Boulder-Denver, Colorado, USA

An unparalleled location

Home to the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder), the city is known as one of the best places to live in the United States. With about 100,000 residents, Boulder has a mild climate and more than 300 days of sunshine per year. The region offers countless ways to be active outside, including hiking, climbing, camping, cycling, backpacking, tubing, and more. The city is home to a thriving music, arts, and food scene. With the majestic Flatirons as its backdrop, Boulder is an excellent place to live, work, and play.

One of the nation’s top metro areas

- #1 state economy (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)
- #1 healthiest city in the United States (Niche, August 2016)
- #1 most active city in the United States (Trulia, February 2016)
- #1 college town in the United States (American Institute for Economic Research, January 2017)
- #2 best place to live (U.S. News & World Report, 2019)

Thriving academics

- #8 in environmental law (U.S. News & World Report, 2020)
- #45 University of Colorado Law School national rank (U.S. News & World Report, 2020)
- #38 worldwide rank—CU Boulder (Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2019)

Off-campus life

- 300+ days of sunshine annually
- 300+ miles of bikeways in Boulder
- 50+ independent coffee shops in Boulder and Denver
- 25+ world-class ski areas
  - Music, theater, art, festivals, farmers markets, and boutique shopping
  - Extensive cultural offerings from opera and theater to professional sports teams
  - Downtown Boulder’s Pearl Street named one of the 10 Best Foodie Streets in America

Adventure awaits in nearby Denver and the Rocky Mountains

Be Boulder.
Welcome
From Dean S. James Anaya

Selecting a law school to earn your LLM degree is a big decision, and I am thrilled you are considering the University of Colorado Law School. Located in beautiful Boulder, Colorado, at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, our program attracts talented and diverse lawyers from around the world.

In addition to our six specialized LLM areas of study and internationally recognized faculty, we offer a low student-to-faculty ratio of 7.84:1, deliberately small LLM class size, and opportunities for hands-on experiential learning through our clinics and seminars.

Our students love living in Boulder, and The Princeton Review recently ranked us as the No. 6 best law school for quality of life.

As an LLM student at Colorado Law, you will join an inclusive and supportive community dedicated to your success. You will also be part of the broader University of Colorado Boulder community, which was ranked #38 worldwide by the Academic Ranking of World Universities. CU Boulder offers a comprehensive U.S. university experience, including NCAA athletics; a world-class dining scene; easy access to skiing, hiking, and other recreational activities; art, music, and cultural events; and much more.

Thank you for your interest in Colorado Law. I hope to see you on campus soon.

Best regards,
S. James Anaya
Dean and University Distinguished Professor

Colorado Law’s internationally recognized programs and LLM concentrations

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law
Ranked No. 8 in environmental law in the 2020 law school rankings by U.S. News & World Report, Colorado Law gives students the tools to practice in and influence a range of fields, including: oil and gas, mining; ecosystem management; air and water quality; and public and private land management. Students take advantage of the programming of the school’s flagship Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment; multiple national laboratories in the area, including the National Renewable Energy Laboratory; and a diversified energy and mining economy featuring natural gas, renewable, and mining firms, from small startups to large multinational corporations.

Entrepreneurship and Business Law
Colorado Law enjoys nationally recognized teachers and scholars in business law with significant experience in transactional practice and corporate and securities litigation. Our classes in traditional subjects such as corporations, securities law, and mergers & acquisitions are enhanced by the law school’s focus on startup companies. The student experience is enriched by our location in Boulder, Colorado, which boasts the No. 1 state economy in the country (U.S. News & World Report, 2019). Boulder was also named the fourth most innovative U.S. city by 24/7 Wall St.

Indigenous Peoples Law
Colorado Law has a long history of research and teaching in the law of Indigenous peoples. With the arrival of Dean Anaya, the law school is expanding its research and teaching in this area. Faculty and students are engaged in projects with Indigenous peoples, as well as with governmental agencies, international institutions, and non-governmental organizations. Research and teaching in this area connect with Colorado’s strengths in other areas, such as international law, natural resources, and intellectual property.

Intellectual Property, Technology, and Telecommunications Law
Colorado Law students enjoy a broad range of courses and scholars active in a quickly evolving set of fields, including intellectual property, internet law, computer crimes, cybersecurity, information privacy, telecommunications, fintech, and regtech. Boulder and the Denver metro area are technology and telecommunications hubs. The Silicon Flatirons Center for Law Technology, and Entrepreneurship connects students with leaders in intellectual property, telecommunications, and technology.

International Law and Human Rights
Colorado Law continues to build on its strengths in public international law. Faculty have expansive research, course offerings, and projects in this field, with a particular emphasis on human rights. LLM students also benefit from frequent guest lectures from an extensive global network of international law and human rights scholars and practitioners.

U.S. Law for Foreign Lawyers
This general LLM concentration gives students the ability to choose from a wide range of Colorado Law courses. This is a common LLM concentration for students who need the curricular flexibility to qualify for a U.S. state bar examination.

Colorado Law was the only U.S. law school to be honored in all four categories of the International Jurist’s latest rankings of the best LLM programs. Colorado Law excelled in LLM student experience, value, career assistance, and academics.

Admissions deadlines
- October 1: JD application opens
- lsac.org
- October 1: LLM application opens
- colorado.edu/law/LLM
- February 16: FAFSA filing priority deadline
- April 1: JD application deadline
- May 1: LLM application deadline
- July 1: Transfer and visitor JD application deadline