ABOUT CSU

One of the nation’s top public research universities, Colorado State University touches the lives of people in Colorado, across the nation, and around the world through our mission of access, discovery, and engagement.

Inspired by our land-grant heritage, Colorado State University is committed to excellence, setting the standard for public research universities in teaching, research, service and extension for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado, the United States and the world. And we do it in an environment of accountability and responsibility, grounded in integrity, equity, and transparency.

Last fall, CSU welcomed more than 32,000 students, 69 percent of whom are Colorado residents and 26 percent of whom come from diverse backgrounds. The university also hosts some 1,700 international students typically from more than 100 countries, while more than 1,500 students typically participate in education abroad. All of these students come to CSU join our inclusive and welcoming community.

Committed to excellence, the university offers 76 undergraduate degree programs; 159 master’s degree programs, 56 of which also are offered online; 74 doctoral programs, 6 of which are online; and 47 graduate certificates, 42 of which are available online. We have a student:faculty ratio of 17:1, which means that our extraordinary teachers in all disciplines interact with our students directly, whether in the classroom, the lab, or the field. World-class teaching and research mean academic programs that consistently rank among the best in the nation and world.

Colorado State University is designated as a Carnegie R1 (very high research activity) institution, with $407 million in sponsored research. We are recognized internationally for our work in such diverse and critical fields as cancer research, atmospheric science, animal science, climate change, forest and wildlife management, engineering, and water management.

The CSU Office of Engagement applies research via CSU Online, CSU Extension, and the Colorado Water Center by connecting communities with shared solutions through education, research, and leadership.

Colorado State University is also, proudly, the most sustainable university in the country and one of the most sustainable in the world. We were the first university in the nation to receive a Platinum designation – the highest available – from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, and we earned our third Platinum rating in 2020.

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