Be Boulder.
Be·Boulder

v. The act of reaching your fullest potential by surrounding yourself with a community that will support you, participating in experiences that will challenge you and living in an environment that will inspire you.
At the cornerstone of your experience at the University of Colorado Boulder are our innovative academic programs, hands-on opportunities and rigorous course work that will prepare you for a complex global society. Within our supportive learning community you’ll interact with our faculty—which includes Nobel laureates, MacArthur “Genius Grant” fellows, U.S. Professor of the Year awardees and National Medal of Science winners—who will be listening, questioning and helping you refine your ideas so you can develop a broad understanding of the world, strong leadership skills and an enhanced ability to think critically.
Programs of Study

- Music
- Education
- Arts and Sciences
- Preprofessional Study in Health and Law
- Business
- Engineering and Applied Science
- Media, Communication and Information
- Environmental Design
With seven degree plans and more than 23 fields of study, our programs cover virtually all areas of music.

The college’s outstanding music library contains more than 150,000 volumes, scores, recordings and periodicals.

Our faculty and alumni have received more than 30 Grammy awards and nominations.
College of Music

The College of Music is one of the country’s top public music programs. Our talented and active faculty of musicians, composers and scholars teach an impressive series of programs, ranging from performance to music theory.

Meet Dakota.

Music, 2018

Dakota, a music major in string performance, was selected to compete in the 2016 CU College of Music concerto competition and won the undergraduate category.
School of Education

The School of Education is a proud national leader, working professionally with colleagues and communities to deliver outstanding undergraduate and graduate programs for classroom teachers and future scholars alike.

Meet Megan.
Mathematics, 2012

Megan interned at the CU Boulder Museum of Natural History in its education department, giving tours and leading workshops for elementary school groups.
More than half of our alumni teach in Colorado public schools.

Our students gain more than 800 hours of field experience.

Our education students hold an average GPA of 3.30.

98.5% teacher licensure graduates employed or in graduate school within one year.
College of Arts and Sciences

The oldest and largest college at CU, the College of Arts and Sciences is the intellectual core of the university, conducting research, scholarship, creative work and education in more than 60 fields. Our research generates new knowledge, solving some of the world’s most critical problems.

- The college offers 50 majors, 25 minors and 10 certificate programs
- 10 different Residential Academic Programs are offered to students during their first year at CU Boulder
- All majors in the college are able to study abroad with programs in 65 countries
- The college has had five Nobel laureates on its faculty—four in physics and one in chemistry
Meet Renee.
Creative Writing & Film, 2016

Renee is one of only 15 students in 2016 to be accepted into Columbia University's MFA program in screenwriting.
The William A. Wise Law Library is the most comprehensive law library in the 12-state Rocky Mountain region.
Preprofessional Study Programs in Health and Law

The preprofessional study programs in health and law prepare undergraduate students for future advanced education in their field of interest through specialized advising, resources and networking opportunities—all of which help to determine if it is the right fit.

CU hosts one of the largest law fairs in the country, assembling more than 100 law school deans of admissions and directors each year.

The pre-law office hosts Tuesday Talks, inviting attorneys from around the country to speak.

The pre-law office is directed by a law school dean emeritus of career development.

260 freshmen and sophomores interested in medical professions participate in the Health Professions RAP.
Leeds School of Business

The Leeds School of Business is the top-ranked Colorado business school offering undergraduate, master’s and doctoral business programs. It is one of the best business schools in the Rocky Mountain and Midwest regions of the U.S.

94% of 2015 graduates were placed in a job within three months of graduation.

88% of Leeds internships are paid.

8 global initiative programs give students the opportunity to travel and learn about international business.

About 200 students participate in the Leeds First-Year Global Experience program yearly—offered in 10 countries.
Meet Blake.
Finance, 2017

As a sophomore, Blake was able to land a senior-level finance internship with Northwestern Mutual, one of the top 10 internship opportunities in the nation.
Four undergraduate programs are ranked in the top 20. #1 top-ranked engineering school in the Rocky Mountain region. 48% of engineering students receive college scholarships and campus aid.

Engineers Without Borders began in 2000 at CU and has grown to 206 chapters in 34 countries.
College of Engineering and Applied Science

The College of Engineering and Applied Science offers the top-ranked engineering programs in Colorado and the entire Rocky Mountain region, with a full range of degree programs that emphasize hands-on, active learning and a tradition of research excellence.

The Idea Forge

The Idea Forge is a flexible, cross-disciplinary collaborative space where students imagine, design, create and test products and solutions to meet a wide range of needs.
354 internships through CMCI in 2015–16

Six student media outlets, including CU Independent and Radio 1190

110+ cameras available to students

Four affiliated centers and labs, including BoulderTalks and the Media Archaeology Lab
The College of Media, Communication and Information prepares students to be leaders in our ever-changing information society. Our students and faculty think across boundaries, innovate around emerging problems and create culture that transcends convention.

