Colorado State promotes the integration of classroom education with hands-on learning experiences. We believe in giving students the opportunity to practice what is learned in the classroom in ways that will deepen understanding and broaden perspectives.

UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM

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Program Philosophy

The University Honors Program, established in 1957, is a special learning community that offers extraordinary students a wide range of enriching educational experiences. Hallmarks of the program include small classes and interdisciplinary seminars taught by some of the University’s finest teachers, individualized academic advising, faculty-mentored research and other creative activities, an optional residential learning community in the Academic Village, early registration for classes, co-curricular activities, a scholarship for students who enter the program in the freshman year, and assistance with applications for prestigious post-graduate awards. Approximately 1,450 students participate in the program where they receive a world class education, enjoy the personalized attention typically found at a small college, and benefit from the resources and diversity of a nationally acclaimed research university.

Main Features

University Honors Core Curriculum. Two curricular options provide enriched educational experiences for high ability students in all majors. The Track 1 curriculum, designed for entering first-year students is composed of four Honors seminars, two Honors courses in the major, and a faculty-mentored senior year creative activity (thesis). Completing Track 1 fulfills nearly half of Colorado State University’s All University Core Curriculum. Participating in the Honors program provides for a more enriched and rewarding education without extending the time to graduation.

The Track 2 curriculum, designed for continuing or transfer students, is composed of four to five Honors courses (15 credits) in the major and a faculty-mentored senior year creative activity (thesis). Students who have completed 15+ credits at college level and have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average are eligible to apply. Entering first-year students who transfer 30+ credits that already satisfy many AUCC categories through AP, IB, or college courses are eligible for Track 2.

The two Honors Core Curricula are found in the University-Wide Instructional Programs section of this catalog.

Graduating as a University Honors Scholar. Students who complete the Honors requirements and achieve at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average earn the prestigious designation of University Honors Scholar. Scholars are recognized at graduation, and the University Honors Scholar designation appears on their diplomas and transcripts. For more information on graduation as a University Honors Scholar, see the section on Graduation Requirements and Procedures in this catalog.

Admission to the Program. The application and selection process, which targets high school seniors and transfer students, is designed to attract an Honors class that represents high academic achievement, diversity of life experiences, and great promise for contributing to the Honors and University communities. Typically, 390 first-year students enroll in the Honors Program each year. Currently enrolled CSU students may also apply to the University Honors Program after their first semester of college, and high-achieving transfer students are invited to apply.

The Honors Residential Learning Community. The optional Honors Residential Learning Community (HRLC) is located in the Academic Village and in Edwards Residence Hall. It links in-class and out-of-class student learning through residence life experiences and special programs. Students, especially first-year students, are encouraged to take advantage of this special opportunity. The HRLC is home to the Honors Office and classrooms that are used for seminars, special lectures, study sessions, and a wide variety of co-curricular activities. The 24/7 Fireside Lounge is located near the Program Office in the Academic Village.
Broadening Your Horizons

The Honors Merit Scholarship. All new freshmen who have been admitted to, confirm to the program, and participate in the University Honors program receive a renewable scholarship. Students who remain in good standing with the University Honors Program and meet the minimum GPA requirement for continuation of the honors merit scholarship will receive the scholarship for four years.

HONORARY SOCIETIES

By promoting, advancing, and recognizing the top scholars of our campus community, honorary societies assist students in their pursuit of academic excellence. For more information, see the Graduation Requirements and Procedures chapter of this catalog or provost.colostate.edu/honorcsu.

ENHANCEMENTS TO YOUR MAJOR

Students may broaden their academic horizons at Colorado State by adding a second major, a minor, an interdisciplinary studies program, or a second or third language to their courses of study. Students may take advantage of pre-medical, pre-veterinary, and pre-law advising and clubs. More detail can be found in the Degree Programs chapter of this catalog. Another way to broaden academic horizons is to do an independent study. Information about Independent Study is found in the chapter on Advising and Registration.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND THEMED PROGRAMS

Housing & Dining Services offers Residential Learning Communities in many of the residence halls. These programs offer a unique residential experience consisting of special interest areas that help build positive communities with students who share similar academic or personal interests and/or lifestyles. There are nineteen Residential Learning Community options designed to be academic or co-curricular in their focus. These communities connect students with faculty and staff advisers who engage students in their learning and provide information about opportunities available at Colorado State University.

Arts and Creative Expression Community: Arts and Creative Expression is a Residential Learning Community (RLC) focused on providing community members experiences in the visual and performing arts and using the arts to serve the public. The ACE Community is housed in Parmelee Hall and requires students to enroll in in a 3 credit course “Advocacy in the Visual and Performing Arts.”

