HOW TO APPLY

Undergraduate Applicants: How to Apply

The information below applies both to domestic and international undergraduate applicants.

Application Materials

All applicants for admission must submit an online application, $50 application fee or fee waiver request, and academic transcripts. Most freshman/first-year applicants also are required to submit test scores, a personal statement, and recommendation(s). Additional information may be requested for the full review of an applicant’s eligibility.

Refer to the appropriate application guides (http://admissions.colostate.edu/applying-to-csu) for details.

Application Fee or Fee Waiver

An application fee is required as part of a complete application; a decision cannot be rendered without it. If payment of the application fee presents a financial hardship (http://admissions.colostate.edu/2017/02/27/qualify-fee-waiver-enrollment-deferral), applicants can request a fee waiver.

Application fee refund policy (http://admissions.colostate.edu/refund-waiver-policies) is available on the Office of Admissions website.

High School Transcript and proof of graduation (or equivalent)

High school transcripts are an important part of the admission decision for all freshman/first-year applicants and transfer applicants with fewer than 30 post-high school credits.

High school transcripts for transfer applicants with more than 30 post-high school credits are considered only when needed to satisfy the admission requirement in mathematics (http://admissions.colostate.edu/requirementinmathematics).

All freshman/first year applicants and transfers with fewer than 60 post-high school credits must submit proof of graduation or equivalent at the point of admission or as soon as the credential is conferred if after admission.

ACT/SAT results

ACT or SAT results are required for freshman/first-year applicants who are under age 23 or who have been out of high school for fewer than five years. Applicants educated outside the U.S. are encouraged but not required to submit ACT or SAT results.

Transfer applicants are encouraged but not required to submit ACT or SAT results for placement purposes if they have not yet taken a transferable college composition course.

We accept SAT results for exams administered prior to March 2016 as well as SAT results from the redesigned test. Refer to the 2016 SAT Redesign (http://admissions.colostate.edu/apply/2016-sat-redesign) for more information.

College Transcript(s)

An original, official college transcript (http://admissions.colostate.edu/submitting-documents) from each college attended is required, regardless of the type of institution, amount or type of credit earned, and age of the credential, even if the work will be reflected in transfer on another transcript. No part of the previous collegiate record may be disregarded. Failure to include all institutions previously attended is a serious offense that may result in the rescinding of admission, loss of credit, or disenrollment. Transcripts reflecting courses taken at vocational-technical institutes or colleges that are not regionally accredited can be helpful documentation and may be required, though they do not qualify an applicant for transfer applicant status or advanced-standing credit.

Freshman/first-year applicants typically are required to submit an official college transcript at the point of application only if college enrollment is being used as their full-time high school curriculum. Refer to College-Level Courses Completed by High School Students for additional information.

Advanced standing credit (transfer credit) is only awarded from an original, official transcript.

International Applicants: Additional Requirements

In addition to the documents outlined above, applicants who have completed part or all of their education outside of the US also may be prompted to submit the following:

- A certified English translation of any academic credentials not in English
- Evidence of English Proficiency (http://admissions.colostate.edu/internationalstudentshome/englishproficiency) to be considered for direct admission
- Financial support documentation and passport copies for visa documentation

Application Timelines

Students can begin their enrollment during the fall semester (August start), spring semester (January start) or summer term (May/June start; not recommended for freshman/first-year students).

Applications typically open 10-12 months prior to the first day of classes for the term. Freshman/first-year applicants must have completed at least 75% of their high school curriculum (through junior year equivalent) before a decision can be rendered; transfer applicants must have no more than one academic term in progress when a decision is rendered. Second bachelor’s/post-bachelor candidates must be finished with their first degree or in their final term of enrollment with degree pending for a decision to be rendered.

Timelines specific to each applicant type and term are reflected in the application guides (http://admissions.colostate.edu/applying-to-csu).