STUDENT FINANCES

Expenses

College Opportunity Fund (COF)
The College Opportunity Fund (COF), created by the Colorado Legislature, provides aid to eligible undergraduate students paying in-state tuition. The stipend pays a portion of total in-state tuition for eligible undergraduate students who attend a Colorado public institution or a participating private institution. Eligible undergraduate students must be admitted and enrolled at a participating institution to use the stipend for eligible undergraduate classes.

To receive the COF stipend, students must both apply for and authorize (two separate steps) it. New accounts offer 145 available undergraduate credit hours. COF-eligible students who exceed 145 eligible COF hours toward their degree may apply for additional semesters of eligibility. For more information, visit the Office of the Registrar’s College Opportunity Fund (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/cof) webpage.

Details of the COF program are determined by the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE) and the College Assist Program (http://cof.college-assist.org). Students with questions about COF may contact the Office of the Registrar (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/about/contact-us).

Confirmation Deposit
All new students (both in-state and out-of-state) must confirm their enrollment at the university by official notification and deposit of $200. The deposit is nontransferable and must be paid by all students, regardless of financial aid awards. Students who have paid the deposit and who decide not to attend CU Boulder forfeit their deposit. Students who submit deposits after enrollment levels have been reached will not be accepted, and their deposits will be returned.

The confirmation deposit is not credited toward tuition and fees. It is refunded when a student graduates or officially withdraws from CU Boulder within established dates and guidelines after paying any outstanding university obligations.

Housing Deposit
Please see the Housing (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/student-affairs/housing/#deposit) section for details.

Estimated Expenses
Expenses for students attending the University of Colorado Boulder vary depending on housing (on or off campus), program of study, state residency (tuition classification), personal needs and individual interests.

Tuition and fees are approved annually by the Board of Regents. Visit the Bursar’s Office (https://bursar.colorado.edu) website for current rates.

The figures below are university-billed cost estimates based on a single undergraduate student enrolled full time for academic year 2017–18 (two semesters). For detailed descriptions of tuition and fees, visit the Bursar’s Office (https://bursar.colorado.edu/tuition-fees/tuition-and-fees-rate-sheets) website. The difference in range depends upon the student’s college/school/program. Residential academic program (RAP) fees, program and course fees are not included in the estimated total because costs can vary depending on individual options. (Effective in Fall 2018, program and course fees will be eliminated.) Additional costs such as transportation, medical and personal are not charged on the university bill but should be considered for planning purposes. The Office of Financial Aid provides budget examples (http://www.colorado.edu/financialaid/cost/example-aid) which may help you plan for other costs.

2017-18 In-State Expenses (https://bursar.colorado.edu/tuition-fees/annual-cost-estimate/undergraduate-colorado-resident) (One academic year; resident for tuition purposes)
Tuition and Fees: $12,086–$17,150
On-Campus Room and Board (based on double occupancy; standard room): $13,998
Books and Supplies: $1,800
On-Campus Estimated Total: $27,884–$32,948

2017-18 Out-of-State Expenses (https://bursar.colorado.edu/tuition-fees/annual-cost-estimate/undergraduate-colorado-nonresident) (One academic year; nonresident for tuition purposes)
Tuition and Fees: $36,220–$39,416
On-Campus Room and Board (based on double occupancy): $13,998
Books and Supplies: $1,800
On-Campus Estimated Total: $52,018–$55,214

International Expenses (One academic year; international nonresident for tuition purposes)
Tuition and Fees: $37,984–$41,180
On-Campus Room and Board (based on double occupancy): $13,998
Health Insurance: $3,990
Books and Supplies: $1,800
On-Campus Estimated Total: $53,783–$56,979