Meet Joy. 
Broadcasting Journalism & English, 2018

Joy, who is in the process of starting a podcast program with CMCI students, is also a cheerleader for CU Boulder.
Program in Environmental Design

The Program in Environmental Design fosters an innovative interdisciplinary education to prepare students for practice and advanced study in numerous design-based fields, as well as to apply design thinking to a variety of other possible careers.

The BTU Lab

The BTU Lab is a project and teaching lab and "hackerspace" located in the Environmental Design Building.
FIFA has hired ENVD alumnus Dan Meis to design the 2022 World Cup Qatar stadiums in Doha.

ENVD houses a state-of-the-art Design Fabrication Lab that includes woodworking tools, metal welding and shaping equipment.

ENVD alumnus David Tryba and his award-winning firm Tryba Architects are designing the new Google Boulder Campus.

ENVD won first place for a solar-powered house design at two U.S. Department of Energy Solar Decathlons.
Majors & Programs of Study

Customize your degree.
With more than 3,800 academic courses across 150 fields of study, you can create an academic experience that is totally unique to you. Learn about your options below.

Majors
Your major is your primary field of study. We currently offer 84 undergraduate, 71 master’s and 64 doctorate majors.

Open Option
As a first-year student, you can select an “open option” major on your application to the College of Engineering and Applied Science, Leeds School of Business or College of Arts and Sciences—allowing you time to explore different options during your first year of study.

Minors
A minor is an optional, secondary field of study that you can add once you have declared a major. This is usually a study area that is either personally interesting to you or one that will add a specific area of expertise to your degree. We currently offer more than 30 minors.

Certificates
A certificate is also optional and can be added once you have declared a major. We currently offer 68 certificate programs that you can choose from to add to your major. Forty-one of the certificates are offered at the graduate level and 29 are offered at the undergraduate level.

Double Degrees
A double degree can be two different degrees from the same college or school (e.g., a BA and BFA from the College of Arts and Sciences), or two degrees from different colleges or schools (e.g., a BA from the College of Arts and Sciences and a BS from the College of Engineering and Applied Science).

Concurrent Degrees
Concurrent degrees are five-year combined bachelor’s and master’s degree programs. We currently offer 33 concurrent degree options.

Leeds School of Business
All students major in business administration with an emphasis in one of the areas listed below.

- Business Administration
- Accounting
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing

Preprofessional Study in Health Sciences and Law
Pre-med and pre-law are not majors at CU Boulder. Preprofessional advisors are available to help you explore law, medicine or other health programs and will help you prepare for law school or a health-care-related professional school.

We recommend choosing a major that you are interested in—ideally one that you are passionate about—because while your major does not affect your chances of admission to a professional program, how well you do—and the grades you earn—does.

Program in Environmental Design
All students major in environmental design and, through one of the emphases below, work toward a Bachelor of Environmental Design as preparation for entry into graduate and professional degree programs as well as the workplace.

- Environmental Design
- Architecture
- Design Studies
- Landscape Architecture
- Planning/Urban Design

College of Media, Communication and Information

- Communication
- Information Science
- Journalism
- Media Production
- Media Studies
- Strategic Communication
- Advertising
- Media Design
- Public Relations
College of Music

Arts in Music
Music
  Brass & Percussion
  Composition
  Jazz Studies
  Keyboard
  Musicology
  Strings
  Voice
  Woodwinds
  Music Education

School of Education

Leadership & Community Engagement
Elementary Education

The school also offers a teacher licensure program that candidates complete concurrently with their bachelor’s degree to earn their licensure. Students can explore education courses and apply during their freshman year to be potentially admitted to the school in their sophomore year.

College of Arts and Sciences

Anthropology
Art History
Art Practices
Asian Studies
Astronomy
Atmospheric & Oceanic Sciences
Biochemistry
Chemistry
Chinese
Classics
Computer Science
Dance
Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Economics
English
Environmental Studies
Ethnic Studies
Film Studies
French
Geography
Geology
German Studies
History

Humanities
Integrative Physiology
International Affairs
Italian
Japanese
Jewish Studies
Linguistics
Mathematics
Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology
Neuroscience
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences
Theatre
Women’s Studies
Be surrounded.

Located at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, the city of Boulder is a leading force in research, technology and entrepreneurship—a place where innovation happens. At the heart of the city, CU Boulder produces some of the best and brightest in these industries and is a primary source of Colorado’s highly skilled workforce. Our talented faculty, students and alumni are leading the way for the next generation by inspiring innovative, humanitarian and social enterprises.

#1 city to start a business
(Forbes, 2015)

#2 most innovative tech hub in the U.S.
(Forbes, 2015)

#1 metro area for female entrepreneurship
(Fast Company, 2015)

#1 smartest city in the nation
(MarketWatch, 2015)
Boulder at dusk

Photo taken from the Flagstaff Mountain overlook facing north.
Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art
Each season BMoCA’s galleries are transformed by a new group of world-renowned artists.

Google Boulder
Newly opened in 2015 and offering employment opportunities across multiple fields.