Engineering Residential Learning Community: This residential community in Academic Village and Edwards Hall offers Engineering students an academically supportive and fun environment. Residents can take advantage of design studios, collaborative work rooms, and an electronic classroom. This community is limited to Engineering majors only.

Equine Community: The College of Agricultural Sciences is well known for the sense of family and community it fosters. This residential floor in Edwards Hall is a natural extension of this sense of community. Residents can take advantage of exam reviews and club meetings that will be held periodically in common meeting rooms in Edwards. Students may learn about many extracurricular activities including: English Riding Club, Versatility Ranch Horse Club, Polo Team, Collegiate Horsemanship’s Association, Rodeo Club, Pre-Vet Club, Mountain Riders Club, and others. Being active and involved members of the community are important to students living in the Equine Community.

Global Village: The Global Village Residential Learning Community is an engaged community of learners bringing together International and Domestic students in a supportive, dynamic, and intentionally integrated living and learning environment. Students will receive personalized care and customized support from staff involved with the Global Village Community in order to feel welcomed, involved, and connected. The community aims to foster understanding of global cultures and experiences where students’ share a passion for exploring the world through ideas, courses, cultures, programs, and life experiences. Global Village is sponsored by the Center for Advising and Student Achievement, Residence Life, and INTO CSU.

Health and Exercise Science Community: At a school as big as Colorado State, finding your own niche is essential. In the Health and Exercise Science (HES) Community, you will live with other students who are taking the same classes, have similar career goals, and are interested in living an active and healthy lifestyle. It’s easy to walk down the hall to ask questions about homework and to
form study groups with floor mates. The HES Community, located in Corbett Hall, is the perfect place for students interested in majoring in Health and Exercise Science with concentrations in Health Promotion and Sports Medicine. This community is limited to HES majors only.

**Honors Learning Community:** See the description earlier in this chapter (page 1) under University Honors Program.

**College of Natural Sciences:** The College of Natural Sciences was the first college at Colorado State University to institute a residential learning community. For well over a decade, the community provided thousands of natural sciences majors with the opportunity to live with other students who share a common interest in science. Beginning in Fall 2014, students will experience this community in the brand new Laurel Village community. The CNS community in Laurel Village provides a positive and diverse learning environment for science students and offers classrooms, faculty & advising offices, study groups, fabulous social spaces to promote interaction among the students, and a wide variety of social & academic activities.

**Key Academic Community:** Key Academic Community is a first-year residential learning community of 152 students living together in Braiden Hall and co-enrolling in cluster courses in groups of 19. Students who participate in the Key Academic Community have the opportunity to build connections with faculty and staff, live with a close-knit group of students who share the values of the community, and develop leadership skills through campus and community programs. Key Academic Community students are dedicated to high standards for academic excellence combined with the support and resources needed for success, an appreciation for diversity, and involvement in campus activities.

**Key Explore Community:** The Key Explore Community is focused on providing students who have not yet declared a major the opportunity to explore their options at Colorado State University. One hundred fifty-two students will live together in Braiden Hall and enroll in three classes together. This group of undeclared students will have a chance to “create your own story” in order to understand how their interests, skills, identity, and experiences have shaped who they are. Additionally, students will have social, educational and community-oriented activities that help support where they are going with their major, career, and leadership paths. The Key Communities strive to create an environment committed to academic excellence, campus involvement, and a diverse and supportive environment.

**Key Health Professions Community:** The Key Health Professions Community is a first-year learning community intentionally focused on the exploration of human and animal health professions fields and academic achievement. Seventy-four students will live together on a designated floor in Braiden Hall and enroll in 3-4 classes together. In this community, students take advantage of group study opportunities, leadership development, and opportunities to build connections with faculty, staff and students. Students will participate in required academic study skills, personal enrichment, and health professions interest workshops to provide support for researching and making choices with their academic, career and leadership paths. The Key Communities strive to create an environment committed to academic excellence, campus involvement, and a diverse and supportive environment.

**Key Service Community:** The Key Service Community is a first-year residential learning community developed around the theme of “student leadership and civic engagement.” The Key Service Community comprises 74 students who live together in Braiden Hall and co-enroll in linked courses in groups of 19. In this community, students take advantage of year-long service opportunities while building connections with faculty and community organizations. Through discussion, service, and reflection, students develop a personal philosophy about their role in our world. Students also assess how they can contribute to a more civil society while becoming more active and positive role models within university life and beyond. A separate application form is required.

