

Admissions Status Update Definitions

Admitted

Students who receive an admissions decision of “Admitted” are admitted to the upcoming entering class.

Admitted students should confirm their enrollment and pay the \$200 non-refundable deposit no later than December 1 for the spring semester or May 1 for the fall semester in order to reserve their place in the incoming class and complete next steps.

Waitlisted

Students who receive a waitlist decision may accept their waitlist offer by completing the Waitlist Request Form in their [application status page](#).

We do not rank our waitlist and review applicants on our waitlist periodically based on space availability. Students who accept the waitlist offer will be contacted if space becomes available via email and their application status page.

Deferred

Defer does not mean Deny, nor does it mean Waitlist! Deferred students are moved from the Early Action to the Regular Decision round and will be re-considered at that time for a final admission decision by April 1.

In the meantime, students may:

- Submit an updated transcript or mid-year grade report to consider in our evaluation, however it is not required. Students can self-upload this document in their [application status page](#).
- If students have additional ACT or SAT test scores that were not provided at the time of application, they can self-report those scores via their application status page.
- If students elected not to send test scores originally and now would like to do so, please contact their [admissions counselor](#).

Denied

Students with a denied decision are not offered admission to CU Boulder at this time. We strongly encourage students to explore both [CU Denver](#) and [CU Colorado Springs](#) as strong possibilities for continuing their education.

Alternate Major Option

Due to increasing numbers of applications and the overall strength of the applicant pool, some students who did not receive admission into their first-choice major are admitted to Arts & Sciences Open Option. While not directly admissible to the competitive degree program of application, students possess the skills necessary to succeed at CU. Students have the option to stay in Arts & Sciences Open Option and explore the 40+ majors offered or may choose any program in the College of Arts & Sciences, select majors in the College of Media, Communication and Information, or the School of Education through their confirmation form in their [application status page](#).

Program in Exploratory Studies

Due to the large number of highly competitive applications, some students who did not receive admission into their first-choice major are admitted to the Program in Exploratory Studies. While not directly admissible to the competitive degree program of application, these students possess the skills necessary to succeed at CU. Exploratory Studies recognizes there are several pathways to disciplines such as business, engineering or design. Our advisors help students identify the pathway that best matches their goals, whether that be their original program of application or the discovery of a different option.

Once you've been admitted you may confirm your enrollment or....

Request a Term Change

Students may request a term change on their [application status page](#) after confirming their intent to enroll and paying the \$200 non-refundable confirmation deposit by clicking the blue “Request a Term Change” button. Students must submit the request for a deferral by 5:00 p.m. on the first day of classes for the term to which they were originally admitted.

Decline Your Admission

If a student will not be attending CU Boulder, they need to log in to their [application status page](#) and click “Accept or decline your offer of admission.” Then, select “I DECLINE my offer of admission.”

For questions, please email admissions@colorado.edu or call 303-492-6301

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