University Overview and Profile

Colorado Christian University is located in Lakewood, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Founded in 1914, CCU is the flagship Christian university in the Rocky Mountain region. A leader in higher education, the University has been ranked in the top two percent of colleges nationwide for its core curriculum by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni — for the past six years. In 2017, CCU was named one of the “Best Four-Year Colleges for Adult Learners” by Washington Monthly.

CCU offers more than 100 degree programs for traditional and adult students through its College of Undergraduate Studies and College of Adult and Graduate Studies. More than 8,000 students attend the University on the main campus, in regional centers throughout Colorado, and online. CCU is an NCAA Division II college in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). The University is also a Division I member of the National Christian College Athletics Association (NCCAA).

College of Undergraduate Studies
• School of Business and Leadership
• School of Education
• School of Humanities and Social Sciences
• School of Music
• School of Science and Engineering
• School of Theology

College of Adult and Graduate Studies
• School of Behavioral and Social Sciences
• School of Biblical and Theological Studies
• School of Business and Technology
• School of Education Professions
• School of Nursing and Health Professions

History

In just over ten decades, what began as a one-room school with two students and a single teacher has become one of the top accredited Christian Universities in the United States, and the only one in an eight-state region. CCU began in 1914 as the Denver Bible Institute. Denver Bible grew to become Denver Bible College, later Rockmont College (1949) and then merged with Western Bible College in 1985 to become Colorado Christian College. The College merged with Colorado Baptist University in 1989 and was renamed Colorado Christian University.
Mission
Christ-centered higher education transforming students to impact the world with grace and truth.

Strategic Priorities
CCU’s Strategic Priorities were adopted by the Board of Trustees to direct the implementation of the University mission and to provide context for our first priority: an enduring commitment to Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. The Strategic Priorities provide a point of convergence for every member of the CCU community and for every aspect of life at CCU, from how we teach and learn in the classroom to how we live with and serve others.

Colorado Christian University shall:
• Honor Christ and share the love of Christ on campus and around the world
• Teach students to trust the Bible, live holy lives, and be evangelists
• Be a magnet for outstanding students and prepare them for positions of significant leadership in the church, business, government, and professions by offering an excellent education in strategic disciplines
• Teach students how to learn
• Teach students how to think for themselves
• Teach students how to speak and write clearly and effectively
• Give students significant opportunities to serve our Lord while they are at CCU, and help them develop a lifetime habit of such service
• Impact our culture in support of traditional family values, sanctity of life, compassion for the poor, Biblical view of human nature, limited government, personal freedom, free markets, natural law, original intent of the Constitution, and Western civilization
• Be seekers of truth
• Debunk “spent ideas” and those who traffic in them
• Ask God to multiply our time and ability to the glory of His great name
• Be a servant of the church
• Become a great university
University Seal and Logo
The CCU seal depicts the University’s core identity. The Word of God — the Bible — rests on the Cross of Christ, which is laid upon the Shield of Faith, and all are surrounded by three Greek words translated “grace and truth” — the motto of CCU. The outer rings contain the University name and 1914, the founding year of our first heritage school. The seal is for ceremonial purposes only.

The logo maintains a connection to the CCU seal but has been updated with a clean, collegiate, and modern look. It is a foundation for our shared, corporate brand and is used across university materials and promotions.

Academic Accreditation
Colorado Christian University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). HLC was founded in 1895 as a membership organization for educational institutions. It is committed to developing and maintaining high standards of excellence. HLC is one of six regional institutional accrediting associations in the United States.

Special Accreditations and Endorsements
Counseling — CCU’s Master of Arts in Counseling program is nationally accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

Education — CCU’s teacher preparation licensure programs are approved by the Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Higher Education and Colorado State Board of Education; and are nationally endorsed by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)

Music — CCU’s School of Music is nationally accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

Nursing — CCU’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

Project Management — CCU’s College of Adult and Graduate Studies is a R.E.P. (Registered Education Provider) with the Project Management Institute (PMI).
CCU Memberships
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
Council of Independent Colleges
Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

Locations
CCU’s main campus is housed in Lakewood, Colorado — the “Gateway to the Rockies” — at the edge of the Rocky Mountains’ Front Range and only 10 minutes from downtown Denver. In addition, the College of Adult and Graduate Studies (CAGS) operates multiple regional centers throughout the state.