**Key Plus Community:** Key Plus is an academically focused living learning community at CSU but works more closely with students to develop strong leadership and career decision-making skills. Key Plus is an optional sophomore year program for students who participated in the Key Academic, Key Service, Key Explore or Key Health Professions Communities during their first year at CSU. Students in the Key Plus Community can apply to participate in one of two tracks: the Key Plus Learning Community or the Key Plus LEADS (Leaders Engaged in Academics, Diversity and Service) Community.

**The Key Plus Learning Community** is an honorary opportunity for a limited number of participants. Students must apply and be selected to participate in the program. There is an affiliated 1-credit class within the Learning Community and students have first option to live in the 4th floor Braiden Lofts. However students may also live off-campus and be involved in the Key Plus Learning Community by taking one of the affiliated 1-credit courses.
The Key Plus “Leaders Engaging in Academics, Diversity, and Service” or LEADS Community is also an honorary opportunity whereby participants do not enroll in the affiliated classes but do live in the 4th floor Braiden Lofts. Students in the LEADS Community are required to participate in 20 hours of leadership activities each semester. There are a limited number of spaces available in the LEADS Community. Students are able to select spaces on the floor after Learning Community students have signed up.

Leadership Development Community: This community in Durward Hall provides students with the opportunity to continue the development of their leadership skills through a variety of involvement opportunities. Students often become involved in service projects and learn about on-campus and community leadership opportunities.

Natural Resources and Sustainability (formerly Live Green) Community: This community in Summit Hall for Natural Resource students has a strong focus on the multidisciplinary aspects of creating a sustainable future for the planet. Students in the community will take a 1 credit “Natural Resources in Action” course and interact with faculty in a number of ways including service learning, an alternative spring break trip, and outdoor based events. This community is limited to Natural Resource majors only.

Living Substance Free: If you are committed to enjoying college without using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, this option in Summit and Westfall Halls offers an environment to support that decision. Students who choose to abstain from alcohol and/or drugs for personal, religious, or health reasons as well as those from alcoholic backgrounds or recovering from addictions, are invited to participate in this floor. A variety of social opportunities are offered to make this a fun and involved community. A separate application must be completed to be accepted into this community.

Second-Year Experience Community: In a co-sponsored initiative, Residence Life and Orientation and Transition Programs (OTP), the Year 2 @ CSU community will be offered in newly constructed Laurel Village. Forty suite-style rooms have been designated for students to live a community that is focused on the second year experience. Career workshops, outdoor adventure experiences, service learning projects and experiences will be part of this year long residential experience. This themed community will ask resident to sign a learning agreement. No class is required to participate in this community. Any current first year student is welcomed to apply to live in this exciting new community.

Transfer Communities in Braiden & Allison Halls: Transfer Programs @ CSU, in collaboration with Housing and Dining Services, is pleased to offer an exciting living opportunity for transfer students. The Transfer Residential Community, housed in both Braiden and Allison Halls are great options for transfer students who are new to CSU. These communities focus on easing your transition to CSU by enhancing connections with other students and the campus. They have all the conveniences of living on campus plus the benefit of living with others who can relate to the transfer student experience. To be a part of this great experience you must only indicate your interest in living in these communities on the Housing Applications.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A member of Campus Compact, CSU promotes programs that develop citizenship skills and values, including service learning and partnerships between the campus and community. CSU has been named a “Top Character-Building Institution” by the Templeton Foundation.

President’s Leadership Program (PLP)

The President’s Leadership Program is a fourteen credit leadership development experience consisting of three independent year-long (two semester) academic and experiential courses designed to explore the personal, organizational, and social dimensions of leadership through coursework, retreats, and service learning. Students must apply and be selected to participate in each year of the program. Successful completion of PLP can contribute to an interdisciplinary minor in leadership studies. For more information, visit slice.colostate.edu/plp.aspx.

Associated Students of Colorado State University (ASCSU)

ASCSU Complex  
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ASCSU is the student governing body that promotes the interests and welfare of the students. All Colorado State students taking at least one credit are members of Associated Students (ASCSU), provided that they have paid all fees required by their level of enrollment.
ASCSU’s president is the student representative on the Board of Governors of the CSU System, CSU’s governing board. ASCSU comprises three main branches: Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. ASCSU representatives are elected from the student population within their specific colleges and the Graduate School Council. ASCSU Cabinet represents all CSU student programs. Services provided by ASCSU include Ram Road Trips, RamRide, Ram Leadership Team, and the For-Ever-Green shirt program.

Closely affiliated with student government are student-faculty committees including the Board of Student Organization Funding (BSOF), Athletic Advisory Committee, Lory Student Center Governing Board, Student Health Advisory Committee, and Student Fee Review Board (SFRB).

