

International Education

The University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, through International Education (IE), provides a variety of international programs, educational opportunities and services for international and domestic students, scholars, faculty, staff and the greater Denver community. The goals of IE are to raise international awareness on the UCDHSC campus and, in particular, to provide an opportunity for all students to gain the global competency needed in today's interdependent world.

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IE arranges student study abroad programs, expedites the exchange of students and faculty, hosts international visitors, promotes special relationships with international universities, and advises students and faculty on Fulbright, National Security Exchange Program (NSEP) and other scholarship opportunities. IE also functions as a recruiting, retention and advisory office for international students and coordinates many services for them before and after they have been accepted to UCDHSC, including new student orientation, visa and immigration advice and assistance in a variety of areas.

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

The Department of International Admissions at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC) assists all international students with the international application process from first contact through issuance of initial immigration documents. The conversion of foreign grades into the U.S. system is done in-house. At the request of academic departments, International Admissions also evaluates course work completed at foreign institutions by domestic applicants.

International Admissions representatives travel overseas to recruit qualified international students. The department also advises staff and faculty traveling overseas on possible networking with prospective international students, visiting Fulbright offices and foreign universities with UCDHSC brochures and information.

International Admissions Application Deadlines

Undergraduate		
Term	Preferred Deadline	Final Deadline
Summer	January 15	May 3
Fall	March 15	July 22
Spring	October 1	December 1

Graduate	
Term	Preferred Deadline
Summer	January 15
Fall	February 15*, March 15
Spring	October 1

Final deadlines vary by department and by programs.

* College of Architecture & Planning

English Language Requirement

Both Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores are accepted at UCDHSC as proof of English Language Proficiency.

The UCDHSC institutional code for TOEFL is 4875. Test Information and registration materials for TOEFL may be obtained from the Ministry of Education, American Culture Center or educational institutions in the applicant's country. Information may also be obtained directly from:

Educational Testing Services, CN 6151
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151 USA
606-921-9000
www.toefl.org
e-mail: toefl@ets.org

To receive test information and registration materials for IELTS please visit www.ielts.org or send an e-mail to ielts@ieltsintl.org.

APPLYING TO UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

1. Submit a complete International Application form along with a \$75 nonrefundable application fee, **payable to the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center**. DO NOT SEND CASH. The application fee must be in U.S. funds only. (Use an International Money Order or your personal check payable in U.S. currency). Please send it to the following address:

By Air Mail:

University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center
International Admissions
P.O. Box 173364, Campus Box 185
Denver, CO 80217-3364
USA

By Courier (FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.):

University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center
International Admissions
1380 Lawrence Street, 9th Floor
Denver, CO 80204-2029
USA
303-315-2230

2. Applicants must submit complete and "official" academic records of all course work from secondary schools and any universities attended. Official academic records are records which are directly sent by the issuing institution to the university or are issued to the student in a sealed envelope to be delivered by the student to the university.

At A Glance: International Education

International Students*

On the Denver campus: 412
Undergraduate: 99
Graduate: 313

Average number of international students per year over the past 10 years:

Undergraduate: 227
Graduate: 379

International Student Organizations on Campus

American Indian Student Association
Asian Student Alliance
Chinese Student Association
Indian Student Organization
International Business Student Network (IBSN)
Korean Student Association
Mongolian Student Club
Muslim Intent on Learning and Activism (MILA)
Muslim Student Association
South Asian Student Association