CCU Main Campus | 303.963.3000
8787 W. Alameda Avenue
Lakewood, CO 80226

CCU Music Center | 303.963.3130
9200 W. Ellsworth Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80226

College of Adult and Graduate Studies Regional Centers

Global Enrollment Center | 303.963.3320
215 Union Boulevard, Suite 500
Lakewood, CO 80228

Colorado Springs Center | 719.867.5817
1125 Kelly Johnson Boulevard, Suite 105
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Denver Tech Center | 303.963.3030
304 Inverness Way South, Suite 150
Englewood, CO 80112

Grand Junction Center | 970.242.1811
2452 Patterson Road, Suite 200
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Lakewood Center | 303.963.3300
8787 W Alameda Ave.
Lakewood, CO 80226

Loveland Center | 970.461.5200
3553 Clydesdale Parkway, Suite 300
Loveland, CO 80538

Pueblo Center | 719.671.9541
2099 U.S. Highway 50, Suite 100
Pueblo, CO 81008

Sterling Center | 970.521.6855
100 College Avenue
Sterling, CO 80751
University Facts and Stats [2017-18]

Degrees Awarded ........................................................................................................1,063
Degree-Granting Programs, Traditional Undergraduate ..................................................27
Adult/Graduate .................................................................................................................38
Non-Degree Programs, Adult/Graduate .............................................................................23

Total Enrollment ...........................................................................................................8,156
Traditional Undergraduate ...........................................................................................1,343
Adult/Graduate ............................................................................................................6,813
Adult ............................................................................................................................5,599
Graduate ......................................................................................................................1,214

Applications Received:
Traditional Undergraduate ...........................................................................................1,933
Adult .............................................................................................................................6,050
Graduate ......................................................................................................................1,163

Retention (traditional freshmen, fall to spring)
2016-2017 ......................................................................................................................93%
2015-2016 ......................................................................................................................92%
2014-2015 ......................................................................................................................93%
2013-2014 ......................................................................................................................92%
2012-2013 ......................................................................................................................90%
2011-2012 ......................................................................................................................89%
2010-2011 ......................................................................................................................92%

Traditional First-Year Student Profile
(College of Undergraduate Studies, 2015-16 average)
ACT score ......................................................................................................................25
SAT-2400 score ............................................................................................................1665
High-school GPA ..........................................................................................................3.68

Student Demographics
• U.S. States Represented, all CCU ..............................................................................50
• Countries Represented (U.S. excluded), all CCU .......................................................17
• Out-of-State, Traditional Undergraduate .....................................................................52%
• Out-of-State, Adult/Graduate .....................................................................................51%
• Living on Campus, Traditional Undergraduate ..........................................................64%
• Male-Female Ratio, all CCU ........................................................................................1:2
• Church Denominations Represented, all CCU ...........................................................68
Alumni Statistics (approximate figures, all heritage institutions)
Alumni Still Living ........................................................................................................17,492
U.S. States Where Alumni Reside .....................................................................................50
Countries Where Alumni Reside ........................................................................................57

Faculty, Staff, and Students
• Traditional Undergraduate Total Faculty: 167
  Full-Time: 54
  Affiliate: 113
• Adult/Graduate Total Faculty: 512
  Full-Time: 39
  Affiliate: 473
• Total Staff: 376
  Full-Time: 349
  Part-Time: 27
Student-Faculty Ratio, Traditional Undergraduate: 15:1
Student-Faculty Ratio, Adult/Graduate: 11:1
Average Class Size, Traditional Undergraduate: 15
Average In-Seat Class Size, Adult: 10
Average Online Class Size, Adult: 14
Average In-Seat Class Size, Graduate: 11
Average Online Class Size, Graduate: 12

Faculty Emeriti
Richard S. Beal, Jr.
Emeritus Professor of Biology
Ph.D., University of California-Berkeley
B.S., University of Arizona

Larry R. Donnithorne
President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Leadership and Ethics
Ed.D., Harvard University
M.S., M.A., Stanford University
B.S., United States Military Academy (West Point)
Financial Aid Disbursed

Traditional Undergraduate Students
Federal Scholarships/Grants ................................................................. $1,593,591
State Scholarships/Grants ................................................................. $721,088
Institutional Scholarships/Grants ................................................... $18,437,279
Students Qualified for Any Form of Aid ........................................... 99%
Students Qualified for Need-Based Aid ........................................... 67%

Adult and Graduate Students
Federal Scholarships/Grants ................................................................. $7,821,493
State Scholarships/Grants ................................................................. $1,074,361
Institutional Scholarships/Grants ................................................... $4,958,083
Students Qualified for Any Form of Aid ........................................... 84%
Students Qualified for Need-Based Aid ........................................... 71%
**Financials** (per fiscal year, audited financial statements)

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The Cougar Athletics program at Colorado Christian University is an NCAA Division II member in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC), one of the largest and most competitive conferences in the nation. The University is also a Division I member of the National Christian College Athletics Association (NCCAA).

