



University of Colorado **Denver**



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We will cover the following...

University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver)

School of Public Affairs

CU Denver-KDI Dual Degree Program

Application Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

Denver & Colorado

Helpful Information



UNIVERSITY OF COLORAD DENVER



AT A GLANCE

- Mid-sized, comprehensive public R1 research university
- 15,000 students; 7% international
- 150+ undergraduate and graduate programs in 7 schools and colleges
- On campus **ESL Academy**
- Unique location in the heart of downtown Denver



STUDENT LIFE

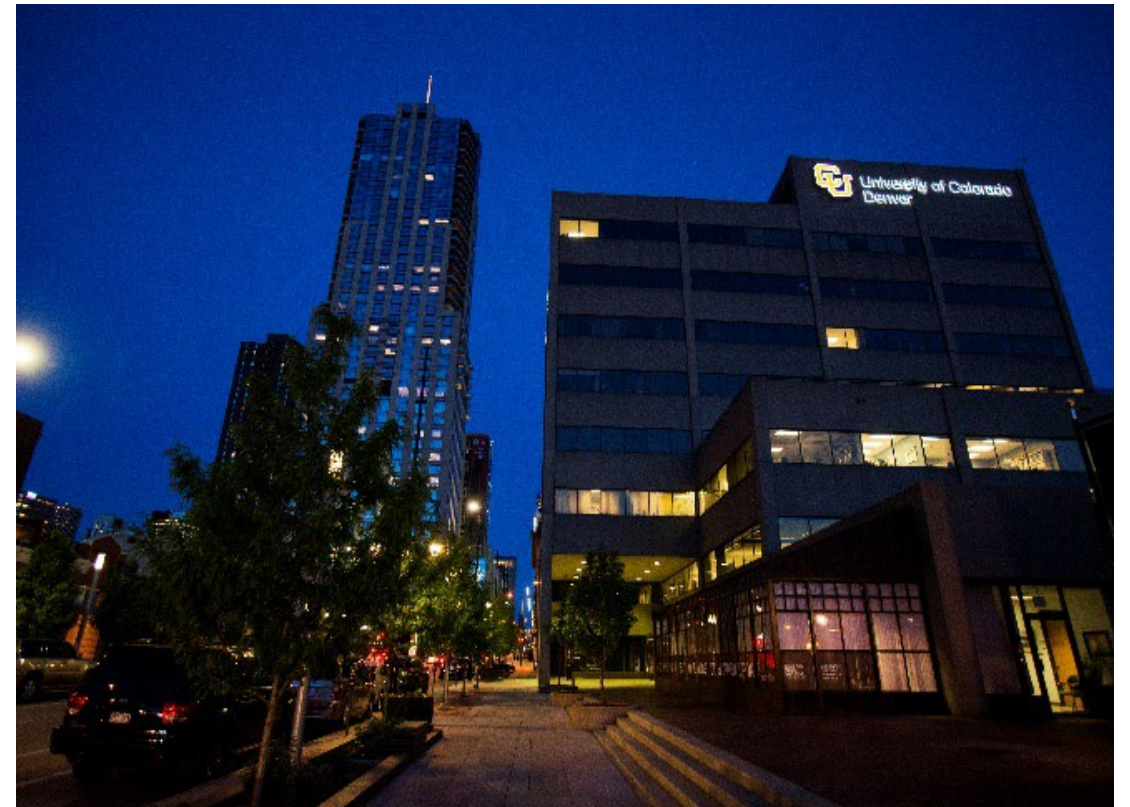
- Diverse student population
- Students from **65+ different countries**
- **120+** student organizations
- Brand new [Student Wellness Center](#) with [Outdoor Adventure Program](#)
- Small class sizes
- Dedicated, **full-service** [police department](#) operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year
- [Student discounts](#) to nearby museums, theatres, and restaurants



SAFTY

We keep our students safe with multiple safety systems!

