Welcome to Colorado State University! You have joined an academic community that is proudly inclusive, on a campus where you will meet mentors and life-long friends. Alongside those new friends and guided by those mentors, you will reach for extraordinary goals: To become scholars. To become researchers. To become leaders. To become engaged contributors to our world and shared future.

At CSU, our goal is to help you achieve these goals. This General Catalog will help you navigate that journey, including the timelines and deadlines, choices, and decisions you must make as you pursue your CSU degree. The General Catalog also is the best place to find the answers to questions you may have about university operations and protocols.

Of course, there are questions you won't find answered here, or questions that may not have just one right answer. What's the one class I should absolutely sign up for this semester? What academic major will most excite and energize me? What do I want to do with my life once I leave campus? How can I begin to make an impact on the world while I am still on campus?

For these questions, I urge you to engage with our tremendously talented and passionate faculty and staff. Go to office hours. Make—and keep—regular appointments with your advisor. Ask for help whenever you need it, over email or after class, in tutoring centers and the library. Then come back to this General Catalog to ensure you’re on the right track for where you’ve chosen to go.

We are so excited to welcome you to CSU. We are here to support you in your pursuit of your most ambitious goals and dreams, and we know you will achieve them, becoming the scholars, researchers, leaders and engaged citizens whom we need in our world, today and tomorrow. Go Rams!

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