

University of Colorado Colorado Springs Fact Sheet

Information valid for academic year	2024/2025
Name of the University and Erasmus code	University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS)
General Information about the University (location, number of students, faculties)	<p>UCCS is located at the East Central portion of Colorado overlooking Pikes Peak. It is 1 hour south of Denver and stands over 1609 meters above sea level. UCCS has approximately 11,300 students, more than 1,150 experienced faculty members and more than 800 devoted staff members.</p> <p>UCCS has 6 areas of studies: Education, Health Sciences, Business, Engineering and Applied Sciences, Public Service, and Letters, Arts, and Sciences.</p> <p>UCCS offers 46 Baccalaureate Programs, 23 Master’s Programs, 8 Doctoral Programs, and 34 Certificate Programs.</p> <p>UCCS is part of the Colorado University (CU) system, which has four campuses located in Denver, Boulder, Aurora, and Colorado Springs.</p>
University Website	https://www.uccs.edu
Our Campus	UCCS has one main campus in Colorado Springs that overlooks Pikes Peak. Campus is roughly 1609 meters in length. UCCS offers a free shuttle that has stops throughout campus. Campus includes dining and residential halls, recreation and wellness center, recreational fields, and several buildings for educational purposes.
Our Postal Address	University of Colorado Colorado Springs 1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway International Affairs, Copper House 9202 Attn: [personal name] Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Contact persons for outgoing exchange students from UCCS	Telma Frumholtz Education Abroad Program Director Phone: 719-255-5018 Email: international@uccs.edu
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Educational System	<p>UCCS is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S department of Education.</p> <p>UCCS determines that 24 credits represent the workload of one year of study (Fall/Spring semester)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credits to complete a degree vary per program per level
Website for exchange students	https://international.uccs.edu/exchange-students
Application process and course offer	Link: Apply UCCS
Bachelor level students	Due to the courses available for exchange students, we recommend students at the bachelor level to spend a fall semester at UCCS. All students return to campus for the fall semester, so this offers an opportunity to meet fellow students which can be easier than attending during the spring semester.
Master level students	<p>Students benefit from spending the fall semester at UCCS or staying a full academic year in order to benefit from the progression of courses.</p> <p>Master level courses generally require a completed bachelor's degree.</p>
“Add and Drop” periods	UCCS allows students to add/drop classes up until the census date—which varies depending on the semester. Once census date has arrived, students must be enrolled in the minimum credit requirements. UCCS will lock student's ability to add/drop classes after census date. The academic calendar, which includes census date can be found here: Academic Calendar 2021-2028.pdf (uccs.edu)
Which departments/schools are open for exchange students (courses taught in English) and at which level?	Most departments at UCCS are open for exchange students at undergraduate levels if they fulfill the requirements. However, there are specialty programs that may not allow this.
Is it possible to take courses from different faculties/schools?	Yes, however there are some programs that have a second, higher application where it may not be possible (i.e., nursing)
Course offer: language courses	UCCS does not offer English as a Second Language program
Credits equivalent to full time studies per semester	Undergraduate: 12 credits Graduate: 5 credits
Credits requirements	Undergraduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits and graduate students must be enrolled in a minimum of 5 credits to be considered full-time per semester and to maintain their visa status.
Grading system	Each College or School individually determines the use of +/- grading.

	Standard Grades	Quality Points for Each Hour of Credit
	A= superior/excellent	4
	A(-) =	3.7
	B(+) =	3.3
	B = good/better than average	3
	B(-) =	2.7
	C(+) =	2.3
	C = competent/average	2
	C(-) =	1.7
	D(+) =	1.3
	D =	1
	D(-) =minimum passing	0.7
	F = failing	0
	<p>Special Symbols NC indicates registration on a no-credit or audit basis W indicates withdrawal or drop without discredit I indicates incomplete—regarded as F if not completed within one year. (Students should be aware that “I” grades are automatically changed to F grades, without formal notification, when the one-year time allowance has passed.) IP indicates in progress—thesis or dissertation or multi-term course at the graduate level only. PF indicates the pass/fail option—P grade is not included in the grade point average; the F grade is included; up to 16 hours of pass/fail course work may be credited toward a bachelor’s degree; a letter grade of D- or above is considered passing.</p> <p>Computing a Grade Point Average (GPA) The grade point average is computed by multiplying the credit points per hour, (A=4, A-=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3, B-=2.7, C+=2.3, C=2.0, C-=1.7, D+=1.3, D=1.0, D-=0.7, F=0) by the number of hours for each course, totaling the hours and the credit points, and dividing the latter by the former.</p>	
Issuance of transcript records	Students can request their transcript through the registrar: Phone: 719-255-3361 or Email: registrar@uccs.edu	
Semester periods	Fall semester: August – December Spring semester: January – May Summer semester: May-August	
Nomination deadlines	Nominations are due 1 month prior to application deadlines	
Application deadline(s) for admission	Spring: October 1 Summer/Fall: March 1	
Decision on admission of nominated students will be sent (date/time/period)	If the application is complete, UCCS will make an admission decision typically within 3 weeks for undergraduate programs and longer for graduate programs.	
Language requirements (TOEFL score, IELTS score) for	Undergraduate: TOEFL: 75 IELTS: 6.0	

undergraduate and graduate students	<p>English Language Proficiency Exemptions: Citizens of a country whose first/official language and the language of instruction is English and have completed all secondary or post-secondary schooling in that country.</p> <p>Exempt Countries: Australia, Belize, Botswana, Canada (except Quebec), Commonwealth Caribbean (Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, The British Virgin Islands, The Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos), Ghana, Great Britain, Ireland, Kenya, New Zealand, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa and Zimbabwe.</p> <p>Graduate requirements vary by program: https://graduateschool.uccs.edu/english-proficiency-requirements</p>
Housing assistance	Students will be offered campus housing through UCCS. If students would prefer to find accommodations off campus, UCCS can offer information about housing in the area.
Website for housing	Residence Life & Housing (uccs.edu)
Application deadline(s) for housing	<p>The following application priority deadlines are recommended to guarantee housing:</p> <p>Fall: March 15</p> <p>Spring: December 1</p> <p>Meeting these deadlines is encouraged, but housing still accepts applications on a rolling basis. Students are able to apply up until move-in date if there are rooms available.</p>
Information on insurances and visa/residence permits	U.S. government regulations (22 CFR S62.14) require that all international students, scholars, and professors in J-1 status (as well as dependents) be enrolled in an approved insurance plan that includes comprehensive medical insurance with evacuation and repatriation coverages, and meets the minimum coverage limits for J-1 status exchange visitors. Coverage on such a plan is required at all times while in the U.S. in J-1 status, beginning on the start date of the J-1 program continuing to the end of the J-1 program. There cannot be any breaks or lapses in coverage at any time, regardless of travel out of the U.S. during this time.
Other information	The national language is English