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[KDI GMP] Information Session
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Introductions

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AT A GLANCE

- Mid-sized, comprehensive public R1 research university

- 15,000 students; 7% international

- 140+ undergraduate and graduate programs in 7 schools and colleges

- On campus ESL Academy with admissions pathway to the university

- Unique location in the heart of downtown Denver
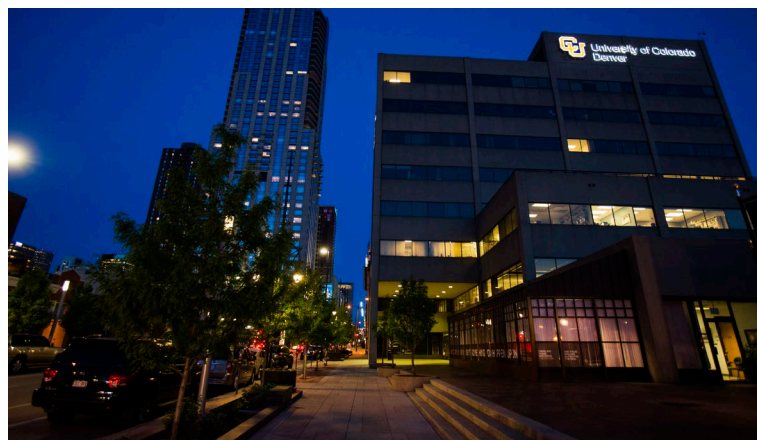
STUDENT LIFE

- 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

School of Public Affairs

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State and National 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 Public Finance and Budgeting in Colorado *(#14 in the nation)*

#1 in Nonprofit Management in Colorado *(#14 in the nation)*

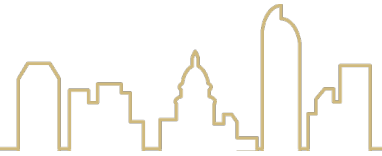**#1** in Public Management and Leadership in Colorado *(#22 in the nation)*

#1 in Public Policy Analysis in Colorado *(#32 in the nation)*

#1 in Urban Policy in Colorado *(#30 in the nation)*

#3 Best Online Graduate Criminal Justice Programs in Colorado *(#24 in the nation)*

School of Public Affairs

**MPA/Master of Arts in Applied Geography and Geospatial Sciences**

The dual-degree offers students interested in working in the government or nonprofit sectors an opportunity to combine management and leadership training with skills in geospatial sciences, including geographic information systems, remote sensing, computer cartography, and spatial statistics.

MPA/Master of Urban and Regional Planning

The School of Public Affairs and the College of Architecture and Planning jointly sponsor this dual-degree program, which enables you to take the core of both programs and to choose electives that simultaneously count toward both programs and that suit your career and personal goals.

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.
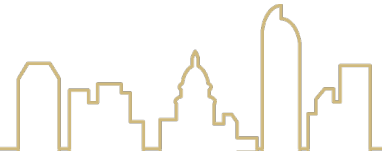
SPA/KDI Dual-Program

SPA/KDI Dual-Degree Program

- **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
  - PUAD 5003 - Research and Analytic Methods (=KDI Quantitative Method/Introduction to Research Method)
  - PUAD 5004 - Economics and Public Finance -OR- PUAD 5503 - Public Budgeting and 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

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- **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.

- PUAD 5361 - Capstone Seminar (3 credit hours)

- **Thesis option**

The thesis option is available in lieu of the PUAD 5361 - Capstone Seminar for MPA students who have an interest in pursuing a topic in-depth or who are planning to pursue a career in research or academia. Students must receive approval from their faculty advisor or the MPA director to pursue the thesis option.