Students have hailed from

Albania	Gambia	Pakistan
Algeria	Georgia	Panama
Angola	Germany	Paraguay
Argentina	Ghana	Peru
Armenia	Greece	Philippines
Australia	Guatemala	Poland
Austria	Guinea	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Guyana	Qatar
Bahrain	Haiti	Romania
Bangladesh	Hong Kong (S.A.R)	Russia
Barbados	Hungary	Rwanda
Belarus	India	Saudi Arabia
Belgium	Indonesia	Sierra Leone
Benin	Iran	Singapore
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Israel	Slovenia
Botswana	Italy	South Africa
Brazil	Jamaica	Spain
Bulgaria	Japan	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Jordan	Sudan
Cambodia	Kazakhstan	Swaziland
Cameroon	Kenya	Sweden
Canada	Korea	Switzerland
Chad	Kyrgyzstan	Syria
Chile	Kuwait	Taiwan
China	Laos	Tanzania
Colombia	Latvia	Thailand
D.R. of Congo	Lebanon	Tunisia
Costa Rica	Liberia	Turkey
Cote D'Ivoire	Lithuania	Uganda
Croatia	Malaysia	Ukraine
Cyprus	Mali	United Arab Emirates
Czech Republic	Mexico	United Kingdom
Denmark	Micronesia	Uzbekistan
Ecuador	Moldova	Venezuela
Egypt	Mongolia	Vietnam
Eritrea	Morocco	Yugoslavia
Estonia	Nepal	Zambia
Ethiopia	Netherlands Antilles	Zimbabwe
Finland	New Zealand	
France	Nigeria	
	Norway	
	Oman	



*Fall 2006 end-of-term enrollment data

Number of international faculty in 2006–2007:

73 (two as visiting faculty)

Bragging Rights

Denver is known worldwide as the “Mile High City,” because it’s situated at an altitude of 5,280 feet (1.61 kilometers). It is home to 2.5 million people and is the Colorado state capital.

Denver is located at the base of the Rocky Mountains—25 ski resorts are located within a two-hour drive.

The sun shines in Colorado 300 days per year, so you’ll have beautiful weather to enjoy the nation’s largest park system.

In addition to an extensive public transportation system, you can bike along 650 miles (1,046 kilometers) of paved paths around Denver.

See the Campus Life chapter for additional information about the UCDHSC campus.

Testimonials

“I consider myself highly privileged to be part of UCDHSC. The Denver campus has the best of both worlds—it’s nestled right in the heart of the city and it’s a very self-sufficient campus...I am extremely happy with the conceptual knowledge and strength I have garnered from my courses.” Tina Rajiv Mathew, India

“I have received nothing but the most gracious attention to my needs as an international student at UCDHSC—starting from the admissions process, moving through the orientation, and finally settling down in this place of beauty. I would like to thank the staff of International Admissions for making that easy, and all the people of UCDHSC for their gentleness and support.” Ahmad Ali Al-Omari, Jordan

“I am not just pursuing academics in Denver: I have learned first-hand how to navigate cultural differences, have improved my English language, writing and speaking skills and have gained business insight. Because of my experiences in Denver and at the university, when I graduate, I’ll step into the world marketplace with confidence.” Roman Buzinov, Russia

“Being at UCDHSC, I can not only work closely with world famous research-oriented professors, but also enjoy the culturally enriched city, the Mile High Denver.” Wu Weijia, China

“Professors are not only teachers, they are friends who make the transition to the real world easier, especially for someone from a different culture. I will never forget my experience here.” Juan Carlos Hernandez, Peru



If the documents are not written in English, they must be translated by a certified translator. The translation must be literal and no conversion of grades should be attempted by the translator. Undergraduate applicants who have more than one year full-time course work in a post secondary institution are not required to submit high school transcripts.

3. Both Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores are accepted at UCDHSC as proof of English Language Proficiency. Applicants must submit an official TOEFL or IELTS score report which is no more than two years old.

The UCDHSC Institutional Code for TOEFL is 4875. The English Language requirement may be waived if the applicant has completed six hours of college-level English composition with a “B” average (3.0 GPA or higher) from an accredited U.S. institution.

4. A financial statement and a bank statement from the sponsor showing the amount of funds available for support must be submitted to the university. If the student has been awarded a scholarship from a private source or government agency, enclose the award letter. All financial support documents and documentation from banks must be original and should not be more than six months old.

5. The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) score is required for undergraduate freshman engineering applicants. **Please be advised that all documents submitted along with the application become the property of the university and will NOT be returned to the applicant.**

The student’s file will not be considered complete, nor will it be submitted to the admissions committee, until all requested materials are received. To expedite processing, all the information should be sent at least five months before the semester in which you wish to enroll.

