

2021 New Student Survey

About

The New Student Survey is administered annually to incoming students. All new undergraduate students that have confirmed their acceptance at CU Boulder complete this survey prior to arriving on campus as part of their online New Student Welcome Experience. This survey has students reflect on their application experience and decision to attend CU Boulder as well as report their expectations regarding college life after arriving at CU Boulder.

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 and Student Type

We're very excited that you have decided to attend CU Boulder and we look forward to seeing you! We're interested in what you think about CU Boulder, why you decided to come here, and your expectations about your first semester. Your response will help us better understand the incoming class, and will enable us to improve your first-year experience.

We encourage you to take the New Student Survey in one sitting, if possible, and to take it on a laptop or computer rather than a smart phone. If you can't take it in one sitting, use the same device and browser to return to where you left off in the survey.

Your individual survey responses will be summarized with other students' responses before being shared in any reports. However, your responses to some questions will be confidentially shared with your academic advisor(s) and other relevant offices in order to improve your first-year experience.

First, which statement best describes the type of student you will be this fall 2020? (We ask so we can tailor the survey questions to you).

- **First-year student** who has not enrolled at another college or university since graduating from high school/secondary school
- **Transfer student** who has enrolled at another college or university since graduating from high school/secondary school

Commitment to CU Boulder

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

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
It is important to me to graduate from CU Boulder as opposed to another college or university.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I plan to transfer to another college or university before completing a degree at CU Boulder.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident that choosing to attend CU Boulder was the right choice.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident I will attend CU Boulder next semester.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

For students who selected strongly disagree, disagree, or somewhat disagree for next semester commitment:

What is the primary reason you may not attend CU Boulder next semester?

For students who selected strongly disagree, disagree, or somewhat disagree for next semester commitment:

What are your plans if you do not attend CU Boulder?

- ☐ Defer my enrollment at CU Boulder
- ☐ Enroll at a different four-year college
- ☐ Enroll in an associate's degree or community college
- ☐ Enroll in certificate or apprenticeship program
- ☐ Work full- or part-time
- ☐ I don't know

Anticipated Belonging

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

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
It is important to me to feel like I fit in at CU Boulder.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I expect to feel a connection with the CU Boulder community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I expect to feel that I belong at CU Boulder.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can view CU Boulder as my home during my undergraduate years.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CU Boulder cares about me as an individual	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Self-efficacy

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

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
I am confident in my ability to succeed as a CU Boulder student.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that I can achieve good grades at CU Boulder.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am prepared to write clearly and effectively.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have the math skills I need to succeed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident in my test taking ability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident in my time-management skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident in my study strategies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident in my note taking skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident in my ability to learn in a remote environment (i.e., attending classes online).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Financial Stress

Do you and your family have enough financial resources to pay for 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*

How stressed do you feel about your personal finances?

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

How concerned do you feel about your ability to pay for monthly living expenses (e.g., food, printing and supplies, housing costs, transportation, entertainment, etc.)?

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

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

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

Paying for CU Boulder

Are you using **family financial resources** (e.g., from parents, relatives, spouse, etc.) to help cover the total cost of attending CU Boulder (e.g., tuition, fees, books, room & board, food, entertainment)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

Are you using your **own personal savings** to help cover the total cost of attending CU Boulder (e.g., tuition, fees, books, room & board, food, entertainment)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure

Are you aware of and using the following financial resources to pay for expenses at CU Boulder during your first semester (e.g., tuition, fees, books, room & board, food, entertainment)?

	Aware of and using	Aware of, but not using	Unaware
Working for pay	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CU Boulder grants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CU Boulder scholarships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Military funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Federal student loans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CU Boulder payment plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Transfer Specific Questions

Did you know about, and did you use, the following transfer student resources offered by CU Boulder?

	I used this resource	I'm aware of this resource but didn't use it	I'm unaware of this resource
Transfer Admission Appointment (virtual)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Office of Admissions transfer credit appointment (virtual)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One-on-one meeting with my admissions counselor (virtual)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pre-transfer advising appointment (virtual)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Did you know that you could set up a [Transferology](#) account to view your transferable credit, create a transfer plan, and/or see any remaining core coursework for your desired degree program?

- ☐ Yes, and I set up an account
- ☐ Yes, but I did not set up an account
- ☐ No, I didn't know about the Transferology resource

If the student set up a Transferology account: How helpful was your Transferology account?

- ☐ Not at all helpful
- ☐ Slightly helpful
- ☐ Helpful
- ☐ Very helpful

Why CU Boulder & Competition

Shown randomly to half of respondents

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

- ☐ First choice
- ☐ Second choice
- ☐ Third choice
- ☐ Fourth choice or lower
- ☐ *Not applicable, I was only admitted to 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 third 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"/>
Academic programs of interest to me	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Graduate job placement	<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"/>
Options for online learning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The setting / location (setting)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Close to home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Far from home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CU Boulder's reputation for social and extracurricular activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My experience during an in-person or virtual campus visit	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was admitted to the major of my choice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Athletics or sports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The feeling that I would fit in socially	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The feeling that I would fit in academically	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family members attended or attend	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Family members live locally	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other reason not listed above	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

What is the "Other reason" you chose CU Boulder?

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

To how many colleges or universities have you **sent a deposit**, including CU Boulder?

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

If number of colleges admitted is greater than 1:

Among the schools you were admitted to, where would you most likely have gone if not CU Boulder?

First select the state, then select your specific college/university. *If the college is outside the U.S. and Puerto Rico, that option is at the end of the list.*

Schools are listed alphabetically under each state. Smaller colleges and two-year schools are grouped into a single category: "Other schools not listed above," shown at the bottom of each state's list.