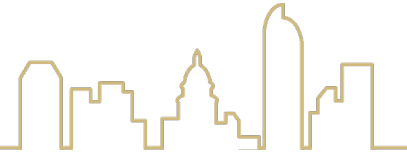- PUAD 6950 - Master's Thesis (3-6 credit hours)

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| KDI School Course	Corresponding SPA Course
Introduction to Research Methods	-> PUAD 5003 Research and Analytic Methods
Quantitative Methods	-> PUAD 5003 Research and Analytic Methods
Analysis of Market and Public Policy	-> PUAD 5004 Economic and Public Finance

- PUAD 5002 Organization Management and Behavior may be accepted if a corresponding Organization Management course was taken at KDI (Note: SPA may accept up to three of these classes)

- PUAD 5005 Policy Process may be accepted if a similar course was taken at KDI

*Syllabus documentation required and must to be submitted to Scott Steinbrecher

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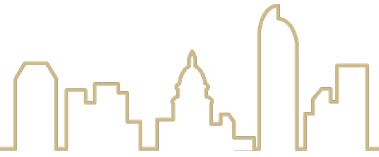
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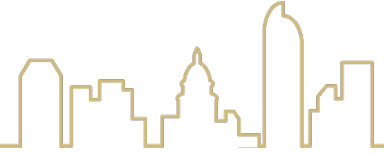
- **Winterim term (January) (If offered)**
  - About 2 weeks prior to the spring semester
  - Starts around January 2nd or 3rd. Classes meet 4 to 5 days per week for roughly 4-5 hours

- **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

APPLICATION

Application requirements

For fall 2021/Spring 2022 admissions

- Online application
- $75 application fee (Application fee will be waived if "KDI Dual-Degree Program" is selected)
- Complete transcripts (including KDI)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
- Resume
- Statement of Purpose
- GRE/GMAT can be waived with
  - a cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 (UG) AND
  - work experience (7 years)

English Language Proficiency

IELTS	6.5 overall 6.0 minimum in all sub scores [University of Colorado Denver]
TOEFL	80 overall 20R, 20L, 20S, 20W (preferred) [Institutional Code: **4875**]
Duolingo	105 overall 85 minimum in all sub scores [University of Colorado Denver Graduate Admissions]

Application Deadlines

Term	Preferred	Final
Fall (August)	April 1	May 1
Spring (January)	September 1	October 15

APPLICATION FAQ
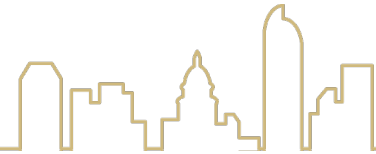
Academic Interest

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

Please choose a subplan for Public Administration

⌄

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

| ⌄ | ⬅ **Leave Blank**
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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.

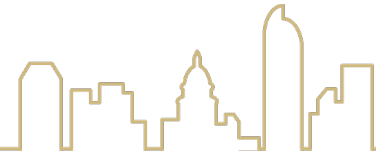| ⦿ KDI Dual-Degree Program |
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What visa type do you have/require?

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 ⌄

Application fee will be waived if "KDI Dual-Degree Program" is selected

APPLICATION FAQ

Program Questions

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

⬅ **Leave Blank**

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 for a particular position or decision. Limit to approximately 4-5 double-spaced pages and use proper citations for all sour... meets these requirements or you may sele...

