices in 59 of 64 Colorado counties and delivers research-based information and educational programs.
- Colorado State Forest Service has 17 district offices statewide and provides information and programs on forest management, wildfire protection, community forestry, and conservation education.
- The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station has 8 research centers and 10 different sites that conduct site-specific research on agriculture and related issues important to the state's social and economic well-being.
- Continuing Education offers a wide range of credit and noncredit educational opportunities available on campus, off campus, and by various distance education formats.

International Programs

- Internationally active faculty with a distinguished history of involvement in international programs
- 1,200 foreign students and scholars from more than 90 countries who are engaged in academic work and research on campus
- Consistently one of the top-ranking universities in the nation for the recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers
- Approximately 600 students per year participate in educational programs abroad.
- Unique programs offer students opportunities to internationalize their on-campus studies

Research

- Annual research expenditures of \$267.4 million in FY06
- \$37.4 million from nonfederal external sources, \$192.6 million from federal sources, and \$37.4 from institutional support

Athletics

- A member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division I Level – Mountain West Conference
- Sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports programs
- Athletic facilities include Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium (capacity 34,000) and Moby Arena (capacity 8,745).
- \$15.2 million stadium renovation and expansion was completed for the Fall 2005 season.
- The Colorado State volleyball team has now advanced to 12 straight NCAA Championships, winning the Mountain West Conference regular season 6 of the past 8 years.

Capital Construction/Major Equipment

- The total investment from all fund sources over the past 16 years is approximately \$667 million.

University Budget

- A 2007-08 education and general budget of \$367.9 million
- A 2007-08 total budget of \$775.3 million

Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence

- Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory
- Center for Extreme Ultraviolet Science and Technology
- Center for Research on Writing and Communication Technologies
- Department of Atmospheric Sciences
- Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Department of Chemistry
- Department of Occupational Therapy
- Department of Statistics
- Engines and Energy Conversion Laboratory
- Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Program
- Infectious Diseases Program
- Musculoskeletal Research
- Natural Resources Ecology Laboratory
- Program in Molecular, Cellular, and Integrative Neurosciences
- Radiological Health Sciences and Cancer Research
- Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research

University Distinguished Professors

- Barry Beaty, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Patrick Brennan, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Edward Hoover, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Jan Leach, Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management
- Karolin Luger, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Jorge Rocca, Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Bernard Rollin, Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences, Animal Sciences
- Holmes Rolston III, Philosophy
- John Sofos, Animal Sciences
- Graeme Stephens, Atmospheric Science
- Thomas VonderHaar, Atmospheric Science
- Robert Williams, Chemistry
- Stephen Withrow, Clinical Sciences

University Distinguished Teaching Scholars

- Ken Barbarick, Soil and Crop Sciences
- James Boyd, Philosophy
- Ingrid Burke, Forest, Rangeland, and Watershed Stewardship
- Pattie Cowell, English
- Rich Feller, School of Education
- K. Douglas Hoffman, Marketing
- Kate Kiefer, English
- Nancy Levinger, Chemistry
- Mike Palmquist, English
- Stephen Thompson, Chemistry
- Ray Whalen, Biomedical Sciences

Other Facts

- Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association and numerous other accrediting organizations
- CSU is ranked 124th of 248 national universities in the *U.S. News and World Report's* rankings of "America's Best Colleges and Universities."
- The Professional Veterinary Medicine program is ranked second in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* and is ranked first in the country in federal research dollars.

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