APPLYING TO GRADUATE PROGRAMS

1. Submit a complete international application form along with a \$75 nonrefundable application fee, **payable to the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. DO NOT SEND CASH.** The application fee must be in U.S. funds only. (Use an international money order or your personal check payable in U.S. currency.) Please send it to the address on the application form.
2. Certified copies of “official” academic records from each college or university, and/or professional schools attended, should be submitted to the university. These official academic records should include courses completed, grades or marks obtained and certificates or degrees awarded. Official academic records are records which are directly sent by the issuing institution to the university or are issued to the student in a sealed envelope to be delivered by the student to the university. If documents are not in English, they must be translated by a certified translator. The translation must be literal and no conversion of grades should be attempted by the translator.
3. Both Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores and the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) scores are accepted at UCDHSC as proof of English Language Proficiency. (Applicants must submit an official TOEFL or IELTS score report which is no more than two years old.) The UCDHSC Institutional Code for TOEFL is 4875. The English language requirement may be waived if the applicant has attended a college or university in the United States as a full-time student and has completed two semesters of academic work with a “B” average (3.0 GPA or higher).
4. A financial statement and a bank statement from the sponsor showing the amount of funds available for support must be submitted to the university. If you have been awarded a scholarship from a private source or government agency, enclose the award letter. All financial support documents and documentation from banks must be original and should not be more than six months old.

Minimum Requirements for International Applicants

UNDERGRADUATE FRESHMAN (FIRST-YEAR) STUDENTS

College	TOEFL*			or IELTS	ACT/SAT
	Computer Based	Internet Based	Paper Based		
Arts & Media**	197	71	525	6.0	Not required
Business	197	71	525	6.0	Not required
Criminal Justice	197	71	525	6.0	Not required
Engineering	197	71	525	6.0	25/1150
Liberal Arts and Sciences	197	71	525	6.0	Not required

* The English language requirement can be satisfied with one of the three TOEFL exams or the IELTS exam.

** Some programs in Arts & Media require an audition.

UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENTS

College	TOEFL*			or IELTS	No. of Hrs. to Transfer	GPA
	Computer Based	Internet Based	Paper Based			
Arts & Media**	197	71	525	6.0	12	2.0
Business †	197	71	525	6.0	24	3.0
Criminal Justice	197	71	525	6.0	12	2.0
Engineering‡	197	71	525	6.0	24	2.75
Liberal Arts and Sciences	197	71	525	6.0	12	2.0

* The English language requirement can be satisfied with one of the three TOEFL exams or the IELTS exam.

** Some programs in Arts & Media require an audition.

† Must meet the same GPA requirements as domestic students.

‡ A minimum of one year’s course work in calculus and calculus-based physics is required for engineering.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

College	TOEFL			IELTS
	Computer Based	IBT Based	Paper Based	
Architecture & Planning	197	71	525	6.0
PhD Design & Planning	233	90	575	6.5
Business	197	71	525	6.0
Education & Human Development				
Master’s	197	71	525	6.0
PhD	213	79	550	6.5
Engineering	173	61	500	5.5
Public Affairs	213	79	550	6.5
Criminal Justice	197	71	525	6.0
Most other programs	173	61	500	5.5

Minimum TOEFL and IELTS scores vary by academic department.

5. Three letters of recommendation* (two letters for the Business School; four letters for English, chemistry and biology) from college or university professors must accompany the international application form. If you have been out of school for several years, we will also accept recommendations from your employer or supervisor. The admissions committee prefers academic recommendations over employer/supervisor recommendations.

*The Department of Electrical Engineering requires that at least two of the letters be from university faculty.

6. The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) is required if you are applying to the Business School. For more information, please visit www.mba.com. The GMAT institutional codes for Business School programs are:

Program	Code
MBA	MPB-0G-78
11-Month MBA	MPB-0G-65
MS Programs	MPB-0G-75
PhD Program	MPB-0G-29

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE) is a requirement for admission consideration in many graduate departments and considered valuable for other programs. For more information, visit www.gre.org. You can also e-mail gre-info@ets.org or call +1.609.771.7670. The UCDHSC institutional code for the GRE is 4875.

