

Institutional Profile

2011-2012

Colorado State University is a land-grant institution and a Carnegie Research University (Very High Research Activity). CSU was founded as the Colorado Agricultural College in 1870, six years before the Colorado Territory gained statehood. It was one of 68 land-grant colleges established under the Morrill Act of 1862. The doors opened to a freshman class of 20 students in 1879. In 1935, the school became the Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, or Colorado A&M, and was renamed Colorado State University in 1957.

Location

- Fort Collins is a midsize city of approximately 144,000.
- Located in northern Colorado at the western edge of the Great Plains and at the base of the Rocky Mountains
- *Money Magazine* ranked Fort Collins as the sixth “Best Place to Live” in America for 2010.

Colleges

- College of Agricultural Sciences
- College of Applied Human Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Engineering
- College of Liberal Arts
- College of Natural Sciences
- College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- Warner College of Natural Resources

Enrollment

- About 30,000 total students and 27,000 resident-instruction students
- From every state and more than 85 countries
- Colorado residents comprise 80% of all students.
- 14 percent of U.S. students are ethnic minorities.
- Entering freshman class of about 4,350 students
- About 1,350 new transfer students
- The average entering freshman ranks in the 73rd percentile, brings a 3.56 grade-point average, and has an average ACT composite score of 24.5 or an SAT combined score of 1,134.

Faculty

- 1,540 faculty members
- 1,000 faculty on tenure-track appointments
- 99 percent of tenure-track faculty hold terminal degrees.
- The student-faculty ratio is 18 to 1.

Other Employees

- 2,300 administrative professionals (900 are research associates)
- 2,035 state-classified personnel
- 1,600 graduate assistants
- 175 post doctorates
- Fort Collins’ largest employer

Student Life

- 412 student organizations
- 35 honor societies
- 18 percent of the student population participates in intramural sports.
- 5 percent of the student population joins one of 23 fraternities or 14 sororities.

Residence Life

- 13 residence halls with a capacity of about 5,350 students
- 609 apartment units for students with families
- 299 apartments for graduate students

Libraries

- Library holdings include more than 2 million books, bound journals, and government documents.
- Access to more than 430,000 electronic resources, including e-journals, e-books, and research databases available at <http://lib.colostate.edu>
- 320 desktop PCs plus more than 239 laptop computers (Macs and PCs), iPads, video cameras, and specialized calculators are available for checkout.
- An expedited interlibrary loan service, including desktop delivery of articles

University Honors Program

- Outstanding academics that feature superb students and faculty, small classes including seminars that fulfill half of the University’s general education requirement, and a senior-year creative activity, Honors thesis, mentored by faculty.
- The Academic Village and Edwards Hall are residential learning communities that include seminar rooms, the Honors office suite, and the Fireside Lounge. This small community provides students with individual attention and support and fosters learning, social interaction, and an ethic of involvement in University life.

Degrees Awarded – 2010-11

- About 6,173 degrees were awarded.
- 4,433 bachelor’s degrees were awarded in 65 fields.
- 1,399 master’s degrees were awarded in 55 fields.
- 204 doctoral degrees were awarded in 40 fields.
- 137 professional degrees were awarded in Veterinary Medicine.

Tuition, Fees and Housing

- Average undergraduate tuition and fees for 2011-2012 are \$8,042 for Colorado residents.
- Average undergraduate tuition and fees are \$23,742 for nonresidents.
- Room and board are \$8,836 (standard room and meal option).



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University Center for the Arts

- 300 world-class music, theatre and dance performances; exhibitions; and high-profile arts events annually
- Facilities include the new University Center for the Arts with the Runyan Music Hall, Griffin Concert Hall, University Theatre and Studio Theatre, Dance Theatre, the Organ Recital Hall, University Art Museum, and the Avenir Museum of Design and Merchandising.

