Boulder-Denver, Colorado, USA

An unparalleled location

Home to the University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder), the city is rated 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 best place to live (Boulder) (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)
#2 state economy (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)
#7 healthiest city in the United States (Niche, August 2022)
#1 bikeable city in America (People for Bikes, February 2019)
#1 college town in the United States (Best College Reviews, 2022)
#2 best place to live (U.S. News & World Report, 2021–22)

Thriving academics

#10 in environmental law (U.S. News & World Report, 2021)
#49 University of Colorado Law School national rank (U.S. News & World Report, 2022)
#51 worldwide rank—CU Boulder (Academic Ranking of World Universities, 2022)

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

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Welcome
From Dean Lolita Buckner Inniss

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 foot 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 6.1:1, 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 #51 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,
Lolita Buckner Inniss
Dean and Provost’s Professor of Law

Colorado Law’s internationally recognized programs and LLM concentrations

Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law

Ranked consistently in the top 10 in environmental law in the 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. 2 state economy in the country (U.S. News & World Report, 2021). 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. 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 Law’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 crime, 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.