

CU-Boulder Spring 2012 Commencement

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A press release in late April will report the number of bachelor's, master's, law, and doctoral degrees "to be conferred" at spring commencement. Last year's release is at <http://www.colorado.edu/news/releases/2011/04/26/chipotle-ceo-steve-ells-speak-cu-boulder-commencement-may-6>.

The press release counts are based on students who have formally stated their intention to graduate. However, not all do actually graduate in spring.

For spring 2011

Press release (April 26, 2011), total degrees	5,897
Total degrees posted, official (June)	4,401
Number of individuals earning the 4,401 degrees	4,205

Here we characterize the spring 2011 official awards – 2012 will likely look quite similar.

In spring 2011,

- 4,205 students graduated from CU-Boulder with a bachelor's, master's, doctorate, or law degree
- 4,401 degrees were formally awarded; some students receive multiple degrees (e.g. BA-Geology and BS Business Administration)
- The 4,401 degrees represent 4,791 degree-majors (if Bill graduates with a BA in English and History, that's one degree, but two majors)

Characterizing the 4,205 degree recipients – the graduates

- Highest degree earned (in spring 2011)
 - Doctoral: 135 (3-4%)
 - Law: 168 (4%)
 - Master's: 717 (17-18%)
 - Bachelor's: 3,185 (75-76%)
- Percentage female
 - Doctoral: 37%
 - Law: 49%
 - Master's: 40%
 - Bachelor's: 50%
 - Overall: 49%

Last names (Spring 2011)

- Ranged from Aal to Zyniecki
- Most popular last names
 - Johnson 28 graduates
 - Smith 24
 - Miller 19
 - Anderson 18
 - 10-13 for Brown, Kim, Jones, Nguyen, Thomas, Wilson, Williams
- Residency of graduates
 - Colorado residents 3,162 (75%)
 - Non-residents (out-of-state and int'l students) 1,043 (25%)
- International students
 - 140 total including 11-12% of master's and doctoral recipients, under 2% of bachelor's and law
 - 37 countries represented, from Albania to Vietnam, with the largest number coming from China (29 graduates), India (28), and Korea (15)
 - Other countries:

Albania	Ireland	Russian Federation
Algeria	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Belarus	Kazakhstan	Sweden
Brazil	Kuwait	Taiwan
Canada	Lebanon	Thailand
Chile	Libya	Tunisia
Colombia	Mexico	Turkey
France	Nepal	United Kingdom
Germany	Nigeria	Venezuela
Guatemala	Norway	Vietnam
Indonesia	Panama	
Iran	Poland	
- Race/ethnicity (students may indicate more than one category and so they may be counted more than once):
 - Hispanic 195 graduates
 - Asian 235
 - Black 47
 - Native American 37
 - White 3,351
- Age
 - 20 to 69 years
 - For the middle 50% (25% below, 25% above each range listed below)
 - Bachelor's: 22-23 years
 - Master's 24-30
 - Law 25-28
 - Doctorate 28-35

All bachelor's degree recipients (3,282, including 97 who also got a master's degree)

- 21% (~1 out of 5) received a federal Pell grant (based on financial need) at least once during their undergraduate career
- 16% (~1 out of 6) were first-generation college graduates – neither parent had completed a 4-year degree
- Average grade point average (GPA) was 3.2 and ranged between 2.0 and 4.0
- 14% (~1 out of 7) were awarded more than one degree or had more than one major (17 graduates had three majors!)
- 97 students were awarded both a bachelor's and master's degree simultaneously
- 79% (~4 out of 5) started at CU-Boulder as freshmen, the remainder transferring to Boulder
- About two-thirds entered UCB as a Colorado resident, one-third from out of state. A small portion of graduates, about 5%, came from outside Colorado but graduated as Colorado residents.