- University Police
- Auraria Campus Police Department (ACPD)
 - a full-service police agency
 - Operating 24 hours a day year round
- Night ride service
 - NightRider Service
 - Shuttles & Motorist Assistance
- Emergency Telephones
- Emergency SMS, Email Alerts



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

We have a ton of awesome activities & events to keep our international students happy & engaged!



Find out about upcoming events & activities!

Learn about life in Denver & at CU in the City!

International Student Events:

<https://bit.ly/events23spring>

Student Activities and Clubs:

ucdenver.edu/studentlife

Intercultural Engagement Certificate (IEC)

- Get a cord for graduation!

Social Media

Instagram and Facebook:

@CUDenverInternational

@CUDenverEvents

Whatsapp:

<https://bit.ly/CUSpring23>

CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Bursar's Office (Pay your Bill)
- Auraria Library
- Learning Resource Center (LRC)
- Writing Center
- Student Organizations
 - CU Denver Men's Basketball
 - CU Women's Volleyball Club
 - CU Denver Climbing Club



Immunization Requirements

State of Colorado MMR Immunization Requirement:

Colorado State law requires any student enrolled for one or more credit hours in higher education to comply with the State's MMR (measles 홍역, mumps 볼거리, rubella 풍진) immunization policy.

Colorado law C.R.S. § 25-4-902 requires all students attending any school in the state of Colorado to be vaccinated against certain vaccine-preventable diseases as established by Colorado Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2, unless an exemption is filed.

CDPHE Vaccine Exemptions : <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>

The Online Immunization Education Module is accessed on the Vaccine Exemption page at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions>. At the end of the education module you will fill in an electronic form. Once complete, you will be given the option to 'Submit and Print'.

Auraria Immunizations

Plaza Building, Suite 150

303-615-9997

School of Public Affairs



Lead. Solve. Change.





School of Public Affairs

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**



U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best Graduate Schools rankings

#1 Best Public Affairs Program in Colorado (*#28 in the nation*)

#1 in Environmental Policy and Management in Colorado (*#9 in the nation*)

#1 in Nonprofit Management in Colorado (*#18 in the nation*)

#1 in Public Finance and Budgeting in Colorado (*#18 in the nation*)

#1 in Public Management and Leadership in Colorado (*#18 in the nation*)

#1 in Local Government in Colorado (*#21 in the nation*)

#2 Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs in Colorado (*#19 in the nation*)



School of Public Affairs

Doctor of Philosophy in Public Affairs

This program emphasizes scholarship in public administration, public policy, public management, and criminal justice/criminology in preparation for positions in academia and consulting firms, public management and administration, public policy analysis, politics and advocacy, and nonprofits.

Dual-Degree Program

School of Public Affairs | Korea Development Institute

Dual-Degree Program Overview

- **Program Requirements at CU Denver**
 - 36 total credits in "good academic standing"
 - Max 12 credits (4 courses) can be accepted from KDI applied to the SPA dual-degree requirement
- **Required Courses (7 courses)**
 - KDI students must take at least 4 (or more) of the SPA core classes if they do not complete them at KDI
- **SPA Core Classes (3 credits hours each)**
 - PUAD 5001 - Introduction to Public Administration and Public Service
 - PUAD 5002 - Organizational Management and Behavior (=KDI Public Organizations and Management)
 - PUAD 5003 - Research and Analytic Methods (=KDI Quantitative Method)
 - PUAD 5004 - Economics and Public Finance (=KDI Analysis Market and Public Policy)
 - PUAD 5005 - The Policy Process and Democracy*
 - PUAD 5006 - Public Service Leadership and Ethics
 - PUAD 5008 - Evidence-Based Decision-Making
 - ❖ Blue highlights are core classes that have a counterpart in the KDI curriculum
 - ❖ Gold highlights may be accepted if a similar course (PUAD 5005) was taken at KDI
 - ❖ Note: SPA may accept up to three of these classes from KDI

Dual-Degree Program Overview

- **Elective Courses**

All course descriptions can be found in the [Graduate Academic Catalog](#).