In addition, ASCSU students are elected annually by Faculty Council as voting members to the following Faculty Council Standing Committees: the Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, the Committee on Libraries, the Committee on Scholarship, Research, and Graduate Education, the Committee on Strategic and Financial Planning, the Committee on Teaching and Learning, The Committee on University Programs, and the University Curriculum Committee.

College Councils

Students who have declared a major can contact their Dean’s Office in order to find out more about the College’s Student Council and the leadership opportunities it may afford. Students who have not declared a major should contact the Center for Advising and Student Achievement to get information about the Undeclared Leadership Council (see ulc.casa.colostate.edu).

RESEARCH AND CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Qualified undergraduate students have many opportunities to engage in research and creative activity while enrolled at Colorado State University. These opportunities allow students to enhance their education by working closely with a faculty mentor. Settings for these activities include laboratory, office, concert hall, and studio environments on campus. Some opportunities exist off campus, as well, at state and national laboratories located in and near Fort Collins. Students can identify faculty research and creative activity by contacting the Office of Undergraduate Research and Artistry at The Institute for Learning and Teaching (tilt.colostate.edu/oura), by searching departmental websites, or by contacting advisers or college and departmental offices. Students can then contact faculty who are willing to enlist undergraduates in their research and creative work. The amount of time spent in such activities varies but generally ranges from six to ten hours per week on average. Placement, time commitments, and qualifications are dependent upon an agreement between the student and faculty mentor.

More than 300 performances, exhibits, and arts events are staged each year, from an internationally-recognized poster show to student-produced theater and opera. Facilities include the Hatton and Cuffman Galleries, the Music Recital Hall, and the Lory Student Center Theatre. The University Center for the Arts houses the Edna Rizley Griffin Concert Hall (listed by the Denver Post as one of the top five places for live chamber music), the University Theatre, the Studio Theatre, the Runyan Music Hall, production support facilities, recital and rehearsal halls, dance performance space and studios, classrooms, and faculty offices. The campus culture at Colorado State is steeped in the performing arts.

Celebrate Undergraduate Research & Creativity (CURC)

The achievements of students in the areas of research and creativity are recognized each spring semester. Students are invited to participate in a variety of events focused on original research, creative arts, and design, culminating in a showcase that features outstanding performers and award winners from all disciplines. Award winning projects from recent years ranged from genetic and neural studies to improvements in the apparel design process to poetry. For more information, please see the website at curc.colostate.edu.

NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Assistance is available to qualified undergraduate students who wish to apply for nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships sponsored by federal and private organizations. These include but are not limited to the Truman, Marshall, Udall, Rhodes, Gates-Cambridge, Goldwater, and Fulbright scholarships. These scholarships and fellowships are highly competitive and require high grade point averages (GPAs), a commitment to service both on and off campus, and specific career and professional goals. In many instances, these organizations
support undergraduate and/or graduate work within the United States as well as abroad. Students can identify and determine eligibility for these nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships by viewing the website of the Office of Nationally Competitive Scholarship Programs, tilf.colostate.edu/scholarships. Students may also contact Mary Swanson (Mary.Swanson@colo state.edu) for information, campus deadlines, and assistance in applying.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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James A. Cooney, Vice Provost for International Affairs

The Office of International Programs (OIP) creates and fosters international activities supporting teaching, learning, research and engagement throughout Colorado State University. This mission is accomplished through a broad array of programs and services designed to provide international experiences for all CSU students, scholars, faculty and staff.

The Office of International Programs:

- encourages students to experience and understand diverse cultures through education abroad experiences which help them prepare for success in today's global economy.
- provides quality services to international students and scholars, recognizing their critical role in the internationalization of our campus.
- organizes classroom-based, programmatic and experiential activities, both on-campus and abroad, to provide the CSU and broader communities with relevant international and intercultural educational experiences.
- supports the international activities of CSU colleges, departments, and faculty in their efforts to create joint research initiatives, international exchanges and other collaborative activities worldwide.
- establishes and manages CSU’s key strategic partnerships, creating pathways for CSU students and faculty to become more engaged around the world.

In fulfilling its mission, the Office of International Programs brings Colorado State University recognition as a model of effective, innovative, and student-centered institutional internationalization. It does so through a collaborative process, especially with the faculty and CSU’s eight colleges, that makes international activity integral to the University's instruction, student service, research and outreach programs, and to the experience of the University’s students.

