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Colorado Exchange Program

Colorado State University, in cooperation with the Colorado School of Mines, the University of Northern Colorado, and the University of Colorado, provides tuition-free instruction for graduate students through a reciprocal agreement. The following conditions must be met to qualify for the program:

1. The graduate student is registered and paying full tuition and fees at the home institution.
2. The course requested is part of a regular load – not an overload.
3. The student is pursuing a program leading to an advanced degree. All courses requested must be required for the degree program or a prerequisite for one of the required courses.
4. The course is not offered on the student’s own campus when that student can take advantage of it.
5. The request is presented prior to the registration for the semester the term course is to be taken.
6. The request is presented any term except graduation semester.
7. A separate request form is completed for each course taken.
8. Space is available.

Tuition and fees for such registrations will be assessed as though the courses were taken on the CSU campus. Credits so earned may count toward fulfillment of degree requirements within the limits set by the student’s department, graduate committee, and the Graduate School. Credits earned at Colorado institutions in cooperative programs approved by the Graduate School at CSU may not exceed 49 percent of the total credits presented for an advanced degree. Credits used to fulfill degree requirements at one of the other institutions may not be used to fulfill requirements at CSU.

Additional information and registration forms are available in the Registrar’s Office (http://registrar.colostate.edu).

Collaborative Degree Program

A collaborative degree is one that partners a CSU graduate program with a similar graduate program at an international university in order to allow students to transfer credits between the two programs and earn a degree at CSU. Both CSU and international students must earn a minimum of 60% of the degree credits at CSU and the remaining credits at the international university in either a master’s or PhD degree.

The coursework for the degree program offered at the collaborating university must meet CSU standards. The courses accepted for transfer from the collaborating university to the CSU program must be equivalent in credit and content. These courses must be listed, evaluated and approved by the CSU department offering the degree; these courses must provide similar content and student learning outcomes and be reflected in the course syllabi as such. The coursework/syllabi that will be transferred from the collaborating university must be translated into English by the collaborating university for evaluation purposes.

International universities, colleges, or degree granting institutions must be invited to participate in a Collaborative Degree Program by a CSU program department. Such institutions must be accredited by a major regional accrediting agency in order to be eligible to participate in a Collaborative Degree Program. An agreement must be signed between CSU and the collaborating university that specifies the conditions of the agreement such as admission and pathway requirements, number of students eligible to participate, insurance, travel, enrollment, and other administrative issues. Collaborative degree students must meet all Graduate School admission and degree requirements. (See the Graduate School website (http://www.graduateschool.colostate.edu) for more details.) The agreement must be reviewed and approved by the following individuals from CSU: Dean, Department Head, and Program Director of the program wishing to create a Collaborative Degree Program; Legal Counsel; International Programs; Provost; Graduate School; individuals from the international university that have the authority to sign in support of the Collaborative Degree Program on behalf of the collaborating university. When a student is completing a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation an additional agreement/Cotutelle must also be completed and signed by the relevant parties that specifies the co#direction of the work and other pedagogical and publication#related issues. When students meet the requirements for the Collaborative Degree Program, CSU independently confers the degree. The collaborating university may also independently confer a degree. A review process to monitor the quality and outcomes of the Collaborative Degree Program will be established by the department. Data will be reported to the College Dean and Graduate School or as stipulated in the review process.