- **Capstone**

With the exception of those pursuing the thesis option, all MPA students must complete the capstone course during the last semester of their degree program. All core classes must be completed before taking the capstone.

- A capstone is a client-based research project that synthesizes competencies gained throughout the course of study for the master's programs of the School of Public Affairs. Students conduct independent research, complete a final written project demonstrating their qualifications and expertise, and orally present findings to a committee of faculty and criminal justice or public affairs professionals.

- PUAD 5361 - Capstone Seminar (3 credit hours)

❖ Thesis is not a preferred option for KDI students

Dual-Degree Program CORE COURSES

- KDI SCHOOL Course
- Analysis of Market and Public Policy
- Quantitative Methods
- Public Organizations and Management
- CU DENVER SPA Course
- PUAD 5004 Economics and Public Finance
- PUAD 5003 Research and Analytic Methods
- PUAD 5002 Organizational Management and Behavior

❖ Blue highlights are SPA core courses that have a counterpart in the KDI curriculum

Dual-Degree Program Electives

- KDI SCHOOL Course
- Budgeting and Public Financial Management
- Dispute Resolution and Negotiation
- Strategic Management
- Language in Public Policy and Management
- CU DENVER SPA Course
- PUAD 5503 Public Budgeting and Finance
- PUAD 5440 Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- PUAD 5002 Organizational Management and Behavior
- PUAD 5170 Strategic Management for Nonprofit and Public Leaders
- PUAD 5000 level MPA elective course

❖ Gold highlights are elective courses that have a counterpart in the KDI curriculum

Dual-Degree Program Calendar

- **Winterim term (January) (If offered)**
 - About 2 weeks prior to the spring semester
 - Starts around January 2nd or 3rd. Classes meet 4 to 5 days per week for roughly 4-5 hours
- **Spring semester (January – May)**
 - Recommend to take 4 core courses and maybe 1 elective course
 - If students have not completed core courses at KDI, it will be 5 core classes (See the previous page for core courses) Sometimes a core course needs to be completed during the summer - can take online.
- **Maymester term (May)**
 - (If offered) It is about 2-3 weeks
 - Elective course to be determined
- **Summer term (June – August)**
 - May take an online course during the summer
 - SPA also offers a few weekend intensives in the summer
 - Good summer class is PUAD 5008 Evidence-Based Decision-Making
- **Fall semester (August – December)**
 - Capstone Seminar and, if necessary, one elective (Note: no core courses concurrent with the capstone)

*Arrival information: Per US Government regulations, students may not enter the US until 30 days prior to the start of classes

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Application Requirements

Application requirements

For Fall 2024/Spring 2025 admissions

- Online application
- All post-secondary transcripts
 - Undergraduate transcript
 - KDI transcript
- 3 Recommendation letters
- Resume
- Statement of Purpose
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Application fee will be waived if "KDI Dual-Degree Program" is selected)



English Language Proficiency

IELTS	6.5 overall 6.0 R, 6.0 L, 6.0 S, 5.5 W [University of Colorado Denver]
TOEFL (Option 1)*	80 overall 20 R, 19L, 20S, 20W [Institutional Code: 4875]
TOEFL (Option 2)*	TOEFL overall score of 85 or higher if one sub-score is 20 or below
Duolingo	105 overall 85 minimum in all sub scores [University of Colorado Denver Graduate Admissions]

*We accept "TOEFL MyBest Scores"

Application Deadlines

Term	Preferred	Final
Fall (August)	April 1	May 1
Spring (January)	September 1	October 1

APPLICATION FAQ Academic Interest

Are you interested in applying for a Doctorate or Masters- EdS, Licensures and/or Endorsements? *

- ☐ Doctorate
- ☐ Licensures and/or Endorsements Only
- ☒ Masters Only, EdS Only, or with Licenses and/or Endorsements

Masters Only, EdS Only, or with Licenses and/or Endorsements*

Public Administration (MPA) ▼

Are you interested in applying to a Fully Online program?*

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

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Please choose a subplan for Public Administration

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If you're applying as a 4+1 applicant please choose this option, otherwise do not choose anything

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Are you a Korean Development Institute (KDI) student applying to CU Denver as part of your Global Master's Program?

so, please select this prompt.

