CONTINUING EDUCATION CATALOG

The mission of the Division of Continuing Education is to provide quality, innovative, lifelong learning opportunities to a diverse student population by extending the educational resources of the University of Colorado Boulder. Continuing Education offers a variety of evening and online courses for university credit, certificates and collaborates with departments across campus to deliver degree programs. The division facilitates nondegree enrollment in main campus classes for visiting students, high school students and auditors. (Nondegree refers to students who have not been formerly admitted to a CU Boulder degree program.) Continuing Education is also involved in the administration of CU Boulder’s Summer Session. Only university-approved faculty teach in Continuing Education programs.

ACCESS

In conjunction with CU Boulder academic departments, ACCESS (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/access) (Available Credit Courses for Eligible Special Students) enables nondegree students to enroll in Boulder main campus undergraduate and graduate credit courses after degree-seeking students have registered. 

Applied Music Program

The Applied Music Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/applied-music) offers non-music majors the opportunity to earn CU credit for beginning or continuing music lessons on guitar, piano, voice, winds, brass, drums, percussion or strings. Instruction is available in individual or group sessions depending on the instrument. 

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies

The Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/education/programs-study/interdisciplinary-studies-bachelor-arts-ba) is an online bachelor’s degree supported by a partnership between the School of Education and Continuing Education. This major has an interdisciplinary emphasis with a broad, liberal arts core addressing the arts and humanities, social and behavioral studies, and the natural sciences and mathematics. Three foundation courses in interdisciplinary studies are required, as well as two education-focused areas of emphasis. The 100% online modality is offered to support motivated and qualified nontraditional learners who otherwise may not have access to the university.

CU Complete

The goal of CU Complete (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/cu-complete) is to assist former CU Boulder students in the completion of their degrees. Advisors work with each student individually and offer a degree analysis, recommendations, resources and assistance in completing remaining requirements.

Evening Credit Program

Offered in conjunction with CU Boulder’s academic departments, the Evening Credit Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/evening-credit) provides credit courses in the evening on the Boulder campus. These smaller-sized classes are provided through various departments.

Extraordinary Program

The Extraordinary Program offers alternative solutions to meet unique needs of academic programs and departments across campus in terms of special student populations, customized schedules and specific financial arrangements. Over 200 courses are offered annually, ranging from one-day workshops to courses that span multiple semesters. The program benefits the goals of 30 different departments and serves a wide variety of special populations and students.

High School Concurrent

Colorado high school juniors and seniors interested in the challenge of university coursework may enroll in ACCESS as part of the High School Concurrent Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/high-school-concurrent). In addition to earning college credit, students may also earn credit toward high school graduation requirements.

Individualized Instruction

Individualized Instruction provides an opportunity for students to receive credit for university courses by meeting with faculty members outside the regular classroom setting. This option may be used when the student cannot reasonably be expected to enroll in the main campus course.

International English Center

The International English Center (http://iec.colorado.edu) (IEC) offers a range of comprehensive English language and culture programs designed for international children, teens, pre-collegiate, undergraduate and graduate students, working professionals, au pairs and special groups. Students build and refine their communication skills through engaging classroom instruction, experiential learning, extended practice and cultural activities. Full and part-time programs are available. Students can choose from classroom, hybrid and online formats. Programs include intensive English, ESL academic bridge (for conditionally admitted CU Boulder students), ESL credit for undergraduate and graduate students, EducationUSA Academy for international high school students, test preparation, language and culture for au pairs, global professional English, military English and leadership communication, teacher training and customized options for special groups. The IEC is authorized to issue a form I-20 for qualified students seeking to study full-time on an F-1 visa. For some programs, qualified exchange visitors may request a form DS-2019 from the IEC to apply for a J-1 visa.

Master of Science in Organizational Leadership

Offered through a partnership with the Graduate School, the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (https://catalog.colorado.edu/graduate/colleges-schools/interdisciplinary-programs/organizational-leadership-master-science-ms) is an interdisciplinary, fully online professional master’s degree that prepares early- to mid-career professionals to succeed as tomorrow’s dynamic leaders. Through coursework that blends business, communications, and social sciences, the program develops the knowledge and skills students need to think critically about organizational challenges and how to address them using best practices. Students learn to align others around a shared vision, build and manage effective teams, and apply the leadership skills necessary to excel in an increasingly fast-paced and complex work world. Visit the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership website (http://msol.colorado.edu) to learn more.
Online Credit Program

The Online Credit Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/online-credit) offers online versions of approved CU Boulder courses from more than 25 departments on campus. Online courses hold the same breadth, depth and rigor as face-to-face courses while offering students more control over when and where they complete their coursework. A rich collaboration among faculty and instructional designers with expertise in learning technology focuses on ongoing enhancements of quality and innovation. Courses range from traditional semester-long courses to shorter intensive terms and self-paced courses.

Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program

The Post-Baccalaureate Health Professions Program (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/post-baccalaureate-health-professions) is a partnership between the College of Arts and Sciences and the Division of Continuing Education. It is designed for career changers who were academically successful as undergraduates but have not completed the prerequisite science courses needed to apply to graduate medical programs. Students enter the program in a cohort and take all coursework together. Academic advising, tutoring and preparation for applying to medical schools are provided.

Science Discovery

Science Discovery (http://sciencediscovery.colorado.edu) is a science education outreach organization designed to heighten student interest and increase literacy in science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). Science Discovery connects K–12 students and teachers to current CU science through a broad array of programs including summer camps, summer high school enrichment, out of school time classes, homeschool programs, in-school programs, teacher professional development workshops and Teen Science Cafés. Programs capitalize on CU Boulder’s scientific resources, facilities and expertise (including CU graduate and undergraduate students) in order to excite students about STEAM, expose them to a variety of STEAM careers and professionals and inspire a future generation of scientists and engineers. Science Discovery reaches more than 30,000 students and teachers throughout Colorado.

Summer Session

Summer Session (http://www.colorado.edu/summer) offers more than 600 campus courses and enrolls about 8,000 students between the months of May and August. Online and on-campus courses are available to students who wish to enhance or accelerate their academic progress. Courses are also open to students visiting from other colleges, teachers, high school students or others interested in pursuing their professional development or enrichment. Special three- and five-week sessions are offered throughout the summer to provide intense, accelerated courses for those who need academic credits in an abbreviated time period.

Visit the Summer Session (https://www.colorado.edu/summer) website to learn more about summer at CU Boulder.

Winter Session

Winter Session (http://www.colorado.edu/winter) occurs during the winter break between Fall and Spring semesters and allows students to take intensive courses in a short period of time.

Auditing

Auditing allows interested individuals the opportunity to attend university classes for no academic credit. Auditors must receive permission and obtain a signature from course instructors during the first week of class to be formally added to the roster.

Audited courses will appear on a special non-academic credit transcript; however, no academic credit is awarded. Registered auditors receive class instruction, access to online course materials and library privileges only. Being an auditor at the University of Colorado Boulder does not guarantee eligibility for regular degree or nondegree status.

Note: Admitted degree students, either enrolled or suspended, are not permitted to audit courses. If an admitted degree student is interested in participating in a class without receiving credit, the student must enroll in the course for no credit. Courses taken for no credit are assessed the same tuition rate as courses taken for credit.

Community Auditors

Community members age 18–54 can register for the Community Auditors program through Continuing Education by completing the Community Auditor Registration Form on the Community Auditors (http://ce.colorado.edu/programs/community-auditors) webpage. Contact ceregistration@colorado.edu or call 303-492-5148 for more information.

With instructor permissions, community auditors pay a set rate to audit as many classes as desired. Nonrefundable payment is due at the time of enrollment.

Senior Auditors Program

Individuals 55 years and older can register for the Senior Auditors Program through the CU Boulder Alumni Association and qualify for a reduced auditing rate. Registration and eligibility information is available on the Senior Auditors (http://www.colorado.edu/alumni/programs/senior-auditors) webpage. Contact the Alumni Association at 303-492-8484 for more information about this program.

Office for Outreach and Engagement

Public outreach and community engagement are crucial to the University of Colorado Boulder’s role as a comprehensive public research university and are vital to the Division of Continuing Education’s mission. The Office for Outreach and Engagement (http://www.colorado.edu/outreach/oee) serves the CU Boulder campus and the state by helping to connect research, teaching and creative work with public needs and interests. The office administers the CU Boulder Outreach Awards for faculty-led outreach and engagement projects, manages the campus-wide Public Outreach and Community Engagement (http://www.colorado.edu/outreach) website, assists with program and proposal design, leads strategic outreach initiatives, organizes the CU on the Weekend lecture series and provides public relations support.

CU on the Weekend

CU on the Weekend (https://www.colorado.edu/outreach/oee/cu-weekend) is a series of free public lectures offered through the Office for Outreach and Engagement. The series runs during the fall and spring semesters each year and features some of CU Boulder’s most dynamic faculty.