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 (MSCCVE)
  - 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)

Concurrent Degrees
Concurrent BS/MS, BA/MA, and BA/MS 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 concurrent 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
- Psychology (cognitive)
- Religious Studies
- Russian Studies/Russian
- Theatre

Leeds School of Business
Currently approved concurrent degree programs:

- Accounting
- Accounting/Accounting Taxation
- Finance/Accounting
- Finance/Accounting Taxation
- Management/Telecommunications

School of Education
Currently approved concurrent degree programs:

- Ethnic Studies/Education

College of Engineering and Applied Science
Currently approved concurrent 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 concurrent degree programs are open only to highly qualified CU Boulder undergraduates. Students are formally admitted at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year. They are admitted through the admission procedure of their department and do not go through the normal process of admission to Graduate School. When students have completed the program requirements, they receive both a bachelor's and a master's degree simultaneously. Students wishing to continue studying toward a doctorate must formally apply for admission to the Graduate School. Students interested in a concurrent bachelor's/master's program should inquire in the department.

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. Nondegree students who are approved to pursue select certificate programs must be admitted through Continuing Education.

Registration
New Students
Registration procedures are sent to new graduate students when they confirm their intent to enroll. Please see the university’s Registration & Enrollment (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/registration-enrollment/#text) section.

Late registration is held only if enrollment levels have not been reached. Graduate students (including candidates for degrees and students taking only thesis credit hours) who fail to complete registration and pay fees during regular registration may be charged a late registration fee.

Intercampus Registration
Boulder campus students unable to obtain courses required for their degree program on the Boulder campus may register for up to two courses or 6 credit hours, whichever is greater, on another University of Colorado campus. The course work must be required for their degree program; they must have their dean’s permission; they must be enrolled for at least one course on the Boulder campus; and enrollment levels must not have been reached on the other campus. Contact the Office of the Registrar for additional information.

Reciprocal Exchange Agreement Program
Reciprocal registration enables University of Colorado graduate students to attend classes at other Colorado institutions, including Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University and the University of Northern Colorado. For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar.

Withdrawal
Please see the university’s Registration & Enrollment (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/registration-enrollment/#withdrawingfromcu) section.

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 (http://www.colorado.edu/financialaid) 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 course work, 8 credit hours of combined graduate/undergraduate course work, 12 credit hours of undergraduate course work 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.

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

Credit Policies
No Credit
Course work to be applied toward an advanced degree may not be taken for no credit (NC). Courses taken for no credit cannot be used toward the minimum credit load requirement for full-time or half-time status.

Pass/Fail
No course work to be applied toward an advanced degree may be taken pass/fail.

Transfer Credit
Transfer credits from accredited institutions are accepted by CU Boulder only after approval by the department chair/program director and the dean of the Graduate School, and under conditions outlined below. Transfer credit is defined as any credit earned at another accredited institution, credits earned on another campus of the CU system or credits earned as a nondegree student within the CU system. Students seeking a degree from CU Boulder must complete the majority of their course work while enrolled as degree-seeking students.

The following rules apply to transferring credit to CU Boulder graduate programs:

- The maximum amount of work that may be transferred to CU Boulder depends upon the graduate degree sought (see below; individual departments may have more restrictive limits).
- Work already applied toward a graduate degree received from CU Boulder or another institution cannot be accepted for transfer.
toward another graduate degree of the same level at CU Boulder. In addition, work completed for a doctoral degree may not be applied toward a subsequent master's degree. Courses applied toward an undergraduate degree may not be transferred to the CU Boulder Graduate School.

- All courses accepted for transfer must be graduate-level courses. A course in which a grade of B- or lower was received will not be accepted for transfer. Transfer course work that is to be applied to a graduate degree at CU Boulder and was completed more than five years prior to being accepted to the program will be evaluated by the major department as to current relevance and applicability to the degree requirements. At the discretion of the department, a student may be asked to validate transfer credits prior to approval.

- Credit may not be transferred until the student has completed 6 credit hours of graduate course work as a regular, degree-seeking student at the Boulder campus with a 3.00 GPA. Transferred credits do not reduce the minimum registration requirement, but may reduce the amount of work to be done in formal courses.

### Maximum Transfer Credits Accepted (By Degree)

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### Graduate Credit for CU Boulder Seniors

With the exception of students enrolled in a concurrent bachelor’s/master’s degree program, seniors at CU Boulder may earn graduate credit for a limited amount of graduate-level work (up to 9 credit hours), provided such work is completed with a grade of B or above in course work at CU Boulder, comes within the five-year course time limit, has not been applied toward another degree and is recommended for transfer by the department concerned, and such transfer is approved by the dean of the Graduate School.