☒ KDI Dual-Degree Program

What visa type do you have/require?

This question is **Required** and failure to answer this question will result in delays in processing your application. If you cannot find your visa type contact Application@ucdenver.edu prior to continuing

F-1-Student ▼

The sub-plan does not apply to KDI/SPA dual degree program students.

Application fee will be waived if "KDI Dual-Degree Program" is selected. The fee will be waived within 24 hours.

APPLICATION FAQ Program Questions

I plan to pursue the following dual degree (please know that you must apply and be admitted into both programs):



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Demonstrated Analytical Writing Ability

Degree-Seeking Graduate Students are required to demonstrate their analytical writing ability. It is required that you indicate which of the following options applies to you:

- ☐ I have taken the LSAT and/or the GRE
- ☐ I have previously earned another graduate degree
- ☒ I will upload a writing sample that highlights my writing ability and critical thinking skills.

Analyze an issue and make a well-supported argument. Your paper should be 4-5 pages and use proper citations for all sources. If you do not meet these requirements or you may see:

- Analyze a public policy
- Analyze an issue facing

Choose File No file chosen



Demonstrated Quantitative Competency

Degree-Seeking Graduate Students are required to demonstrate their quantitative competency. It is required that you indicate which of the following options applies to you:

- ☐ I have taken the GMAT and/or the GRE
- ☐ I have previously earned another graduate degree
- ☒ I completed a college-level math class as an undergraduate and earned a B or higher
- ☐ I acknowledge that I am unable to demonstrate quantitative competency and that I will need to demonstrate quantitative competency through an approved alternative route by the end of my first semester of graduate studies.