Outreach

- CSU Extension provides services in 59 of 64 Colorado counties and delivers community development and university-based information and education, including 4-H and Master Gardener programs.
- The 17 district offices of the Colorado State Forest Service provide forest landowners with information and technical assistance on forest management, wildfire protection, urban and community forestry, and conservation education.
- The Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station conducts site-specific research on agriculture and related issues through its eight off-campus research centers.
- Through online education and classrooms along the Front Range, CSU OnlinePlus from the Division of Continuing Education provides degrees and certificates that deliver the University's academic excellence in flexible formats for working professionals.
- The Colorado Water Institute focuses academic water expertise on the evolving water conditions faced by Colorado citizens.

Athletics

- A member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at the Division I Level – Mountain West Conference
- Sponsors 16 intercollegiate sports programs
- Athletic facilities include Sonny Lubick Field at Hughes Stadium (capacity 32,500) and Moby Arena (capacity 8,745).
- \$20 million, 66,267-square-foot indoor practice facility and brand-new Academic and Training Center opened in the fall of 2009
- The Colorado State volleyball team has now advanced to 16 straight NCAA Tournaments, including the 2009 Sweet 16.
- CSU football won its fifth bowl game in program history in 2008, defeating Fresno State in the New Mexico Bowl. The Rams were receiving votes in the national polls after opening the 2009 campaign 3-0.

Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence

- Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory
- Center for Extreme Ultraviolet (EUV) Science and Technology
- Center for Interdisciplinary Mathematics and Statistics (CIMS)
- Center for Meat Safety and Quality
- Center for Research on Communication and Technology
- Department of Atmospheric Science
- Department of Occupational Therapy
- Engines and Energy Conversion Laboratory
- Graduate and Research Program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Graduate and Research Program in Chemical and Molecular Sciences and Technology
- Graduate Degree Program in Ecology
- Human Performance/Clinical Research Laboratory
- Institute of Applied Prevention Research
- Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Neuroscience Program
- Musculoskeletal Research Program
- Natural Resources Ecology Laboratory (NREL)
- Program in Molecular Plant Biology
- Water Resources and Environmental Engineering
- Wheat Research – Outreach and Education Program

International Programs

- Internationally-active faculty with a distinguished history of involvement in international programs and research
- Nearly 1,400 foreign students and scholars from more than 85 countries who are engaged in academic work and research on campus
- Over 980 students per year participate in educational programs and international field experiences in over 70 countries.
- Consistently one of the top-ranking universities in the nation for the recruitment of Peace Corps volunteers
- Unique programs offer students opportunities to internationalize their on-campus studies.

University Budget

- A 2011-12 education and general budget of \$432.9 million
- A 2011-12 total budget of \$866.9 million, which includes \$43.9 million of indirect cost recoveries that are included in contracts and grants budgeted funds

Research

- Annual research expenditures of \$302.9 million in FY10
- \$49.1 million from non-federal external sources, \$211.7 million from federal sources, and \$42.1 from local funds

University Distinguished Professors

- Barry Beaty, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Patrick Brennan, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Edward Hoover, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Jan Leach, Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management
- Karolin Luger, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- C. Wayne McIlwraith, Clinical Sciences
- Ian Orme, Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology
- Jorge Rocca, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Physics
- Bernard Rollin, Philosophy, Biomedical Sciences, Animal Sciences
- George E. Seidel, Biomedical Sciences
- John Sofos, Animal Sciences
- Thomas Vonder Haar, Atmospheric Science
- Diana Wall, Biology, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, NREL
- Robert Williams, Chemistry
- Stephen Withrow, Clinical Sciences

University Distinguished Teaching Scholars

- Ken Barbarick, Soil and Crop Sciences
- Pattie Cowell, English
- Rich Feller, School of Education
- K. Douglas Hoffman, Marketing
- Paul A. Kennedy, Mathematics
- Kate Kiefer, English
- Nancy Levinger, Chemistry
- Mike Palmquist, English
- Erica Suchman, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pathology
- Stephen Thompson, Chemistry
- Ray Whalen, Biomedical Sciences
- Toni Schindler Zimmerman, Human Development and Family Studies

Other Facts

- CSU is ranked 124 of 262 national universities in the *U.S. News and World Report's* rankings of "America's Best Colleges and Universities."
- The Professional Veterinary Medicine program is tied for third in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report* and is ranked first in the country in federal research dollars.