  ◦ 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. *

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 Credits: 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
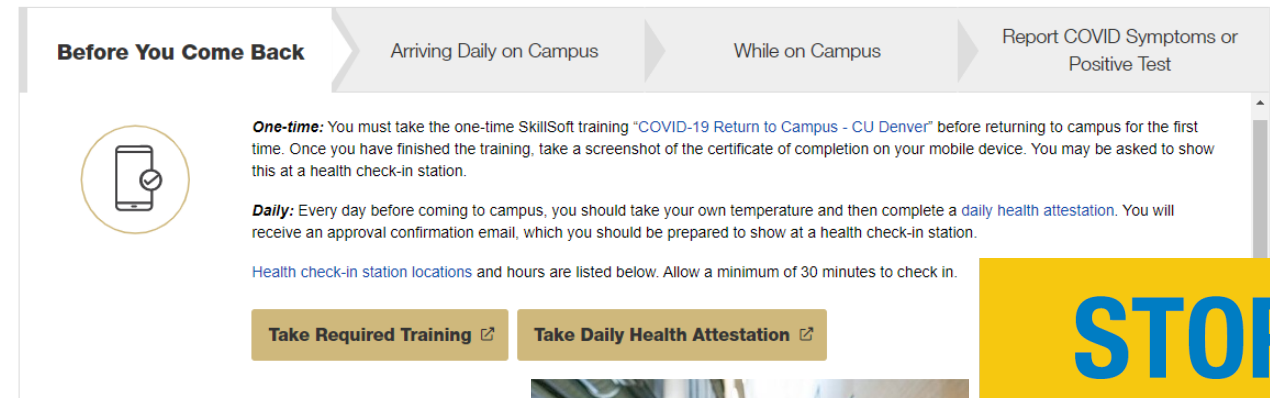
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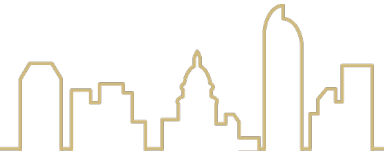
- Fall 2020: Campus reopened with a mix of on-campus, remote, online, and hybrid course formats

- Extensive health and safety protocols
  - Safe Return to Campus Website
  - Coronavirus Updates and Resources
  - Daily Wellness Check/Self-attestation Form

- Easy, 100% online application process
  - Duolingo accepted
  - Unofficial transcripts accepted
  - No enrollment deposit

Coming to Campus

If you are returning to campus for any reason, please read and follow the steps below before coming to campus.

| **Before You Come Back** | Arriving Daily on Campus | While on Campus | Report COVID Symptoms or Positive Test |

One-time: You must take the one-time SkillSoft training "COVID-19 Return to Campus - CU Denver" before returning to campus for the first time. Once you have finished the training, take a screenshot of the certificate of completion on your mobile device. You may be asked to show this at a health check-in station.

Daily: Every day before coming to campus, you should take your own temperature and then complete a daily health attestation. You will receive an approval confirmation email, which you should be prepared to show at a health check-in station.

Health check-in station locations and hours are listed below. Allow a minimum of 30 minutes to check in.

Take Required Training ⬈   **Take Daily Health Attestation** ⬈

Health Check-In Station Locations

Allow a minimum of 30 minutes to check in.

Locations
Lynx Crossing Residence Hall
North Classroom Building
Student Wellness Center

STOP

If you do not have a wristband of the day, please **proceed to the nearest health check-in station** to complete the daily health attestation and get your wristband.

Take the daily health attestation prior to arriving at your chosen check-in location. Scan QR code with your phone camera to take the daily health attestation or go to covidcheckpoint.ucdenver.edu.

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Color of the day is subject to change

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Classify Your Course

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Course features often vary by the type of course you are enrolled in. Understanding the features of your course can help you better plan for success in your course environment. Take a look at the table below for some of the similarities and differences between fall 2020 course formats and their course.