If you are applying for a master's degree in public administration or the criminal justice program, you must take the GMAT or GRE.

Departmental Requirements

Graduate applications are reviewed by a faculty committee in the department in which the student wishes to enroll. Only those students who have completed an undergraduate program that is equal to a U.S. bachelor's degree are considered for admission. Please check with academic departments for specific program requirements.

To access department Web sites, go to www.cudenver.edu, click on Academics, and click on specific schools or colleges.

Please be advised that all the documents submitted along with the application become the property of the university and will NOT be returned to the applicant.

The student's file will not be considered complete, nor will it be submitted to the admissions committee, until all requested materials are received.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Please visit the department Web site for admissions information, www.cudenver.edu/clas/biology/grad.html.

BUSINESS SCHOOL

The Business School also requires that you answer the following essay questions as part of your application. The essays should be limited to 200 words per question and included on a separate sheet of paper. Sign and date the pages and include them with your application:

1. How will the MBA/MS degree enhance your career plans? Project the kinds of positions you anticipate having five years after earning the degree. What experiences have you had that form the foundation of your goals?
2. Give a candid appraisal of yourself. Include some discussion of your strengths and weaknesses.
3. Discuss three of your achievements or accomplishments.
4. Describe your level of commitment to education and the ways in which you might make a special contribution to the learning experience of others.

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Students applying for the MS in electrical engineering are required to chose an area of specialization from the following:

- Systems and Controls
- Signal Processing
- Communication Systems
- Microelectronic VLSI
- Computer Engineering
- Photonics

EXPENSES

The estimated tuition, living expenses which include room, board, books and insurance, for the fall 2007, spring 2008 and summer 2008 (9 months) semesters for international students is listed below. Expenses are subject to change without notice. Personal expenses and travel costs are not included. The tuition costs may change yearly, and fees, books and supplies vary according to program. Taking more credits may also increase the cost of the program. If summer is your first term on the downtown Denver campus, you are required to be registered as a full-time student to maintain immigration status.

Estimated Undergraduate Costs* (12 credits)

Tuition and Fees	\$18,097
Room and Board	\$9,100
Books and Insurance	\$1,925
Total Shown on Immigration Document	\$29,122

For each dependent, estimate an additional \$3,500.

Estimated Graduate Costs* (6 credits)

Tuition and Fees	\$15,166
Room and Board	\$8,632
Books and Insurance	\$1,925
Total Shown on Immigration Document	\$25,723

For each dependent, estimate an additional \$3,500.

*Estimated costs are for fall 2007 and spring and summer 2008. These figures are for budgeting purposes only. Expenses are subject to change at any time without notice. Personal expenses and travel costs are not included.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Since the first few months in a new country and a new city can be particularly difficult for international students, IE offers a number of special services to ease this transition, such as an orientation program for new international students and answers to visa questions. All international students meet with an international student advisor (ISA) in IE upon arrival in Denver to have visas and other paperwork reviewed. IE provides a friendly place to ask questions and express concerns about many issues, including U.S. social customs, as well as an avenue for communicating with other UCDHSC international student clubs and organizing social activities. For more information on immigration matters, advising or services for international students, visit our Web site at www.cudenver.edu/international or contact an international student advisor at 303-315-2230.

Live-In Requirement

UCDHSC downtown Denver campus requires that all first-time international undergraduate students live in the Campus Village at Auraria apartments. Additional information about the facilities, policies and programming at Campus Village are available in the "Campus Life" section of this catalog.

First-time international undergraduate students wishing to live with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or who meet at least one of the exemptions must submit a special exemption form to be considered for exception from the live-in policy.

Exemptions to the international undergraduate student live-in requirement will be considered for those who are:

- living at home with parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- married or a parent with dependent(s)
- deemed medically excusable by the Office of Student Life (must be supported in writing by a doctor and with appropriate medical documentation)
- over 21 years of age

Exemptions to these policies will be evaluated and made on a case-by-case basis. Exemption forms are available through the Office of Student Life, Tivoli room 303, or online at <http://thunder1.cudenver.edu/housing/exemptionform.html>. It is not mandatory for international graduate students to live on campus. For further information, please call the Office of Student Life at 303-556-3399 or via e-mail at housing@cudenver.edu.