Insert the Math Course. *

Insert the semester. *

Insert the year. *

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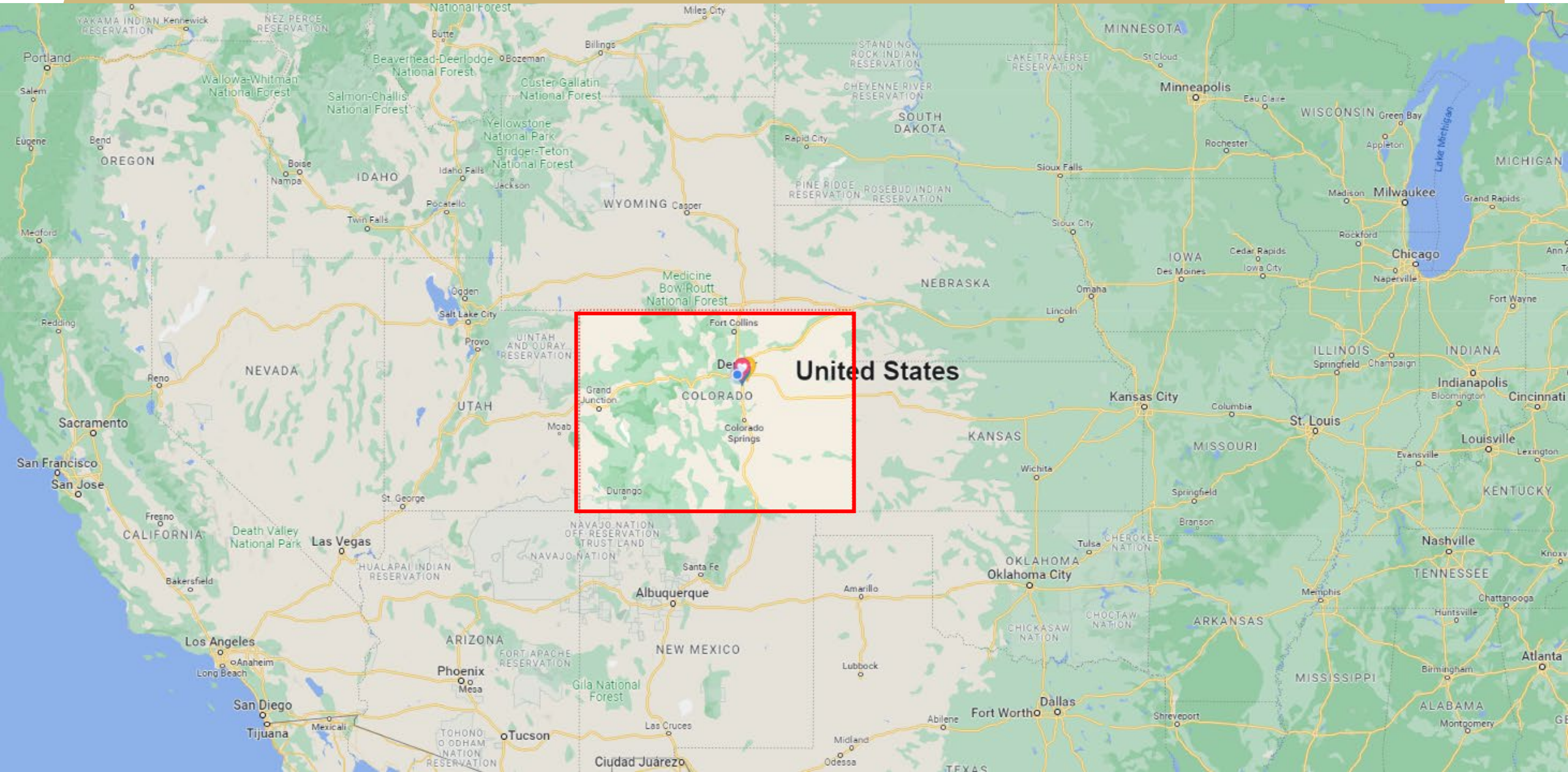
If you don't have a GRE score, a writing sample and college-level math credits will be required

- Writing Sample : A five-page paper on policy or a local government issue
 - KDI school paper related to the subjects can be submitted as the writing sample (4-5 pages double-space)
- Math Course: If you did not take a math course as an undergraduate, you can substitute the KDI course "Quantitative Methods" or "Introduction to Research Methods" in the Math Course section

APPLICATION FAQ

- Are external evaluations (ECE/WES course by course evaluations) required?
 - No. International Admissions will process international credential evaluations for KDI students.
- When do I need to submit my official transcripts (sealed university envelope)?
 - Official transcript must be submitted to International Admissions upon arrival or during the first semester to avoid registration issues for the next term.
 - You can bring the **sealed copy of your transcripts** (from all schools that you listed on your application) with you when you come to the US and **drop them off at the Office of International Admissions** (Student Commons Building #1119).
- When my application fee will be waived?
 - Once your application is submitted, the application fee will be waived automatically within **24 hours**.
- Do you offer non-degree programs?
 - Please contact Haeryoung Ryu (Haeryoung.ryu@ucdenver.edu) if you have any questions regarding non-degree programs.

WHERE IS COLORADO?

