

institutional profile

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 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 137,200.
- 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 second “Best Place to Live” in America for 2008.

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

Enrollment

- About 25,000 resident-instruction students
- From every state and more than 80 countries
- Colorado residents comprise 80% of all students.
- 13 percent of U.S. students are ethnic minorities.
- Entering freshman class of about 4,200 students
- About 1,200 new transfer 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 1,120.

Faculty

- 1,520 faculty members
- 1,020 faculty on tenure-track appointments
- 99 percent of tenure-track faculty hold terminal degrees.
- The student-faculty ratio is 17 to 1.

Other Employees

- 2,260 administrative professionals (900 are research associates)
- 2,120 state-classified personnel
- 1,450 graduate assistants
- 200 post doctorates
- Fort Collins’ largest employer

Student Life

- 346 student organizations
- 35 honor societies
- 14 percent of the student population participates in intramural sports.
- 6 percent of the student population joins one of 21 fraternities or 14 sororities.

Residence Life

- 12 residence halls with a capacity of about 5,240 students
- 718 apartment units for students with families
- 191 apartments for graduate students

Libraries

- Library holdings include more than 2 million books, bound journals, and government documents.
- More than 200 laptop computers are available for checkout and more than 300 desktop computers are available for use.
- Access to more than 30,000 electronic resources, including e-journals and e-books, that can be accessed through the Web at <http://lib.colostate.edu>
- An expedited interlibrary loan service, including desktop delivery of articles

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 staff in the Honors office and in the residential learning communities in the Academic Village and Edwards Hall

Degrees – 2008-2009 (estimated)

- 5,810 degrees were awarded.
- 4,233 bachelor’s degrees were awarded in 65 fields.
- 1,225 master’s degrees were awarded in 55 fields.
- 227 doctoral degrees were awarded in 40 fields.
- 125 professional degrees were awarded in Veterinary Medicine.

Capital Construction/Major Equipment

- The total investment from all fund sources over the past 18 years is approximately \$931 million.

Tuition, Fees and Housing

- Average undergraduate tuition and fees for 2009-2010 are \$6,318 for Colorado residents.
- Average undergraduate tuition and fees are \$22,240 for nonresidents.
- Room and board are \$8,064 (standard room and meal option).

New School of Arts

- 300 world-class music, theatre and dance performances; exhibitions; and high-profile 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, Dance Theatre, the Organ Recital Hall, University Art Museum, and the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising.



Outreach

- CSU was selected as a Carnegie Engaged University in 2008 for both curricular engagement and outreach and partnership activities.
- CSU Extension provides services in 59 of 64 Colorado counties and delivers research-based information and educational programs, including 4-H and Master Gardener programs.
- The 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 conducts site-specific research on agriculture and related issues through its eight research centers.
- Continuing Education offers credit and noncredit education opportunities on campus, off campus, and through various distance education formats.
- The Colorado Water Institute focuses academic water expertise on the evolving water conditions faced by Colorado citizens.

Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence

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

International Programs

- Internationally-active faculty with a distinguished history of involvement in international programs and research
- 1,200 foreign students and scholars from more than 90 countries who are engaged in academic work and research on campus
- Approximately 900 students per year participate in educational programs abroad.
- 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.

University Budget

- A 2009-10 education and general budget of \$422.3 million, which includes \$30 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) federal stimulus funds (year one of three)
- A 2009-10 total budget of \$843.7 million, which includes \$43.9 million of indirect cost recoveries that are included in contracts and grants budgeted funds

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).
- \$20 million, 66,267-square-foot indoor practice facility and brand-new Academic and Training Center to be opened in the Fall of 2009
- The Colorado State volleyball team has now advanced to 14 straight NCAA Tournaments.
- CSU football won their fifth bowl game in program history in 2008, defeating Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl.

Research

- Annual research expenditures of \$302.6 million in FY08
- \$43.4 million from non-federal external sources, \$214.9 million from federal sources, and \$44.3 from institutional support

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
- C. Wayne McIlwraith, Clinical Sciences
- Ian Orme, Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology
- Jorge Rocca, Electrical and 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, NREL
- Robert Williams, Chemistry
- Stephen Withrow, Clinical Sciences

University Distinguished Teaching Scholars

- Ken Barbarick, Soil and 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
- Stephen Thompson, Chemistry
- Ray Whalen, Biomedical Sciences
- Toni Schindler Zimmerman, Human Development and Family Studies

Other Facts

- CSU is ranked 125 of 262 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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