Notes:
• The resident tuition amount assumes eligibility for and authorization for the use of the College Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend, which was $77 per credit hour in 2017–18.
• Residency classification for tuition is determined by Colorado state law. See the Tuition Classification (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/tuition-classification) section.
• Does not include one-time new student fee of $232 or mandatory university-sponsored health insurance. See the Health & Wellness (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/student-affairs/health-wellness/#studenthealthinsurancetext) section.
• In-state tuition is charged per credit hour. Out-of-state and international tuition is a flat rate, regardless of the number of credit hours.
• In-state undergraduate students must apply for and authorize the College Opportunity Fund tuition stipend to help offset part of their tuition. See the undergraduate Student Finances (p. 1) section.
• In-state undergraduate tuition and mandatory fees (not including course and program fees) are guaranteed for four years. For more information, visit the Bursar’s Office’s Undergraduate Resident Tuition Guarantee (https://bursar.colorado.edu/tuition-fees/cu-boulder-tuition-guarantee/undergraduate-resident-tuition-guarantee) webpage.
• Out-of-state and international undergraduate students are guaranteed the same tuition rate for four years (not including mandatory fees, course and program fees). Students first registering summer 2017 through spring 2018 are guaranteed the same tuition rate through summer 2021. For more information, visit the Bursar’s Office’s Undergraduate Nonresident Tuition Guarantee (https://bursar.colorado.edu/tuition-fees/cu-boulder-tuition-guarantee/undergraduate-nonresident-tuition-guarantee) webpage.
• Students planning to attend summer session can visit the Bursar’s Office (https://bursar.colorado.edu/tuition-fees/tuition-and-fees-rate-sheets/#sum17) website for summer rates.
• Zero or fractional credit is treated as one hour in assessing tuition and fees. Tuition for no-credit (NC) courses (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/credits-grading/#text) is the same as for courses taken for credit.
• Students simultaneously enrolled in programs leading to two different degrees will be assessed tuition for the college or school with the higher tuition rate.

**Bills & Payments**

**Online Bills**
Any student who completes registration agrees to pay CU Boulder according to the payment terms in the Tuition and Fee Agreement and Disclosure (https://bursar.colorado.edu/payments/payment-policies/tuition-fee-agreement-and-disclosure).

The university bill includes tuition, mandatory fees, optional fees, on-campus room and board (catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/student-affairs/housing), residential academic program (RAP) fees, student health insurance (see health insurance requirement catalog.colorado.edu/about-cu-boulder/student-affairs/health-wellness/#studenthealthinsurancetext) and other direct-university costs for one semester at a time. Textbooks and supplies up to $1,500 from the CU Book Store can be charged to the bill. Adjustments made throughout the semester will appear on the student account (e.g. health insurance waiver, dropping or adding courses, etc.). Additional costs such as transportation, medical and personal are not charged on the university bill but should be considered for planning purposes.

Bills for fall are available in mid-August. Spring bills are available in mid-January. Emails are sent to students’ colorado.edu addresses and to authorized payers. Email is the official means of communication at CU Boulder. Failure to receive an email notification of the bill does not relieve any student of responsibility for payment by the published deadline. Students can log in to MyCUInfo (https://mycuinfo.colorado.edu) and authorized payers can log in to CUBill&Pay (https://quikpayasp.com/cu/boulder/tuition/authorized.do) at any time to view and pay the bill.

**Authorized Payers**

Family members do not automatically have access to view and pay the tuition and fee bill because of federal privacy laws (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/records/ferpa). If they are helping pay the bill on the student’s behalf, students must give them access to CUBill&Pay by authorizing them as payers. Students can authorize payers in MyCUInfo (http://mycuinfo.colorado.edu). Students are ultimately responsible for payment of the bill.

Authorized payer access is separate and distinct from CU Guest Access. If someone is helping pay tuition and fees on your behalf, we recommend granting both.

**Payments**

Payment due dates are listed on the bill and on the Bursar’s Office (https://bursar.colorado.edu/billing/due-dates) website. Payment is due by 5 p.m. Mountain Time on the due date or 11:59 p.m. if paying online. Learn about exceptions for weekends and holidays (https://bursar.colorado.edu/billing/due-dates/#important).

