

2019 Admissions Survey: First-Year Survey Instrument

About

Every May, CU Boulder reaches out to confirmed, incoming first-time first-year students that plan to attend the upcoming fall semester. The survey inquires about a range of topics including their application experience, financial stressors, expectations of belonging and difficulty, and many more. Note, there is a follow-up admissions survey where we check back in with the confirmed, incoming students.

Questions and Feedback

Please reach out to the CU Boulder Office of Data Analytics at www.colorado.edu/oda/contact.

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University of Colorado **Boulder**

Intro Section

Admitted Student Survey

As of May 2nd, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (MT), our records indicate that you are planning to attend CU Boulder this fall. Is this correct?

- Correct, I am planning to attend CU Boulder this fall.
- Incorrect, I'm not planning to attend CU Boulder this fall.

*If students indicate they **are not** planning to attend CU Boulder this fall, they will see the following:*

Students receiving this survey had confirmed their intent to enroll this fall as of May 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. (MT). If the information about your enrollment status is incorrect, please contact the Office of Admissions at 303-492-6301 as soon as possible. You will now exit this survey.

*If students indicate they **are** planning to attend CU Boulder this fall, they will see the below text and continue to the rest of the survey.*

We're very excited that you have decided to attend CU Boulder and we look forward to seeing you this fall! We're interested in what you think about CU Boulder, why you decided to come here, and your expectations about your first semester.

Data used in formal reports will only be reported in the aggregate. All responses are confidential, but they may not be anonymous; we may use your responses to provide relevant resources to you and improve your first year experience at CU Boulder.

Why CU Boulder

What are the top 3 reasons you chose CU Boulder?

For your top reason, select #1 reason; for your second reason, select #2 reason; for your 3rd reason, select #3 reason.

Make sure to read through the entire list before selecting your top three. The reasons are categorized to help with organization.

	#1 reason	#2 reason	#3 reason
Value of education for the cost	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tuition costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial aid assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Merit-based scholarships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic programs of interest to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduation rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate job placement	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduates get into top graduate/professional schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic reputation of my intended major	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academic reputation of CU Boulder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
College guide ratings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Admitted to major of my choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The setting / location	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Distance from home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reputation for social and extracurricular activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My experience during a campus visit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was admitted through Early Action or Early Decision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My treatment during the application / admission process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opinions and preferences of parents and/or other relatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The feeling that I would fit in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Competition

To how many colleges or universities did you apply, including CU Boulder?

- ☐ 1 (just CU Boulder)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11 or more

To how many colleges or universities were you admitted, including CU Boulder?

- ☐ 1 (just CU Boulder)
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6
- ☐ 7
- ☐ 8
- ☐ 9
- ☐ 10
- ☐ 11 or more

Among the colleges that you applied to, how would you rank CU Boulder?

- ☐ First choice
- ☐ Second choice
- ☐ Third choice
- ☐ Less than third choice

What is the name of the school that you were admitted to that you most likely would have attended, if not CU Boulder? First select the state, then select your specific college/university.

Students are given 398 school options, including "other" options that will prompt open-ended responses. If you would like a full list of the schools, please reach out to www.colorado.edu/oda/contact.

If a student selected other schools:

You selected "Other school not listed" above. Please tell us which school:

(Open-ended)

You selected "Outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico." Please tell us which school:

(Open-ended)

Application Experience

How was your experience applying to CU Boulder with regards to each of the following factors?

Email Communication with admission staff via e-mail:

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Not applicable

Communication with admission staff via telephone:

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Not applicable

Clarity of deadlines:

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Not applicable

Quality of a pre-campus visit:

- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Very good
- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Not applicable

Financial Stress

Do you have enough financial resources to complete your first year at CU Boulder?

- ☐ Definitely not
- ☐ I think so, but it will be difficult
- ☐ I think so, and it should be easy
- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ I'm not sure

What financial resources are you using to cover the total cost of attending CU Boulder during your first semester (e.g., tuition, fees, books, room & board, food, entertainment)? For each resource, select "Using," "Not using," Or "Not sure."

	Using	Not using	Not sure
Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.) (parents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your own personal savings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working for pay (work-study, work on or off campus)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial aid that does not need repaid (e.g., scholarships, grants, military funding)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loans that need repaid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify):	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Below are the resources you said you will use to pay for your first semester at CU Boulder. When it comes to the total cost of your first year at CU Boulder, what percentage do you estimate each resource will cover?

