ACADEMIC RECORDS

Diplomas
A diploma is issued for each degree earned at the University of Colorado Boulder. Doctoral graduates will be invited to receive their diplomas from the Graduate School on or after the date of the university-wide ceremony or degree conferral (diplomas may be picked up or mailed if not attending the ceremony). Diplomas are mailed to all other graduating students approximately eight weeks after the close of the semester in which degree requirements were completed and the student applied for graduation. All financial obligations with CU must be resolved before a diploma is issued.

CU Boulder also offers a certified electronic diploma (CeDiploma) for students who complete a university-approved certificate from Fall 2015 onwards.

Graduating students with Federal Perkins/NDSL loans must complete a loan exit interview and clear all outstanding financial balances before leaving the university. Failure to do so results in a hold on the student’s record. The hold prevents registration for future terms and prevents the release of the diploma and academic transcript. Students can complete a loan exit interview by contacting Heartland ECSI at 1-888-549-3274 or via the Heartland ECSI (http://www.heartlandecsi.com) website. Questions may be directed to University Student Loans & Debt Management in the Bursar’s Office at 303-492-5571, toll free at 800-925-9844.

Display diplomas or replacement diplomas may be ordered online after graduation. For more information, visit the Office of the Registrar’s Diplomas webpage.

Enrollment & Degree Certification
Using MyCUInfo (http://mycuinfo.colorado.edu), students may print an official enrollment certification at no charge. Certification of enrollment is available after the third week of classes of a semester. This certification may be for car insurance, loan deferments, medical coverage, scholarship purposes, etc. The Office of the Registrar can provide written confirmation of registration, enrollment or degree status upon request by current or former students.

CU Boulder has authorized the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) to act as its agent for purposes of third party enrollment and degree verification. The NSC verifies degrees and enrollment for students who have not placed a privacy restriction on their academic record. The student’s name when enrolled, social security number or student ID, and date of birth will be required for identification purposes for enrollment or degree verification. All third parties should contact the National Student Clearinghouse by phone or visit its web site for current enrollment and degree verification information, instructions and fees.

University policy determines the academic enrollment status and federal regulation determines the financial aid enrollment status. CU Boulder is required to report enrollment based on the financial aid enrollment status to the NSC. Please refer to the Office of the Registrar’s enrollment status grid (https://www.colorado.edu/registrar/sites/default/files/attached-files/enrollmentstatusgrid.pdf) to determine your academic/financial aid enrollment status.

Students may also obtain verification of degree by ordering an official transcript or requesting an official degree certification through the Office of the Registrar.

Transcripts

Official Transcripts
Current and former students may order transcripts online (https://exchange.parchment.com/send/adds/index.php?main_page=login&s_id=7I3anAeWu6K3ErX0); no IdentiKey is required. Official transcripts are available in electronic PDF or paper format. Transcripts may be ordered as either a complete academic record of courses taken at all University of Colorado campuses or as a select career (undergraduate, graduate, law or noncredit) for coursework taken after 1988.

Transcripts can be withheld for ongoing financial obligations to the university or for disciplinary actions.

Unofficial Transcripts
Currently enrolled students and alumni who have access to the MyCUInfo portal may access and print unofficial transcripts free of charge through MyCUInfo (https://mycuinfo.colorado.edu). Unofficial transcripts display the complete academic record of courses taken at the University of Colorado. However, academic institutions and potential employers generally do not accept the unofficial transcript as evidence of a student’s career at CU Boulder, as this transcript does not carry the registrar’s signature, the seal of the university or other security features. Unofficial transcripts are primarily used for advising and counseling in offices at University of Colorado campuses.

Degrees

Graduate Degrees
The Graduate School of the University of Colorado Boulder offers instruction leading to the following advanced degrees:

- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) (through Leeds School of Business)
- Master of Engineering (ME)
- Master of the Environment (MENV)
- Master of Fine Arts (MFA)
- Master of Music (MMus)
- Master of Music Education (MMEd)
- Master of Science (MS)
  - Professional Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering Sciences (MSAES)
  - Professional Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCVE)
  - Professional Master of Science in Computer Science (MSCPS)
  - Professional Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE)
  - Professional Master of Science in Environmental Engineering (MSENV)
  - Professional Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME)
- Master of Studies in Law (MSL) (through School of Law)
- Doctor of Audiology (AudD)
• Doctor of Musical Arts (DMA)
• Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
• Juris Doctorate (JD) (through School of Law)

Bachelor’s–Accelerated Master’s Degrees
Bachelor’s–accelerated master’s (BAM) degree programs are offered in several departments. These programs allow a student to receive both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years of study without compromising the academic integrity of either degree.