Twitter (Gnip) Boulder
A friendly office focused on making social data accessible and actionable.

Celestial Seasonings
Offering tours and a tea shop featuring exotic flavors from around the world.

Dushanbe Teahouse
One of 120+ unique restaurants in Boulder.

Chautauqua Park
Chautauqua Park provides access to Open Space Mountain Park trails.

Denver ➡️
Just a free 30-minute bus ride away.
CU students developed the nation’s first college recycling program

#5 in the nation for graduates serving as Peace Corps volunteers

CU’s Volunteer Resource Center collaborates with nearly 300 community organizations in the Boulder/Denver area

400 study abroad programs in 65 countries
Be inspired.

At CU Boulder, the hard work happening in our classrooms, labs, recital halls and studios is passionately balanced with enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. We have one of the most active college campuses in the nation, where recreation, sports and student groups play key roles in the unique CU Boulder experience. Within our inclusive community, you’ll find many ways to get involved and make lifelong friends. And, you will have the opportunity to serve the greater good through volunteerism and civic engagement, whether it’s around the world or across the street.

Meet Arturo.
Electrical & Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering & Applied Math, 2019

Traveled to Las Delicias, Panama, as a foreign student and left as a member of the community.
Meet Rayme.
Women’s Studies, 1994

Proud owner of Comida Cantina, a Colorado food truck and restaurant, and home to some of the best tacos in town.
CU Boulder graduates continue to Be Boulder as they enter the workforce or begin their graduate school education. With their hands-on experience, world-class education and the ability to think critically, globally and creatively, they benefit from a strong salary potential, high employment rates and the opportunity to find and excel in a career they are passionate about.

6 months after graduation, CU Boulder alumni are:

- **95%** employed, in graduate school, volunteering or in military service
- **85%** satisfied or extremely satisfied with their job

CU Boulder graduates earn competitive salaries

- **$50,000** median STARTING salary of students with bachelor’s degrees
- **$89,900** median CAREER salary of students with bachelor’s degrees
Explore Boulder

There are so many ways to explore CU Boulder! No matter which way you choose—a quick spin through our virtual tour, a few hours on campus one morning or afternoon, or a whole day—just make sure you take some time to experience one of the best places to live in America.

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Be here.
Admissions & Cost

The CU Boulder Tuition Guarantee

We provide a high-quality educational experience backed by a predictable, four-year tuition rate for all of our undergraduate students.

All new undergraduate students receive a four-year tuition guarantee during their initial enrollment, enabling students and their families to accurately predict the total tuition cost of going to CU Boulder. Our goal is to help eliminate the uncertainty of what a CU Boulder degree will cost and to shift financial risks related to changes in the economy from students and families to the university.

Estimated Costs (Resident)

- Tuition & fees: $11,531
- On-campus room & board: $13,590
- Books & supplies: $1,800
- Total: $26,921*

Estimated Costs (Nonresident)

- Tuition & fees: $35,079
- On-campus room & board: $13,590
- Books & supplies: $1,800
- Total: $50,469*

* Estimated annual cost based on an undergraduate student attending the College of Arts and Sciences for two semesters (fall and spring) of full-time attendance. Tuition and fees vary by college and school. Course fees may also apply. For the most current costs, visit bursar.colorado.edu.

Funding Your Education

Each year, more than half of CU Boulder students apply for and receive some form of aid, which could include federal and state grants, loans, work-study and institutional or private scholarships. You’ll be considered automatically for the scholarships below if you complete an admission application by the January 15 application deadline. Visit colorado.edu/scholarships for more information.

Colorado Resident Merit Scholarships

The CU Boulder Esteemed Scholars Program ($10,000, $14,000 or $20,000) is an automatic consideration merit scholarship program recognizing the outstanding academic achievements of top Colorado residents. Recipients will be awarded one of three awards based on a combination of GPA and test scores.

The Arts & Humanities Gold Scholarship ($8,000) is granted to incoming resident students who are admitted to an eligible arts or humanities major and is based on high academic achievement.

The Regent Scholarship is available to entering freshmen who graduate from Colorado high schools and is based on high academic achievement.

Nonresident Merit Scholarships

The Presidential Scholarship ($55,000) is an automatic consideration scholarship available to students who are in the top 1 to 3 percent of the admitted nonresident class at CU Boulder.

The Chancellor’s Achievement Scholarship ($25,000) is an automatic consideration scholarship available to students who are in the top 25 percent of the admitted nonresident class at CU Boulder.

The Arts & Humanities Achievement Scholarship ($12,000) is granted to incoming nonresident students who are admitted to an eligible arts or humanities major and is based on high academic achievement.
Admitted Freshmen Fall 2016 credentials for the middle 50% 

- **GPA**: 3.44–4.0
- **Percentile**: 68–93
- **ACT Composite**: 25–31
- **SAT (Math and Critical Reading)**
  - Prior to March 2016: 1120–1320
- **SAT (Math and Evidence-Based Reading & Writing)**
  - March 2016 and beyond: 1190–1380

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