GENERAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

Choosing a Program of Study

When applying for admission, students need to choose a major in one of CU Boulder’s colleges or schools. Applicants who have not decided on a major can select the Program in Exploratory Studies. This allows students to work with a group of highly-skilled advisors who can help them explore their various interests, set academic goals and customize their educational path. At the end of the first year, students transfer to one of the degree-granting academic options on campus or opt to continue with Exploratory Studies through their third semester. Students can also change their area of study, but this can result in additional course requirements that may add to the number of semesters necessary to complete a degree.

Although applicants can apply to only one CU Boulder college or school, after enrollment they can apply for transfer to another CU Boulder college or school through the intra-university transfer (IUT) process. Criteria for transferring from one college or school to another are competitive, and each college or school establishes its own standards.

Double Degrees, Double Majors, Minors and Certificate Programs

There are several programs that allow students to include additional areas of academic concentration beyond their chosen major. Two different degrees, either from the same college or school, or degrees from different colleges or schools, may be earned, providing certain conditions are met. Students are admitted to one major and degree program initially but may pursue a second degree as early as their first semester of enrollment. Minor programs are offered in a number of undergraduate departments and programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Leeds School of Business, the College of Engineering and Applied Science and the School of Education. Certificate programs in arts and sciences, business, engineering and music fields are also available.

Preprofessional Study

Preprofessional advisors are available to help students interested in medicine, dentistry, physical therapy, veterinary medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physician assistant and other health professions or law. Students interested in these fields may apply to any of the majors open to new undergraduates, including the open option major in the College of Arts and Sciences. Students interested in one of the undergraduate or graduate health sciences programs offered at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus may complete preprofessional work on the Boulder campus. Admission is competitive, but preference to all health sciences programs is given to Colorado residents.

For more information, see the Preprofessional Programs (catalog.colorado.edu/undergraduate/colleges-schools/academic-enrichment-programs/preprofessional-programs) section or visit the Pre-Health (http://www.colorado.edu/advising/pre-health) webpage.

Music Applicants

Prospective music majors must submit both an undergraduate application for admission to the Office of Admissions, and a College of Music supplemental application.

Music supplemental application.
College Readiness in English and Mathematics

The state of Colorado mandates that all undergraduate students entering public institutions of higher education in Colorado be screened for college readiness in reading, writing and mathematics. To pass the screening requirements, students must present minimum test scores.

Students who have successfully completed four years each of college preparatory English and college preparatory math courses are deemed to have met the respective requirements regardless of the test score.

Students who do not meet CU Boulder’s criteria for college readiness will be required to demonstrate readiness through an additional examination or to enroll in preparatory courses prior to completing the first 30 credit hours of coursework on the Boulder campus. Students who have not demonstrated reading, writing and/or mathematics readiness will receive additional details after they confirm their intent to enroll at CU Boulder.