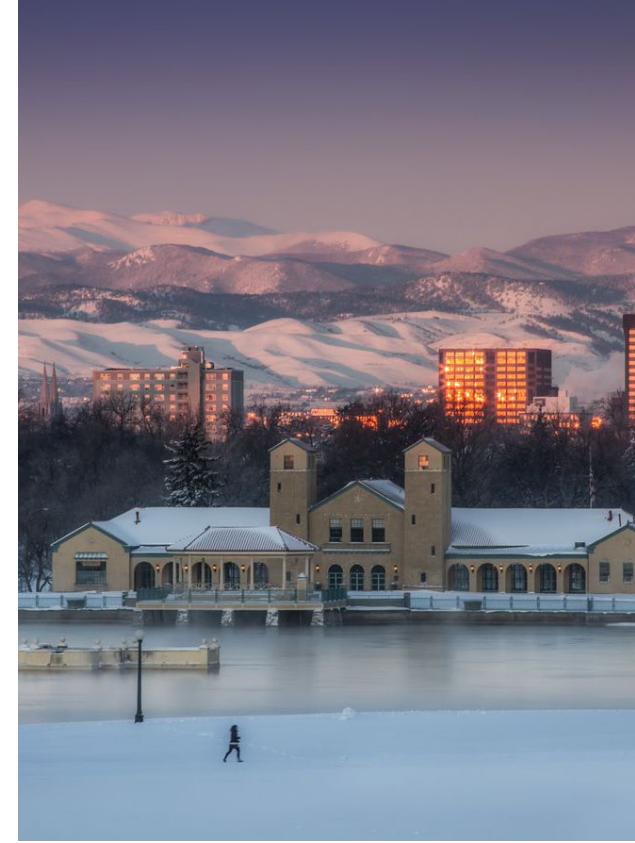




Colorado: Fast Facts

- Population: 5.7 million
- 4 cities ranked in the top 20 Best Places to Live in the US: Boulder (#1) Denver (#14) and Colorado Springs (#6) Fort Collins (#17)*
- Diverse, 2nd most educated state in the US
- #2 State Economy in the US*
- Beautiful geography
- Favorable climate with 4 beautiful seasons
- World-class skiing, snowboarding, and hiking
- Golf, camping, rafting, outdoor recreation
- Healthy living: consistently ranked among the healthiest and fittest states
- #2 State in the Technology and Science Index
- Central for travel to other places such as national parks

*U.S. News & World Report 2021-2022



IN ONE OF THE GREATEST CITIES IN AMERICA

- **300 days** of sunshine a year
- **Best of both worlds:** located at the base of the Rocky Mountains
- **Strongest city economy** in the US
- **A sports fan's dream city:** Denver offers six professional sports teams!

DENVER

- **Mile-High City:** Denver is often referred to as the "Mile-High City" because it is located exactly one mile above sea level. State Capital: Denver is the capital and the largest city in the state of Colorado.
- **Colorado's Largest City:** Denver is the most populous city in Colorado and serves as the economic and cultural hub of the state.
- **Strong Economy; #4 Best Place for Businesses and Careers in the US****
- **Safe and effective public transit system**
- **Unique city park systems in the nation:** Denver has more than 200 parks within the city and 20,000 acres of parks in the nearby mountains
- **Sports Hub:** Denver has a passionate sports culture, with major professional sports teams including the Denver Broncos (NFL), Colorado Rockies (MLB), Denver Nuggets (NBA), and Colorado Avalanche (NHL).
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Surrounded by the Rocky Mountains, Denver is a gateway to outdoor adventure. Residents and visitors enjoy hiking, skiing, and various outdoor activities.

*US News & World Report

**Forbes

List of Fun Things to Do in Colorado with Kids

- Children's Museum of Denver
 - <https://www.mychildsmuseum.org/>
- Denver Zoo
 - <https://denverzoo.org/>
- Hammonds' Candy Factory Tour – Denver
 - <https://hammondscandies.com>
- Denver Museum of Nature & Science
 - <https://www.dmns.org/>
- Denver Art Museum
 - <https://www.denverartmuseum.org/en>
- Stanley Hotel Tour – Estes Park
 - <https://www.stanleyhotel.com/tours.html>
- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo – Colorado Springs
 - <https://www.cmzoo.org/>
- Elitch Gardens – Denver
 - <https://www.elitchgardens.com/>
- Garden of the Gods Segway Tour – Colorado Springs
 - <https://www.gardenofgods.com/>
- Colorado Railroad Museum – Golden
 - <https://coloradorailroadmuseum.org/>
- Dinosaur Ridge – Morrison
 - <https://dinoridge.org/>
- Downtown Aquarium – Denver
 - <https://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumdenver/>
- Rocky Mountain Zipline Adventure Tour
 - <https://www.denveradventures.com/>
- Rocky Top Glide Segway Tours - Denver
 - <https://rockytopglide.com/>

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Helpful Information

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Denver International Airport (DIA)
is a *major US hub* with flights
to *205+ destinations*.