	ON-CAMPUS Taught primarily on-campus at pre-scheduled meeting times.	HYBRID Taught with mix of pre-scheduled, on-campus meetings and flexible-schedule online learning components.	REMOTE Taught virtually (using Zoom) with pre-scheduled meeting times. Other online learning materials provided as well. No on-campus component.	ONLINE Taught using online learning materials with a flexible schedule. Class takes place entirely online. No on-campus components.
Meeting Location	On-campus	Zoom & on-campus	Zoom & Canvas	Canvas
Time	Scheduled class sessions (i.e. MW 10:00 – 11:00 am)	Scheduled class sessions (i.e. MW 10:00 – 11:00 am)	Scheduled class sessions (i.e. MW 10:00 – 11:00 am)	No scheduled meeting times
Class Delivery	Lecture, discussion, activities in-person, on-campus	Lecture, discussion, activities in-person and via Zoom	Lecture, discussion, activities in Zoom	Online modules with text, video, discussion, activities occurring virtually
Assignments & Activities	Delivered and completed in-person and/or via Canvas	Delivered and completed in-person and/or via Zoom and Canvas	Delivered and completed via Zoom and/or Canvas	Delivered and completed using Canvas
Interaction	Peers & instructor in-person	Peers & instructor in-person and via Zoom & Canvas	Peers & instructor via Zoom & Canvas	Peers & instructor via Canvas
Flex Options	Recordings of in-person and/or Zoom sessions at instructor discretion	Recordings of in-person and/or Zoom sessions at instructor discretion	Recordings of Zoom sessions at instructor discretion	None

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CU Denver Health Insurance Plan

United Healthcare

Most frequently asked COVID-19 related questions: https://www.uhcsr.com/faqs

Will testing and physician visits be covered for COVID-19?

Will treatment be covered for COVID-19?

Will the vaccines be covered?

To find a testing center near you, you can
visit https://covid19testcenterlocator.uhc.com/ctcl#/CTC-Search

CU Denver International Student & Scholar Services

Frequently Asked Questions about International Student Health Insurance

Coronavirus Updates and Resources
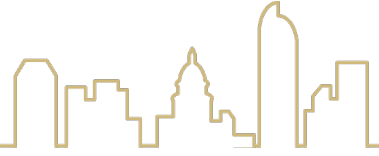
Health Services

The Health Center at Auraria Coronavirus Services

Telehealth Options and Nurselines (free or low-cost options in Colorado)
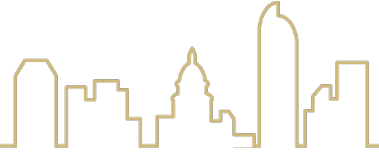
Telehealth Options for Cu Health Plan Members

Denver Metro COVID-19 Data (Denver Public Health)

Colorado County COVID-19 Status (CHPHE)

COVID Data Tracker (CDC)

Covid-19 travel restrictions state by state (CNN)

Coronavirus Updates and Resources

CDC and CDPHE Resources

CDC hompage (most comprehensive sources of helpful guidance)

CDPHE homepage (a good place to begin search for Colorado Specific resources)

Self-isolation, self-quarantine, and self-cared information

Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE):

How to Isolate

How to Quarantine

Do You Have Symptoms?

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):

What to Do if You Are Sick?

Caring for Someone Sick at Home

WHERE IS COLORADO?

Colorado

Colorado: Fast Facts

- Population: 5.7 million
- [4 cities ranked in the top 5 Best Places to Live in the US: Boulder (#1) Denver (#2) and Colorado Springs (#4) Fort Collins (#5)*](#)
- 2nd most educated state in the US
- [#2 State Economy](#) in the US*
- Diverse, beautiful geography
- Favorable climate with 4 beautiful seasons
- Affordable living: relatively low cost of living compared to other states
- 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
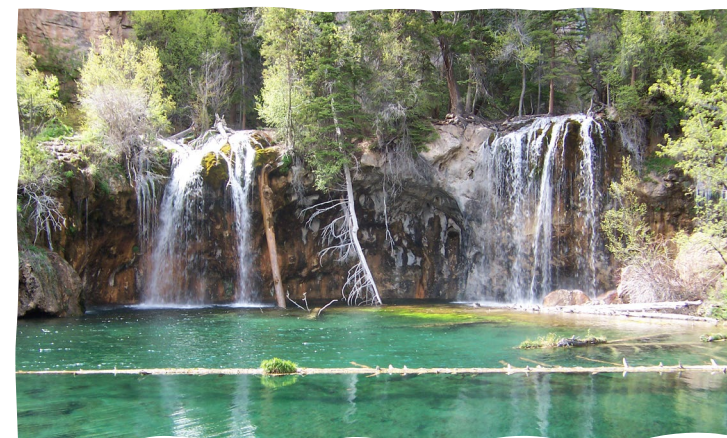
*US News & World Report 2020-2021