Bachelor's degree recipients who started at CU-Boulder as new freshmen (2,585)

- 44% entered with an undeclared major
- 16% changed CU-Boulder school or college between entry and graduation
- About 90% of the Colorado residents who entered CU-Boulder as freshmen were from the Front Range. More than 130 were from the Western Slope, with 5 to 20 from each of the San Luis Valley, Eastern Plains, and the mountain counties east of the Divide.
- 70% of graduates who started as freshmen took exactly four academic years to finish, and 3% took less time than that (for spring 2012: estimated 70% will have started fall 2008, 3% later). Only 6% took six or more years to graduate.

Degrees

- Degree type

Degree	n degrees	%
Bachelor's	3,373	76%
Master's	725	16%
Doctorate	135	3%
Law	168	4%
All degrees	4,401	100%

- Degree honors
 - Bachelor's: 12% with honors, including about 100 Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude, and about 300 additional degrees with honors based on grades
 - Law: 10% in Order of the Coif

- Colleges, schools, and programs awarding degrees

College/school/program	----- Degree type -----				All
	Bach	Mast	Doc	Law	degrees
	n	n	n	n	n
College of Arch & Planning	124	0	0	0	124
College of Arts & Sciences	2,104	222	76	0	2,402
College of Engr & Applied Sci	426	206	32	0	664
College of Music	40	28	8	0	76
Cross-College Programs	0	3	4	0	7
Journalism & Mass Communication	183	9	1	0	193
Leeds School of Business	496	169	3	0	668
School of Education	0	88	11	0	99
School of Law	0	0	0	168	168
All degrees	3,373	725	135	168	4,401

Percentage college/school/program by degree awarded

College/school/program	----- Degree type -----				All
	Bach	Mast	Doc	Law	degrees
	%	%	%	%	%
College of Arch & Planning	4	0	0	0	3
College of Arts & Sciences	62	31	56	0	55
College of Engr & Applied Sci	13	28	24	0	15
College of Music	1	4	6	0	2
Cross-College Programs	0	0	3	0	0
Journalism & Mass Comm	5	1	1	0	4
Leeds School of Business	15	23	2	0	15
School of Education	0	12	8	0	2
School of Law	0	0	0	100	4
All degrees	100	100	100	100	100

- Degrees awarded (exact degree name)

Degree awarded	n degrees	%
Bachelor of Arts	2,043	46.4
Bachelor of Arts - Music	8	0.2
Bachelor of Environ Design	124	2.8
Bachelor of Fine Arts	61	1.4
Bachelor of Music	28	0.6
Bachelor of Music Education	4	0.1
Bachelor of Science	426	9.7
Bachelor of Science-Business	492	11.2
Bachelor of Science-Journalism	183	4.2
Master of Arts	237	5.4
Master of Business Admin	123	2.8
Master of Engineering	28	0.6
Master of Fine Arts	23	0.5
Master of Music Education	3	0.1
Master of Music	25	0.6
Master of Science	286	6.5
Doctor of Philosophy	128	2.9
Doctor of Audiology	4	0.1
Doctor of Musical Arts	7	0.2
Juris Doctor	168	3.8
All degrees	4,401	100.0

- Multiple degrees
 - 91 students received two bachelor's degrees (e.g., BA and BS)
 - 97 received concurrent bachelor's and master's degrees

- 6 received both law and master's degrees

Majors – The 4,401 degrees were awarded in 4,791 majors (if Bill graduates with a BA in English and History, that's one degree, but two majors)

- Undergraduate majors ranged from Accounting to Women's Studies, from Aerospace Engineering Sciences to Theater
- The five most popular majors for bachelor's degrees were
 - Psychology 349 majors, or 9% of majors
 - English 176, 5%
 - Integrative Physiology 169, 5%
 - Political Science 153, 4%
 - Finance 153, 4%
 - Others with more than 100: Molecular/Developmental Biology, Communication, Economics, History, International Affairs, Marketing, Sociology
- 60% of master's degrees awarded were in business and engineering (over 160 each) and education (90)
- Half of doctoral degrees awarded were in biological and physical sciences and engineering

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