College of Arts and Sciences
Currently approved BAM degree programs in the College of Arts and Sciences are offered in:
• Art and Art History
• Chinese/Asian Languages and Civilizations
• Classics
• Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
• Ethnic Studies/Education
• Film Studies/Art History
• French
• German Studies/German
• Integrative Physiology
• Japanese/Asian Languages and Civilizations
• Linguistics
• Mathematics
• Mathematics/Applied Mathematics
• Philosophy
• Physics
• Religious Studies
• Russian Studies/Russian
• Theatre

Leeds School of Business
Currently approved BAM degree programs:
• Accounting
• Accounting/Accounting Taxation
• Finance/Accounting
• Finance/Accounting Taxation
• Management/Telecommunications

School of Education
Currently approved BAM degree programs:
• Ethnic Studies/Education

College of Engineering and Applied Science
Currently approved BAM degree programs:
• Aerospace Engineering
• Applied Mathematics
• Applied Mathematics/Telecommunications
• Architectural Engineering
• Architectural Engineering/Civil Engineering
• Chemical Engineering
• Chemical and Biological Engineering/Chemical Engineering
• Civil Engineering
• Civil Engineering/Architectural Engineering
• Computer Science
• Computer Science/Telecommunications
• Electrical Engineering
• Electrical and Computer Engineering/Electrical Engineering
• Electrical and Computer Engineering/Telecommunications
• Engineering Physics/Physics
• Environmental Engineering/Civil Engineering
• Management/Telecommunications
• Mechanical Engineering

These bachelor’s–accelerated master’s degree programs are open only to highly qualified CU Boulder undergraduates. Students are typically admitted during the junior year with an intent application reviewed by their program. BAM students must apply online to graduate with their bachelor’s degree for the semester in which degree requirements are complete, and must also apply at that time to be formally admitted to continue with the accelerated master’s program.¹ Students wishing to continue studying toward a doctorate must formally apply for admission to the Graduate School. Students interested in a BAM program should inquire with their program of interest for information regarding admissions and detailed program guidelines and requirements.

¹ Students who were admitted prior to July 2019 follow a concurrent Bachelor’s/Master’s structure, and the two degrees are awarded simultaneously when requirements for both degrees are met.

Dual Degrees
In an environment where there is a rapidly increasing desire for interdisciplinary and professional skills, receiving two master’s degrees in complementary fields can be a real asset. Contact the individual departments for details.

Combinations within the Graduate School
• Applied Math/MCD Biology
• Audiology/Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences (both through the Department of SLHS)
• Engineering Management/Aerospace Engineering
• Engineering Management/Computer Science
• Engineering Management/Electrical Engineering
• Engineering Management/Mechanical Engineering
• Engineering Management/Telecommunications
• Music (two areas)
• Religious Studies/Asian Languages/History (any two)

Combinations with MBA
• Anthropology/MBA
• Art and Art History/MBA
• Computer Science/MBA
• Environmental Studies/MBA
• German Studies/MBA
• Telecommunications/MBA
• Theatre/MBA

Combinations with Law
• Business Administration/Law
• Environmental Studies/Law
• Juris Doctor/Bachelor of Laws with the University of Alberta faculty of Law, Canada
• Medicine/Law
• Public Administration/Law
• Telecommunications/Law
• Urban and Regional Planning/Law

Certificates
Graduate students may pursue formal certificates in a variety of academic or interdisciplinary subjects. Each certificate program has unique requirements. Degree-seeking students who have been verified with completed certificate requirements will have the certificate(s) posted to their academic records at the time of graduation. Non-degree students who are approved to pursue select certificate programs must be admitted through Continuing Education.

Graduate Course Load
For financial aid full time and half time course-load requirements, which are different than those set by the Graduate School, graduate students should consult the Office of Financial Aid (https://www.colorado.edu/financialaid/aid-graduate-professional-students) website.

For enrollment verification and academic purposes, full-time status is determined by university policy. Typically in the fall and spring semesters, full time status is: 5 credit hours of graduate coursework, 8 credit hours of combined graduate/undergraduate coursework, 12 credit hours of undergraduate coursework or a varying number of thesis/dissertation credit hours, depending upon the student’s status. Summer course load requirements vary. For requirements, visit the Graduate School (http://www.colorado.edu/GraduateSchool) website.

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Graduate students may register for a maximum of 15 credit hours per semester toward a degree during the fall and spring semesters.