#2 Best Place
to live in the US
USNWR, 2019

300 days
of sunshine a year

Strongest city economy
in the US

IN ONE OF

AMERICA'S GREATEST CITIES

DENVER, COLORADO

- *Capital of Colorado* and most populous city in the Rocky Mountain Region
- High quality of life; ranked #2 Best Place to Live in the US*
- Strong Economy; #4 Best Place for Businesses and Careers in the US**
- Denver is the hub for high-tech, commercial, financial, and transportation industries in the Rocky Mountain region. It is also the cultural and educational center of the region.
- Mid-sized city, relatively safe compared to other metro areas of similar size
- Safe and effective public transit system
- Culture & Fun: 7 professional sports teams, 25 museums, dozens of live music venues, and hundreds of restaurants
- Rocky Mountain lifestyle - easy access to stunning natural spaces, National Parks, and outdoor activities

*US News & World Report

**Forbes

DENVER: A MAJOR Domestic HUB
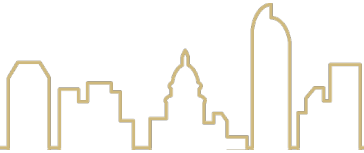
Denver International Airport (DIA)
is a major US hub with flights
to 205+ destinations

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

- DIA is easily accessible from CU Denver via public transit, making it quick and affordable to get from campus to your home country

- DIA serves as the gateway into Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West and has direct flights to 12 destinations in Colorado, including popular ski resorts, vacation and business destinations

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	*application@ucdenver.edu +1 (303) 315-2382*
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLOAR SERVICES	*isss@ucdenver.edu +1 (303) 315-2230*
CU DENVER HOUSING & DINING	Housing@ucdenver.edu +1 *(303) 315-5272*
ARRIVAL IN DENVER	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/resources/life-in-colorado/travel-and-transportation
MORE PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/scholars/j-1/pre-arrival
ADDITONAL RESOURCES	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/scholars/resources
LIFE IN COLORADO	https://www.ucdenver.edu/services/international-student-and-scholar-services/resources/life-in-colorado
STUDENT DISCOUNTS	All Discounts

Other Helpful Links

School Districts https://www.greatschools.org/colorado/
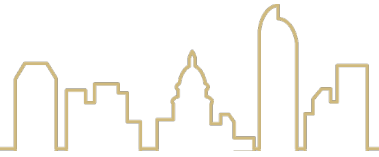
Housing

    Off-Campus Housing Guide

    Commute Times and Map of Denver (Provided by Trulia)

    Real Estate How-To Guides (Provided by Trulia)

    Zillow.com (for more renting options)

Korean Grocery in Denver (H Marts & M-Mart)

Outdoor Adventure Program

Tourist Attractions In Colorado

State Parks –Colorado Parks & Wildlife

National Forests In Colorado

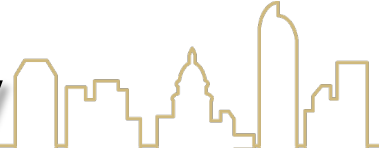**Winter Sports In Colorado:** www.skitripadvisors.com; www.snow.com

10 Best Places to Visit in Colorado - Travel Video

Denver Colorado: Cool Things To Do // Destinations Explained

*Note on Housing: Most Korean students and their families tend to live just 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.

List of Fun Things to Do in Colorado with Kids – Best Family Friendly

- 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 Raiilroad 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/

LEARN MORE
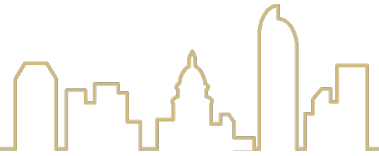
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