University of Colorado Boulder

Information for Exchange Partners

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Overview of CU Boulder	The University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder) is: • The **flagship university** for the state of Colorado • One of the most spectacular college campuses in the country • A member of the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU) and the only member in the Rocky Mountain region • Home of 5 Nobel laureates and more than 50 members of prestigious academic academies
About Boulder, Colorado	The **city of Boulder** is: • Nestled against the eastern foothills of the Rocky Mountains at an elevation of 5,430 feet (1,655 m) • Located 30 minutes northeast of Denver, Colorado's state capitol • Home to approximately 100,000 residents (including 30,000 CU Boulder students) • About an hour from Denver International Airport (with public transportation readily available) • A center for outdoor activities with miles of bicycle trails and hiking trails, and easy access to mountain climbing and skiing
Climate	• Boulder has a dry climate typical of much of the state and enjoys over 300 sunny days each year. • Students who arrive in August will encounter hot weather that will gradually cool through the fall. • Students who arrive in January will initially encounter cold and windy weather. • **Temperatures** are somewhat unpredictable year-round. It can be warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Summer maximum temperatures are in the mid 90^0 F range (about 32^0 C). Winters are cool to occasionally bitterly cold, with highs averaging mid to upper 40^0 F (about 7-9^0 C). Lows may plummet below freezing during winter nights, but extended subzero cold is uncommon. • Nights are significantly cooler than days year-round due to the high-elevation and dry climate.
Semester Dates	CU Boulder **Law School semester dates** are: • **Fall** semester begins in August and ends in mid-December • **Spring** semester begins in January and ends in early May New students are expected to attend an on-campus orientation, held before the start of their first term. Orientation details and dates will be shared with students after they have been accepted. In addition, students attending CU Boulder during the Fall semester are encouraged to enroll in the 2-credit "Introduction to US Law for LLMs" class, which is held two weeks prior to the formal start of the fall semester.

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Clubs and Sports	• Whether students are looking for a group that emphasizes ethnic or cultural heritage, political involvement, hobbies, environmental issues, or sports, they will find more than **90 clubs and organizations** that are important to our campus life. • The law school is home to **40+ student organizations** including the Doman Society of International Law who manage a JD student peer program to support international exchange students. • Spectators and participants can enjoy men's and women's **intercollegiate competition** in basketball, cross country, golf, alpine and Nordic skiing, volleyball, and indoor and outdoor track and field – as well as women's soccer, lacrosse, and tennis and men's football.
Library and Law Resources	• **William A. Wise Law Library**: the William A. Wise Law Library provides a collaborative environment for faculty and students to access legal resources in all formats, and expertise in using them. • **Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment (GWC)**: Colorado Law and the GWC host over 25 events each year addressing environmental, natural resources, public lands, energy, and climate issues—from workshops and lunchtime roundtables to multi-day conferences and contemporary lectures. All law school students are welcome. • **Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship**: Silicon Flatirons serves students, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and professionals, and offers regular programming throughout the academic year. Although technology and innovation have evolved radically over two decades, the center's purpose remains the same: to convene multi-stakeholder discussions, support in novation, and develop the next generation of technology lawyers, policy experts, and entrepreneurs. • **Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law**: the Byron R. White Center's mission is to support excellence in Constitutional legal scholarship, offer opportunities for Colorado Law students to promote justice, expand public knowledge and informed discussion about the Constitution. Regular programming offered throughout the academic year.
Campus Resources and Support	CU Boulder's **Campus Resources** offer a broad range of services, including: • Academic supports like tutoring, library resources, and advising • Health & wellness resources including **Disability Services**, **Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)**, and **Medical Services** • Student Life resources such as dining options, **Outdoor Pursuits**, and on-campus museums and performances

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Housing	CU Boulder has a culture of off-campus living for most students who have not recently graduated from high school and has a robust off-campus community surrounding our 2-mile campus which is utilized by most exchange students as well. **Housing resources** include: • **Off-Campus Life** is dedicated to supporting CU students as they seek off-campus housing. We encourage you to contact them to understand the off-campus options and resources available to exchange students. • On campus housing is **extremely limited**. **Bear Creek Apartments** or **Code Talker Hall** are the best options for international exchange students.
Cost of Living	Estimated cost of living for a semester in Boulder: USD $12,143 • Students will need to show CU Boulder that they have at least this amount of money in financial support (from themselves, family, scholarships, etc.) in order to receive their immigration documents. (Optional): Anthem Gold Health Insurance - $2,648 View your program's information on what fees may or may not be covered within your exchange agreement. Estimated costs based on undergraduate nonresident budgets found on the Office of Financial Aid page.
Health Insurance	• Exchange students are required to have **health insurance** that meets US J-1 visa requirements. Exchange students may purchase **campus health insurance** or use their insurance from home if it meets the Visa requirements. Students must have proof of insurance. The CU Gold SHIP Plan health insurance meets visa requirements and may be purchased. • Students who plan to use their current insurance while in Boulder are encouraged to add the supplemental BuffCare Coverage Program.
Coursework Requirements	• Law students must enroll in a minimum of 10 credits. A comprehensive list of past and present law school classes can be reviewed on the **law school's website**. Each law school credit is equivalent to 12.5 classroom minutes or direct faculty instruction per semester. • Law students attending CU Boulder during the Fall semester (August-December) are encouraged to enroll in the 2-credit "Introduction to US Law for LL.M.s" class. This class is held two weeks prior to the formal start of the fall semester and establishes an academic foundation in US law that will prove to be valuable over the course of the semester and in upper-level (non-doctrinal) law school classes. • Students are also encouraged to enroll in the regularly scheduled, 2-credit "Intro to U.S. Legal Practice: Legal Writing, Research, and Analysis for LL.M.s" class. • Colorado Law's exchange students are eligible for up to 12 advanced credits that can be counted towards Colorado Law's LL.M. degree program.

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Eligibility	Applicants who **meet the following criteria** may apply for the exchange program at CU Boulder: • Must be nominated by your home university • Must have completed at least two semesters of study at your home university as a degree-seeking law student • Have a minimum GPA of a 2.5 or higher • Meeting English Language Proficiency Requirements* as determined by the law school's **International Programs department and LL.M. Admissions** **Students from certain exchange partners may not have to submit proof of English language proficiency, including those based in English-speaking countries.*
Application Documents	**Student exchange applications** include: • An application form • A statement of purpose • A financial statement and supporting financial documentation • Official transcript • Passport copy • Proof of English language proficiency (*see Eligibility for more details*) Some departments/programs (Graduate School, MBA, Music, Architecture) require additional application materials.
Nomination Deadlines	Nomination deadlines for law school partners are: • **Fall nominations** must be received by **February 15** • **Spring nominations** must be received by **September 1** Further details on the exchange student nomination process can be found on the **Information for Partner Institutions** page.
Application Deadlines	Student application deadlines are: • **Fall applications** must be received by **March 15** • **Spring applications** must be received by **October 1**
Contact Information	• Website: **Student Exchanges** • For inbound students coming to CU Boulder: **exchangestudent@colorado.edu** • For partners: **exchangepartner@colorado.edu**