**Payment Methods**
We encourage online payment from a traditional U.S. checking or savings account (electronic check or eCheck) in order to avoid paying a nonrefundable 2.75 percent service fee charged by NelNet Business Solutions for all credit and debit card transactions. Paying by eCheck is secure, fast and free.

We accept American Express, MasterCard, Visa and DISCOVER. A nonrefundable 2.75 percent fee applies to all credit and debit card transactions.

International payments (bank and wire transfers) can be made using Flywire in MyCUInfo (http://mycuinfo.colorado.edu). For more information about Flywire, visit the International Payment (https://bursar.colorado.edu/payments/payment-methods/international) webpage.

Learn about other payment methods on the Bursar’s Office (https://bursar.colorado.edu/payments) website.

**Payment Plans**

Optional payment plans are available for students and authorized payers to pay tuition and fees over the course of the semester. For more information, visit the Payment Plans (https://bursar.colorado.edu/payments/payment-plans) webpage.

Also see the Policies (p. 2) section.

**Policies**

**Add/Drop Tuition Adjustment**
Adjustment of tuition and fees is made accordingly based on dates in the Add/Drop Calendar (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/academic-calendar/add-drop-calendar).

**Credit and Debit Card Service Fee**
A nonrefundable 2.75 percent service fee charged by NelNet Business Solutions applies to all credit and debit card transactions. To avoid paying this fee, we encourage payment from a U.S. checking or savings accounts (electronic check or eCheck).

**Dispute Rights**

To dispute tuition and mandatory fee charges, you must make a formal appeal to the Tuition Dispute Committee by the end of the semester (last day of finals). Disputes will only be considered under extenuating circumstances, such as university error, recent medical condition, immediate family emergency, recent unanticipated financial problems and verified nonattendance. Official documentation must be provided to substantiate the circumstances. Complete a tuition dispute form and return the form, your statement and official documentation to the Bursar’s Office Student Billing Department, Regent Administrative Center, 43 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0043, 303-492-5381 or bursar@colorado.edu. If you disagree with the charges and fail to avail yourself of the dispute process by the end of the semester, you will have waived your right to dispute the charges. For additional information on the dispute process, see Tuition Dispute (https://bursar.colorado.edu/billing/tuition-dispute).

**Failure to Make Payment**

Failure to make the required payment in accordance with the scheduled payment deadline may result in any or all of the actions described below.

A financial hold may be placed on your student record and remain until the balance is paid in full. You will not be able to:
A late payment charge is assessed once per semester based on the amount due:

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In addition, finance charges of one percent (1%) per month are assessed on the unpaid principal balance. Finance charges are calculated by applying the periodic rate of one percent (1%) per month (annual percentage rate of twelve percent) to the unpaid principal balance less any payments or credits made.

After the end of the semester, past due accounts are referred to the university’s Student Debt Management department for collection. Students will have an opportunity to establish a university-approved repayment agreement. Establishing a repayment agreement does not result in release of financial holds.

If the balance is not paid or a university-approved repayment agreement does not exist after six months, Colorado law requires the university to place all delinquent accounts with a private collection agency at which time the delinquency is reported to national credit bureaus.

Student accounts referred to an outside collection agency may incur collection agency costs, expenses and fees. Such collection costs, expenses and fees may include percentage-based fees charged to the university by the collection agency, including percentage-based fees of up to 30 percent of the debt collected. Any collection costs stated above are charged in addition to the principal, fees and interest due on the student’s account. The student may be responsible for reasonable attorneys’ fees and court costs associated with collecting or enforcing payment on the past due account as allowed under Colorado law. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes § 23-5-115, in the event the student defaults on the account, the university may certify to the Colorado Department of Revenue information required for the recovery of past due debt.

