

THE UNIVERSITY

CSU Pueblo offers a wide array of undergraduate degree programs in the humanities, social sciences, sciences and math, education, engineering, nursing, business, and other professional areas. The University's educational focus is grounded in the traditional liberal arts and sciences, and addresses students' immediate and long-term educational needs. Students graduate with the knowledge necessary to enter their professions and with the problem solving, critical thinking, research, and communication skills required to keep current in those professions in the future.

Characteristic of regional comprehensive universities nationwide, CSU Pueblo also offers selected master's and doctorate degrees that meet regional and broad societal needs, including business, nursing, engineering, education, history and the sciences (biology, biochemistry, chemistry, and cannabis biology and chemistry).

As institutions of the CSU System, CSU Pueblo, CSU Fort Collins and CSU Global share many important values and commitments, even while they pursue different missions—CSU in Fort Collins as a large research, doctoral degree granting university, CSU Pueblo as a small comprehensive, master's degree granting university and CSU Global as a provider of innovative, higher learning opportunities for nontraditional students. All three universities are committed to excellence and strive to set the quality standards for their types of institutions. All three have excellent undergraduate and graduate programs that serve the citizens of Colorado through teaching, research, and service. All three universities promote civic engagement, freedom of expression, innovation, environmental sustainability, inclusiveness and diversity, integrity and mutual respect, and are committed to employing a student-centered focus, providing opportunity and access, and being accountable.

High-quality teaching and learning are Colorado State University Pueblo's highest priorities. In recent years, program offerings have been expanded, new teaching and learning methods—especially those involving active, applied learning and technology—have been incorporated into all programs, faculty have strengthened their scholarly activities to stay current in their fields of expertise, and effective student academic support services (e.g., advising, learning centers, career planning) are readily available. As a result, CSU Pueblo offers comprehensive and effective learning experiences that meet the many needs of its students.

The University is similarly committed to expanding access to higher education, especially for Colorado citizens. It has expanded its recruitment, admissions and financial aid resources, as well as its evening, extended studies and online offerings to provide high-quality educational opportunities for a broader student population. It also works closely with other public institutions in the state to smooth the transfer process for incoming, outgoing, and dual enrollment students.

CSU Pueblo's success in fulfilling its mission to be an educational resource for the state's diverse population is documented by the characteristics of its student body. We have a diverse student body including traditional and non-traditional students, first-generation students, campus-based and community-based students, students from Colorado and from foreign countries, first-year and transfer students, students fresh out of high school, students who are working professionals with families to support, and students of many different ethnicities and cultures. The University is strongly committed to providing access to members of all minority groups, particularly the Hispanic populations within its service area, emphasizing and fostering cultural

pluralism, enhancing the traditions of culture and language, encouraging the development of economic opportunities, providing appropriate academic support programs, and ensuring equal opportunity for all persons who are, or may become, members of the university community. Because more than 25 percent of our students are Hispanic (34 percent in Fall 2020), the Federal Government has designated CSU Pueblo as an Hispanic Serving Institution.

The high level of diversity in our learning community coupled with excellent academic and student life programs prepare our graduates well for the complex professional and personal lives that define today's society. Our graduates have proven their ability to transcend society's socioeconomic, educational, and cultural barriers by successfully entering professional occupations and graduate programs as highly informed and engaged members of their communities.

As a regional, comprehensive university, CSU Pueblo takes a leadership role in enhancing the overall quality of life and economic growth in southern Colorado. Faculty, staff, and students provide and benefit from a wide array of community services including cultural and educational events and programs, clinical and health resources, student internships, workshops, consultations, and research on community and business problems. In partnership with other community organizations, the University has committed its time and talents especially to initiatives aimed at enhancing economic development, pre-kindergarten through high school educational opportunities, and a variety of cultural activities.

In summary, the University's statutory and focused mission statements guide the development of its comprehensive curriculum and degree programs, the implementation of its high academic standards, the broad accessibility that students have to its resources, and its active involvement in service to the regional community. Directed by its clear mission-based commitments and energized by its fine faculty, staff, and students, Colorado State University Pueblo strives for excellence in all of its activities.

Our History

Since its incorporation in 1933 as Southern Colorado Junior College to its current designation as a regional, comprehensive university, CSU Pueblo has served the changing educational, economic development, and cultural needs of the citizens of Colorado.

Years	Names
1933-37	Southern Colorado Junior College
1937-63	Pueblo Junior College
1963-75	Southern Colorado State College
1975-2003	University of Southern Colorado
2003–Present	Colorado State University Pueblo

Our Campus

CSU Pueblo spans more than 275 acres on the northeast edge of Pueblo, a culturally diverse city of nearly 110,000 in the colorful Pikes Peak region of southern Colorado. Located on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains, the University enjoys an average of 320 days of sunshine each year. From sailing on Lake Pueblo, mountain biking on the miles of nearby trails, whitewater rafting on the Arkansas River or skiing and snowboarding in the nearby mountains, the University's 4,000+ students enjoy a wide range of outdoor activities. The Student Recreation Complex houses the Outdoor Pursuits Program, which provides outdoor gear such as mountain bikes, kayaks, tents, backpacks and other camping and climbing gear to students at nominal prices, as well as classes on how

to use that equipment, and frequent trips to provide opportunities to test those skills.

With an emphasis on student life, our Occhiato Student Center houses the Office of Student Engagement and Leadership, the Associated Students' Government, and dozens of other student clubs and organizations to serve every interest. Concerts, movies, speakers, comedians and stage plays and musical performances are a regular feature at the many venues on campus and an artificial turf student recreation field hosts intramural and pickup games of flag football, soccer, lacrosse and more.

We offer a wide variety of housing options to serve student needs and interests. We have both traditional residential facilities and town house living accommodations for our upper classmen and have the ability to house up to 950 students. Our housing programs offer vibrant activities, programs with services that enhance the students' undergraduate experience. Support services such as tutoring, advising, referrals, study services and a multitude of engagement opportunities enable our residents to have a safe and fulfilling collegiate experience and make it easier to achieve success in their educational programs. It is common to see faculty lead programs and interactions with residents, while others take advantage of lounges, exercise facilities, computer labs, basketball courts, a bistro and other amenities that make their residential experience a home away from home.

The campus landscape has changed dramatically in the last decade with renovations to its athletic and academic facility (Massari Arena) and a \$25 million makeover to the University Library as well as construction of a Student Recreation Center, Student Recreation Field, the Neta and Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl football and track stadium, a three-part residence hall complex, an enhanced soccer/lacrosse complex, a \$16 million General Classroom Building, and a \$30+ million major renovation and expansion to the Occhiato Student Center.

CSU Pueblo has 22 athletic teams and is part of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. The Neta and Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl houses intercollegiate programs in football, men's and women's cross country and track and field. Basketball, volleyball, and wrestling programs compete in Massari Arena, while the baseball and softball programs reside in the Rawlings Sports Complex, and soccer and lacrosse in the Art and Lorraine Gonzales Stadium.