Accreditation

All academic and professional degrees and all course credits earned at Colorado State University are accredited by The Higher Learning Commission through regional accreditation.

Many of CSU's academic programs are accredited through professional organizations in their disciplines. Details are available on the pages for individual Degree Programs or at a summary of programmatic accreditations (http://www.accreditation.colostate.edu/accreditations-academic.aspx). A comprehensive list of accredited academic programs may be found on CSU's Accreditation website (http://accreditation.colostate.edu/accreditations-academic.aspx).

Assessment of Program Quality and Continuous Improvement

Academic degree programs are periodically reviewed through an internal process to assure the high quality expected of a CSU degree. Each degree program defines meaningful student learning outcome goals that identify the specific knowledge, competencies, skills, abilities, and values that students should be able to demonstrate upon completion. Defensible standards for evaluating whether students are achieving those goals are established. Appropriate methods for the assessment of student learning outcomes may include meaningful and rigorous faculty evaluation of goal achievement or external benchmarking, and graduation rates. Departments collect data to analyze how well prepared students are for successful careers, meaningful lives, and further education. Relevant kinds of data may include retention and graduation rates, first destination of students after graduation, and post-graduation civic participation.