The Office of International Programs is involved directly in implementing the University’s Strategic Plan that outlines CSU’s commitment to international research and strategic partnerships. This includes global scholarship, the funding of research through cooperative agreements with partners abroad, and the integration of global concerns into our signature areas of funded research. The Office of International Programs developed the University’s “internationalization plan” and monitors its progress.

The office is organized into three functional units—International Student and Scholar Services, Education Abroad, and International Initiatives.

SUMMER SESSION

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Barbara Gotshall, Director

Summer Session is a nice time of year to be on campus. Summer classes are smaller. Students get more individual attention from faculty and a higher level of participation. The campus is relaxed and friendly and courses are flexible and focused. There are hundreds of courses offered in the 4- and 8-week terms, giving students the flexibility to work and make other summer plans. Summer students can enroll in campus courses, online courses, or a combination of the two.

Summer Session provides students the opportunity to complete a prerequisite, knock off a required course, improve their GPA, or lighten their course load for the fall or spring semesters. Visit the webpage at summer.colostate.edu and watch the short video to learn what students and faculty have to say about summer session.

Students who are not yet CSU admitted students can enroll in Summer Session: there are no formal admission requirements. “Summer-Only” students need to complete the simple online summer application.
OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

There are literally hundreds of opportunities for students to broaden their horizons outside of the classrooms. We have only noted a few here. More information can be found in the Student Services chapter.

- Thriving sport club programs offer over 30 teams that compete on the regional and national scene. Club teams have won six national championships in the last five years, and lacrosse, ice hockey, cycling, soccer, polo, and volleyball are nationally ranked or recognized this year.
- Students hold membership to a 100,000 sq. ft. indoor and 32-acre outdoor Recreation Center. Facilities include disc golf, roller hockey, cardio theatre, weight rooms, pool with sun deck, and more.
- The Lory Student Center is home to an active student government and 300 clubs and organizations.
- CSU offers a wide range of civic engagement opportunities ranging from one-day special events, classroom experiences, year-long service clubs, community-based research, and volunteer opportunities during spring break.

Internships are offered in many academic areas and include some international opportunities. Academic programs offer several ways to receive academic credit for internships, with most being administered at the departmental level.

Athletics-Intercollegiate

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John Morris, Interim Director of Athletics

The University is a member of Division I-A of the NCAA and competes in the Mountain West Conference. Other conference members include, Boise State University, San Diego State University, the United States Air Force Academy, the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, the University of New Mexico, the and the University of Wyoming, Fresno State University, University of Nevada, and Utah State.

The University sponsors men’s intercollegiate competition in basketball, cross country, football, golf, and track (indoor and outdoor). It sponsors women’s intercollegiate competition in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track (indoor and outdoor), and volleyball.

Colorado State University recognizes intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of its mission; therefore the University is committed to the pursuit of excellence with integrity in athletics.

A strong intercollegiate athletic program gives talented student-athletes the opportunity to develop their physical, intellectual, and leadership skills as they participate in all aspects of college life, represent their school in athletic competition and in the community, and pursue college-level studies to prepare themselves for meaningful careers. Therefore, the Department of Athletics’ administrators and coaches are expected to recruit qualified student-athletes who can succeed academically and athletically and who will represent the University responsibly and with integrity. Administrators, coaches, faculty, and staff are obligated to encourage and help student-athletes balance the demands of athletic participation with those of the classroom and to assist them in achieving success in both their sport and their chosen field of study. They are also obligated to guard the physical and mental well-being of student-athletes and refrain from doing or encouraging anything that would jeopardize the health or welfare of the participants.

Intercollegiate athletics can foster a sense of loyalty, community, and support among students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. The University subscribes fully to the principles of fair play. It will at all times insist that its athletic program and everyone connected with it embody the spirit of athletic amateurism and abide by and uphold the laws, rules, and regulations governing intercollegiate athletics.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics is supervised by the Director of Athletics. The Faculty Council Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics serves in an advisory capacity to both the President and the Director of Athletics. Regulations for the conduct of intercollegiate athletics conform to those established by the Mountain West Conference and the NCAA.

Student-athletes participating in intercollegiate athletics must comply with all eligibility and academic requirements of the University, the Mountain West Conference, and the NCAA, and are expected to make consistent and satisfactory progress towards completion of their degree programs. Student-athletes are also required to conduct themselves in conformance with the department’s specific expectations in the areas of academics, athletics, and social and outreach activities.
Athletics-Sport Clubs

Sport clubs are student-run competitive sport organizations that compete with other colleges and provide the opportunity to play for national championship sport club titles. For additional information, contact the Campus Recreation department, Student Recreation Center, (970) 491-6359 or visit campusrec.colostate.edu.