**Nondegree Students**

Nondegree students enrolled in undergraduate courses are assessed tuition at the undergraduate student rate. Nondegree students enrolled in graduate courses are assessed tuition at the graduate student rate. Nondegree students enrolled in both graduate and undergraduate courses are assessed tuition at the undergraduate student rate.

**Returned Payments**

A $20 fee is charged for all payments (regardless of the amount) returned due to insufficient funds, closed account, payment stopped, or for other reasons. A $30 fee is charged by NelNet Business Solutions for returned payment plan payments. In addition, late and finance charges may be assessed and certified funds may be required when you make payment. A financial hold may also be placed on your account and you may be liable for collection costs and attorneys’ fees as allowed by Colorado laws.

**Students Registered on More than One Campus**

Students registering for courses on more than one campus of the university during a single semester pay tuition and fees to each campus at the rate appropriate to the number of credits for which they are registered on that campus. Students may be eligible to use the concurrent registration option, in which case they pay the tuition rate of their home campus for the total hours enrolled at all campuses.

**Tuition and Fee Agreement and Disclosure**

Any student who completes registration agrees to pay CU Boulder according to the payment terms in the Tuition and Fee Agreement and Disclosure (https://bursar.colorado.edu/payments/payment-policies/tuition-fee-agreement-and-disclosure).

**Tuition Classification**

Students are classified as residents, nonresidents or international nonresidents for tuition purposes on the basis of answers provided on their application for admission and other relevant information. For more information, go to Tuition Classification (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/state-residency).

**Withdrawal Policy Regarding Tuition and Fees**

Students who pay the $200 confirmation deposit and register for classes for any given semester are obligated to pay full tuition and fees for that semester, unless they officially withdraw from the university by published deadlines.

Tuition and fee obligations for students withdrawing from fall or spring semesters:

- Continuing students: Students who withdraw during the full-refund periods will have their confirmation deposit refunded unless there are any outstanding charges.
- New and readmitted students: New, readmitted and transfer students are not eligible for a refund of the confirmation deposit.

Deadlines to withdraw with no financial penalty vary by semester but occur about ten days before the first day of instruction. For the current refund and assessment schedule, visit the Withdraw from CU (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/withdraw-cu) webpage.

If students withdraw after the deadline to withdraw without being assessed a financial penalty, but before 11:59 p.m. on the third Wednesday of instruction, they are assessed a $200 withdrawal processing fee. The confirmation deposit is automatically credited toward the withdrawal fee.

After the third Wednesday of instruction (the first drop deadline), there are three additional assessment periods:

- From the third Wednesday of instruction through the fifth Wednesday, students will be charged 40 percent of total tuition (not including the portion of tuition paid by College Opportunity Fund (COF) for in-state undergraduate students) and mandatory fees (CUSG student fees, athletic fee and capital construction fee).
- After the fifth Wednesday of instruction through the seventh Wednesday, students will be charged 60 percent of total tuition (not including the portion of tuition paid by COF for in-state undergraduate students).
- After the seventh Wednesday, students will be charged 100 percent of total tuition (including the portion of tuition paid by COF for in-state undergraduate students).
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- After the seventh Wednesday of instruction, tuition will not be adjusted. In the case of extenuating circumstances (university error, recent medical condition, immediate family emergency, recent unanticipated financial problems or verification of non-attendance), students may dispute tuition and mandatory fee charges through the Bursar’s Office. COF credit hours are expended and not refunded for withdrawals after the published deadline.

To comply with federal financial aid regulations, financial aid recipients’ loan and scholarship awards may be adjusted.

Students should visit the Withdraw from CU (http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/students/withdraw-cu) webpage for the most recent information, as the Board of Regents reserves the right to revise this schedule at any time. Refer to the Summer Session (http://www.colorado.edu/summer) website for information on the withdrawal policy and refund schedule for summer terms.

Students who do not pay the full amount due the university at the time of withdrawal must make arrangements for payment with the Student Debt Management department in the Bursar’s Office. All withdrawals are handled through the Office of the Registrar.