* If the school is NOT on the list, please select "Other school not listed above," and specify which school in the text box below.

- ☐ [School list removed for brevity]

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

Application Experience

Shown randomly to half of respondents

How satisfied or dissatisfied were you with each of the following aspects of your application process at CU Boulder?

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Not applicable / Didn't use
<i>Transfer Only:</i> Ease of completing transfer application documents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<i>Transfer Only:</i> Timely information about the number of credits that transferred to CU Boulder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of CU Boulder admissions counseling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Availability of CU Boulder academic advising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assistance in getting information about financial aid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effective communication about on-campus housing options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Timeliness of notification of your acceptance to CU Boulder	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clarity of application deadlines	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Communication with admission staff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Leadership

Shown randomly to half of respondents

The CU Center for Leadership is interested in understanding more about how CU students view themselves regarding leadership.

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree
I believe that with training, I can develop into an exemplary leader.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I will participate actively in leader development because I feel like it's a good way to improve my skills and my understanding of leadership.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to put in the effort needed to become a better leader.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know what it takes to make a work group accomplish its tasks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident of my ability to influence a work group that I lead.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Overall, I believe that I can lead a work group successfully.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe that with training, I can develop into an exemplary leader.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I will participate actively in leader development because I feel like it's a good way to improve my skills and my understanding of leadership.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am willing to put in the effort needed to become a better leader. (lead_motivedv13)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Mental Health & Wellness

The mental health and wellness of our students is very important to CU Boulder. Your answers to these questions will give us a better sense of how students are doing.

If you believe you are experiencing mental health symptoms and would like to discuss resources that are available to you, you may contact Counseling and Psychiatric Services (CAPS) to schedule a consultation.

If you are in crisis and require an urgent consultation, you may contact CAPS anytime (i.e., 24 hours/day, 7 days/week) at 303-492-2277 or find other 24/7 emergency resources at CU's [Emergency & Crisis Care](#) website. Please visit this [link](#) for additional non-emergency mental health and wellness information and resources.

In the past 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day	Prefer not to respond
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Not being able to stop worrying	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feeling lonely, disconnected from other people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Impulsive, acting without thinking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Demographics and Background Characteristics

We want all students on campus to feel welcome and supported at CU Boulder. The following questions will be used to help us understand how student experiences may meaningfully vary between different groups. Like all other data collected in this survey, your responses to the following questions are voluntary.

How would you describe your gender identity?

- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Man
- ☐ Transgender woman
- ☐ Transgender man
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Gender fluid
- ☐ Genderqueer
- ☐ Agender
- ☐ Queer
- ☐ Questioning
- ☐ *My gender identity is not included in this list*
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

How would you describe your sexual orientation identity?

- ☐ Heterosexual or straight
- ☐ Gay or lesbian
- ☐ Bisexual
- ☐ Queer
- ☐ Asexual
- ☐ Pansexual
- ☐ Questioning or unsure
- ☐ *My sexual orientation identity is not included in this list*
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), an individual with a disability is a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as breathing, eating, sleeping, walking, talking, manual tasks, etc. Do you have any of the following disabilities or conditions? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Learning disability or ADHD
- ☐ Mobility or sensory disability (e.g., prosthetic, spinal cord injury, hard of hearing, low vision, etc.)
- ☐ Chronic mental health condition (e.g., depression, PTSD, anxiety, etc.)
- ☐ Chronic medical condition (e.g., cystic fibrosis, diabetes, chronic pain, etc.)
- ☐ Other disability or chronic condition
- ☐ *None of the above*
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

How do you identify in terms of your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian or Asian American
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Latina, Latino, Latinx, or Hispanic
- ☐ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ *Another race/ethnicity not listed above*
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

Which of the following best reflects your current religious beliefs?

- ☐ Agnostic
- ☐ Atheist
- ☐ Buddhist
- ☐ Christian
- ☐ Hindu
- ☐ Jewish
- ☐ Muslim
- ☐ Spiritual but not religious
- ☐ Nothing in particular
- ☐ *Religious beliefs not listed above*
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

How would you characterize your political orientation?

- ☐ Very liberal
- ☐ Liberal
- ☐ Slightly liberal
- ☐ Moderate; Middle of the road
- ☐ Slightly conservative
- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Very conservative
- ☐ *Not particularly political*
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

Are you interested in getting involved in Greek life? (i.e., joining a fraternity or sorority)

- ☐ Yes, I plan to pledge at a chapter
- ☐ I'm not sure/still deciding
- ☐ No
- ☐ *Prefer not to answer*

Academic Advising Questionnaire

What is your preferred name?

Note: Want to update your name elsewhere on campus? Go to this [website](#) for information and links to update your preferred name in CU Boulder Systems and Records.

Why did you apply to the CU Boulder college/school you are in?

What are you most excited about in attending CU Boulder?

What are you most concerned or worried about right now?

What majors, minors, or certificates are you thinking of pursuing?

What other interests or hobbies do you have outside of academics?

How do you define success?

Is there anything else you want your academic advisor to know about you?

Will you be working this semester?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ No

If yes:

How many hours per week? If you don't know, an estimate is fine.

- ☐ 1-5
- ☐ 6-10
- ☐ 11-15
- ☐ 16-20
- ☐ 21-25
- ☐ 26-30
- ☐ 31-35
- ☐ 36-40

Closing

Thank you for completing the New Study Survey!

When you are ready to exit the survey and have your survey responses recorded, please click the "Submit Survey" button below.

After submitting the survey, please be sure to indicate that you completed the survey within the Buff Portal! We wish you much success at CU Boulder. Go Buffs!