Scholarships

International Presidential Scholarships are available for international undergraduate students. The scholarship carries a value of \$ 5,000 per year for four years as long as student maintains a satisfactory record at the University. These scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence and leadership. All undergraduate applicants who submit a complete application with all necessary documents by April 1 will be considered for this award.

A limited number of scholarships, graduate assistantships, research assistantships, teaching assistantships and student assistant positions are also available for international students within their academic departments. Any form of assistantship or on-campus job cannot be guaranteed. Qualified students can apply for these positions depending on availability. Students are encouraged to check with academic departments for more information.

On-Campus Employment

On-campus employment is permissible for F-1 and J-1 students provided they maintain immigration status, a minimum GPA and full-time enrollment. Students must request work authorization prior to commencing employment.

Health Insurance

All F-1 and J-1 students enrolled at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center are required to have health insurance and must purchase the university health insurance at the time of enrollment. The only exception is for F-1 and J-1 students whose insurance is paid for by their embassy or who are government sponsored. Health Insurance for J-2 dependents is a mandatory plan. The Student Health Insurance Office must be provided proof of adequate coverage for J-2 dependents or the student will be charged for the university dependent plan. Please contact the Student Health Insurance Office at 303-556-6273 or Kelly.Lane@cudenver.edu for more information. The cost of health care in the United States is high, and these expenses are not covered or subsidized by the government as they are in many countries. International students at UCDHSC must recognize this fact and protect themselves against high medical costs by purchasing insurance.

Student Life

The Office of Student Life is the advising, coordinating, resource and general information center for student clubs and organizations, student

government (ASCUD), student programs and the academic honor societies. The office also administers the Student Code of Conduct and student grievance procedures.

GRADUATE STUDENT AND FACULTY FULBRIGHT INFORMATION

IE maintains listings of opportunities and other information on various scholarships and fellowships for study and research abroad, including Fulbright graduate student and faculty visiting lectureships at foreign universities.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES

During the year, IE sponsors periodic guest lectures and special seminars focused on topics of current international interest. Many of these activities are open to the public as well as the UCDHSC community. IE is also an active participant in a number of Denver community international programs and events. For more information about these and other programs, contact the IE office at 303-315-2230.

STUDY ABROAD

IE assists students who want to make international study an integral part of their college experience. Study abroad programs vary in length from a few weeks to one academic year, and are also offered during the summer and winter breaks. Although many programs are for language study, a substantial number of programs are taught in English; thus, a foreign language is not always required for participation. These programs are available to students in all disciplines and colleges in a variety of countries worldwide. Either UCDHSC or transfer credit may be earned abroad, giving students the opportunity to fulfill degree requirements while experiencing a new culture.

Since tuition and program fees are generally affordable and financial aid may be available and can be used for study abroad, it is a feasible option for every UCDHSC student. Information and advice on scholarships such as Fulbright and NSEP, as well as volunteer and work opportunities abroad, are also available. New programs are continually developing. Please check the study abroad Web site to learn more about our programs: <http://studyabroad.cudenver.edu>.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES

UCDHSC, through the Office of International Education, is administering one international college in Beijing, China. The International College at Beijing (ICB) was established in 1994 as an educational partnership between China Agricultural University (CAU) and the University of Colorado at Denver (now UCDHSC). The agreement reached between the university and Chinese educational authorities is now recognized as being among the first bilateral educational programs authorized by the Chinese government.

ICB/UCDHSC offers a carefully designed program leading to a baccalaureate degree from UCDHSC to Chinese students. The courses are taught in English and cover the same subject matter as the courses taught on the UCDHSC downtown Denver campus. Currently, this unique educational program offers degrees in communication and economics. The degree program was accredited by the North Central Association (NCA) of the United States in fall 1995. In 1998, ICB was accredited by the Chinese Ministry of Education. For more information contact the Office of International Education at 303-315-2230.