

Colorado State University

In 1870, the Territorial Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Colorado created the Colorado Agricultural College. When the Territory became a State in 1876, the College was placed under the governance of the State Board of Agriculture. The College admitted its first students in 1879 and received designation that same year as Colorado's land-grant college under the Morrill Act of 1862. The Morrill Act provided federal endowment support for state institutions,

where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the Legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life.

Subsequent federal legislation led to the establishment of an Agricultural Experiment Station (1887) and Cooperative Extension Service (1914). State legislation added responsibility for the Colorado State Forest Service (1955).

Graduate study began about 1891, with the first master's degree awarded in 1893. At that time, and in the years that followed, a Committee on Advanced Degrees supervised graduate programs – until the Graduate School was organized in 1941. The veterinary medical program began granting degrees in 1904. Growth after World War II was rapid; the first doctorate was awarded in 1955.

In 1935, the College became Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts and in 1944 the name was changed to Colorado Agricultural and Mechanical College. In 1957, the name was changed to Colorado State University by action of the Colorado General Assembly, and it earned recognition by the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools as a mature university in 1974.

Today, Colorado State is one of the leading public research universities in the United States, having approximately \$303M research expenditures in FY08, in addition to substantial non-funded scholarship and artistry. CSU's instructional programs cover the broad spectrum befitting a major, comprehensive state university. Excellent undergraduate and graduate programs are available in the various arts, sciences, humanities and professions. Total enrollment has grown to over 25,000 regular, on-campus

students. In 2007-2008, CSU granted 4,289 bachelor's degrees, 206 Ph.D. degrees in 36 fields, and 1,024 master's degrees in 67 fields. The Professional Veterinary Medicine (PVM) program awarded 136 DVM degrees.

UNIVERSITY MISSION

By statute, Colorado State University is a comprehensive graduate research university with selective admission standards. Charged with offering a comprehensive array of baccalaureate, master's and doctoral programs, it holds exclusive statewide authority for programs in agriculture, forestry, natural resources, and veterinary medicine.

Colorado State University has a unique mission in the state of Colorado. The land-grant concept of a balanced program of teaching, research, extension, public service, and engagement provides the foundation for the University's teaching and research programs, Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension, and Colorado State Forest Service. The University has long been a leader in recognizing the rapidly changing global environment, and has a commitment to excellence in international education in all its instructional, research, and outreach programs. The University continues to make education and training accessible to deserving applicants from all classes and groups, and maintains a wide range of research, extension, and public service programs in response to the needs of the people of Colorado, the nation, and the world.

UNIVERSITY AIMS

In April 2005, the Board of Governors adopted the following mission and values statements for the Colorado State University System.

Mission

Inspired by its land-grant heritage, Colorado State University is committed to excellence, setting the standard for public research universities in teaching, research, service and extension for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado, the United States and the world.

Values

- Be accountable
- Promote civic responsibility
- Employ a customer focus

- Promote freedom of expression
- Demonstrate inclusiveness and diversity
- Encourage and reward innovation
- Act with integrity and mutual respect
- Provide opportunity and access
- Support excellence in teaching and research

A comprehensive 10-year strategic plan¹ for achieving this mission in a way that supports these values was adopted the following academic year. This strategic plan has 15 key objectives.

Teaching and Learning

- Assure excellence in academic programs
- Create distinctive undergraduate experiences
- Enhance the quality and role of graduate education
- Expose students to diverse cultures
- Integrate academic and co-curricular experiences

Research and Discovery

- Foster excellence in research, scholarship and creative artistry
- Improve discovery capabilities
- Focus research in key areas of institutional strength and societal and global needs

Service and Outreach

- Engage citizens through community involvement
- Prepare and empower learners outside the campus environment

Resources and Support

- Expand fundraising and marketing
- Build necessary infrastructures
- Nurture human capital
- Guarantee financial stability
- Monitor plan progress

¹ For a copy of the full plan see http://www.president.colostate.edu/strategicplanning/pages/pdf/march06_fullplan.pdf

ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF PROGRAM QUALITY

The University uses a process for continuous and systematic improvement of programs in academic and student affairs areas. Program performance evaluation and subsequent improvements are reported annually for undergraduate and graduate student learning, faculty research, scholarship, and artistry, and faculty outreach efforts. This process has academic programs regularly researching the learning of their students, while support programs routinely survey students for their satisfaction ratings of University services. The yearly process of collecting data, monitoring program participation in improvement research, and distributing

program improvement information and “best practices” to the University community is part of the University’s Plan for Researching Improvement and Supporting Mission (PRISM). Learning from each other forms a central theme in achieving Colorado State University’s quality programming.

ACCREDITATION

Colorado State University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is also a member of the North Central Association

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Colorado State is approved by the Colorado State

Department of Education for training teachers.

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Administered by the Chancellor, the Colorado State University System promotes collaborative academic programs and related activities between Colorado State University and Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System

The Board of Governors consists of 13 members, nine of which are voting members. The remaining members represent the component universities of the Colorado State University System with one faculty member and one student leader from each campus.

It is the intent of the Board of Governors of the CSU System to foster development of Colorado State University and Colorado State University-Pueblo as identified in Colorado Revised Statute ' 23-31-107 et. seq. and 23-31.5-101 et. Seq.

It is the intent of the Board to support the institutions in their development as separate and distinct institutions through planning and resource development.

It is the intent of the Board to maintain each institution's flexibility to address challenges and opportunities that arise as the institutions seek to fulfill their statutory missions.

It is the intent of the Board to support opportunities for cooperation in program and resource sharing between the institutions.

It is the intent of the Board to facilitate system-wide financial accountability through annual financial audits as well as the program of the internal auditing unit within the CSU System structure.

It is the intent of the Board to promote administrative efficiency through a small central system staff, relying upon the expertise of institutional personnel where necessary and appropriate. It is the further intent of the Board to measure and promote administrative efficiency consistent with the policies of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

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