Note that the percentages of all resources should sum to 100%.

	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Family resources (parents, relatives, spouse, etc.) (parents)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Your own personal savings (savings)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Working for pay (work-study, work on or off campus) (employment)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial aid that does not need repaid (e.g., scholarships, grants, military funding) (grants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loans that need repaid (loans)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify): (other)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How stressed do you feel about your personal finances?

- ☐ Not at all stressed
- ☐ A little stressed
- ☐ Stressed
- ☐ Very stressed

How worried are you about having enough money to pay for school?

- ☐ Not at all worried
- ☐ A little worried
- ☐ Worried
- ☐ Very worried

How concerned do you feel about your ability to pay for monthly living expenses?

- ☐ Not at all concerned
- ☐ A little concerned
- ☐ Concerned
- ☐ Very concerned

CU Boulder Belonging

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

It is important to me to feel like I fit in at CU Boulder.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I expect to feel that I belong at CU Boulder.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I expect to feel a connection with the CU Boulder community.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I can view CU Boulder as my home during my undergraduate years.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

Commitment to CU Boulder

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

It is important to me to graduate from CU Boulder as opposed to another college or university.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I plan to transfer to another college or university before completing a degree at CU Boulder.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I am confident that choosing to attend CU Boulder was the right choice.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

How long do you expect it to take for you to graduate from CU Boulder?

- ☐ 3 years or less
- ☐ 4 years
- ☐ 5 years
- ☐ 6 years
- ☐ 7+ years
- ☐ I'm not sure

Self-efficacy

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I am confident in my ability to succeed as a CU Boulder student.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I believe that I can achieve good grades at CU Boulder.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I am prepared to write clearly and effectively.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I have the math skills I need to succeed.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

Likelihood activities

During your first year at CU Boulder, what is your best estimate of the chances that you will:

Change your academic major:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Attend athletic events:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Join a fraternity or sorority:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Volunteer or do community service:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Use counseling services at CU Boulder:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Use disability services and accommodations:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Join student organizations:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Get tutoring help on specific courses or topics:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Take a course exclusively online:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Visit a professor or TA (teaching assistant) during office hours if I need help:

- ☐ No chance
- ☐ Very little chance
- ☐ Some chance
- ☐ Very good chance
- ☐ I don't know

Hours spent

During your first semester, about how many hours do you expect to spend in a typical 7-day week doing the following? Your best guess is fine.

Preparing for class (studying, reading, homework, analyzing data, rehearsing, other academic activities)?

- ☐ 0 hours
- ☐ 1-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21 or more hours

Working for pay on- or off-campus?

- ☐ 0 hours
- ☐ 1-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21 or more hours

Participating in activities (arts programs, athletics, student government, academic clubs, service, Greek life, etc.)?

- ☐ 0 hours
- ☐ 1-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21 or more hours

Relaxing and socializing (time with friends, video games, TV, keeping up with friends online)?

- ☐ 0 hours
- ☐ 1-5 hours
- ☐ 6-10 hours
- ☐ 11-15 hours
- ☐ 16-20 hours
- ☐ 21 or more hours

Difficulty

During your first semester at CU Boulder, how easy or difficult do you expect the following to be?

Learning course material:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

Making new friends:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

Achieving good grades:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

Attending all of my classes:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

Managing my time effectively:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

Being away from family and old friends:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

Getting help with school work:

- ☐ Extremely easy
- ☐ Easy
- ☐ Slightly easy
- ☐ Slightly difficult
- ☐ Difficult
- ☐ Extremely difficult

High school prep

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

My high school helped me develop the skills and knowledge I need for college-level classes.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

My high school courses challenged me to do my best work.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I rarely studied outside of class in high school.

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

I was involved in lots of activities in high school (e.g., arts programs, athletics, student government, academic clubs, service, etc.).

- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Strongly agree

Closing section

Please give us any other feedback you have about CU Boulder in general or specifically for the Admissions staff in the space below.

(Open-ended text block)

Final Screen Message

Thank you for your assistance! We wish you much success in the future.

Here is a comprehensive list of resources that you may be interested in:
<https://www.colorado.edu/studentaffairs/student-resources>

Here are the next steps you need to take now that you have confirmed your attendance with CU Boulder: <https://www.colorado.edu/orientation/first-year-students>

When you are finished, please click the "Submit Survey" button below.