Destination	Stops	Flight time
Chicago	Nonstop	2.5 hours
LA	Nonstop	2.5 hours
New York	Nonstop	3.5 hours
Seattle	Nonstop	3 hours
Incheon	1 stop	17 + hours

- Voted as the *Best Airport in the US* (Wall Street Journal, 2018)
- Located near the geographic center of the United States
- DEN is a hub for three airlines: United, Southwest and Frontier
- Nonstop service to more than 200 destinations worldwide (as of September 2022)
- Averaging more than 1,650 daily flights (September 2022)

CU Denver Health Insurance Plan

United Healthcare

<https://www.uhc.com/member-resources/faq>

Insurance Waiver Requirements

<https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/students/health/waiver>

CU Denver International Student & Scholar Services

Frequently Asked Questions about International Student Health Insurance

Important CU Denver Links

Type	Contents
ONLINE APPLICATION	https://graduateschool.ucdenver.edu/admissions
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	spa@ucdenver.edu +1 (303)-315-2228
INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS	intl admissions@ucdenver.edu +1 (303) 315-2382
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLAR SERVICES	isss@ucdenver.edu +1 (303) 315-2230
CU DENVER HOUSING & DINING (On campus & off campus housing)	Housing@ucdenver.edu +1 (303) 315-5272
ARRIVAL IN DENVER (Public Transportation - RTD)	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/resources/life-in-colorado/travel-and-transportation
Transportation from Denver International Airport (DEN), Finding Housing in Denver	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/students/pre-arrival/arrival
COLORADO DRIVER'S LICENSE	https://www.ucdenver.edu/docs/librariesprovider190/default-document-library/colorado_dmv_final.pdf?sfvrsn=66314b9_4
LIFE IN DENVER	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/resources/life-in-colorado
Insurance & Campus Resources for Current International Students	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/students/current/regulations-procedures/health/resources
Graduate Certificates, and Graduate Credentials	https://graduateschool.ucdenver.edu/programs-of-study/graduate-and-certificate-programs#ft-certificates-credentials-and-others-3

Other Useful Links

School Districts

<https://www.greatschools.org/colorado/>

Housing

[Zillow](#)

[Trulia](#)

[Apartments.com](#)

[Korean & Asian Grocery Stores in Denver](#)

(H Mart Aurora, H Mart Westminster & M-Mart Aurora)

[Tourist Attractions In Colorado](#)

[State Parks – Colorado Parks & Wildlife](#)

[National Forests In Colorado](#)

[10 Best Places to Visit in Colorado - Travel Video](#)

[Denver Colorado: Cool Things To Do // Destinations Explained](#)

[Denver Travel Guide - What to do in The Mile High City](#)

*Note on Housing: Most Korean students and their families tend to live south of Denver in Centennial, Greenwood Village, Lone Tree or Highlands Ranch.

Also, Westminster, Avada, Aurora, Littleton and Lakewood are good places to live where the costs are relatively lower and still have good school districts.

LEARN MORE

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Please contact *Evelyn Logiudici* if you have any questions regarding programs and application requirements!

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Please contact *Haeryoung Ryu* if you have any other questions!

Will be visiting KDI in April (possibly Friday, April 17th)

Jennie Szumski

International Student Transition & Engagement Coordinator

Contact Jennies Szumski if you have any questions regarding life

in Denver and/or finding housing via **Whatsapp** <https://bit.ly/CUSpring23>

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WhatsApp Group Invite

Join Chat

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<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HVCt68wwJ1E2lcMHCvBAiE>



Korean Student Association at University of Colorado, Denver (@ksa_cu)
https://www.instagram.com/ksa_cu/