At CCU, we play to win. But most of all, we play to honor Christ, our Audience of One. CCU’s desire for student-athletes and staff is to represent the University well, while developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing that relationship with others.

CCU Athletics places a high value on the academic success of our athletes. We also value the mentoring process and the integration of faith in sport so that in all things, we accomplish our mission: “To glorify God by following His guidance in transforming lives through discipleship, academic accountability, and excellence in intercollegiate athletics.”

**Mascot:** Cougar  
**Colors:** Navy blue and gold

- Pantone 7694 C  
- Pantone 115 C

**Men’s Sports**  
Baseball / Basketball / Cross Country / Golf / Soccer / Track

**Women’s Sports**  
Basketball / Cross Country / Golf / Soccer / Softball / Track / Volleyball
Centennial Institute — CCU’s Public Policy Think Tank
Established in 2009, the Centennial Institute (CI) at Colorado Christian University works to enhance public understanding of the most important issues relating to faith, family, freedom, and the future. As part of this endeavor, the Institute focuses its efforts on conducting research, analyzing public policy options, and sponsoring seminars, conferences, and other activities that involve students, faculty, staff, and outside experts. The Institute, and all sponsored activities, are guided by the University’s Strategic Priorities.

Mission
Centennial Institute sponsors research, events, and publications to enhance public understanding of the most important issues facing our state and nation. By proclaiming Truth, we aim to foster faith, family, and freedom, teach citizenship, and renew the spirit of 1776.

Our Role
- CI analyzes public policy, but we are not a lobby. We frame alternatives and advocate civic engagement, but we do not endorse candidates.
- CI encourages competitive politics and constitutional debate, but we are not for or against any political party.
- CI mentors students, but we are not an academic department. We serve the God of the Bible, but we are not exclusive in our outreach to Americans of all beliefs and viewpoints.

1776 Scholars
1776 Scholars is a mentoring program for outstanding CCU students. Our scholars benefit from political training, mentorship, and contact with prominent politicians and thought leaders. Their internship with CI builds their professional experience and leads to outstanding job opportunities.

Western Conservative Summit
Each summer, CI sponsors the Western Conservative Summit, an annual conference of influential U.S. conservatives held in Denver, Colorado.
Dr. Donald W. Sweeting, a long-time trustee of Colorado Christian University, was appointed president of the University on August 2, 2016. Prior to joining CCU, Dr. Sweeting served as president of the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida from 2010-2016. While at RTS, Dr. Sweeting also served as the James Woodrow Hassell Professor of Church History.

An ordained minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), Dr. Sweeting served as senior pastor of Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Greenwood Village (a Denver suburb) for 12 years. He also served for 11 years as the founding pastor of Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church in Northern Illinois.

In addition to a diverse professional background, Dr. Sweeting has served with many ministries and organizations. Today he serves on the board of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) and on the executive committee of the Fellowship of Evangelical Seminary Presidents. Dr. Sweeting speaks and preaches around the country and has published numerous articles for well-known magazines and scholarly journals. He also co-authored two books and is working on several others.
University Officers and Cabinet
As CCU’s senior leadership team, the Cabinet reports directly to the president, sets long-term strategy, and represents the academic, advancement, financial, student-life and operational arms of the University.

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- Daniel Cohrs, CPA
  Vice President of Business Affairs and Chief Financial Officer
- Shannon Dreyfuss, MBA
  Vice President of Campus Development
- Eric Hogue, M.Th.
  Vice President of University Advancement
- Jeff Hunt, MPS
  Vice President of Public Policy
  Director of Centennial Institute
- James McCormick, M.A.
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- Steve Miller, J.D.
  University Counsel
- Kyle Usrey, J.D.
  Vice President of Academic Affairs, College of Undergraduate Studies
- Thomas Scheffel, J.D. LL.M.
  General Counsel
- Sarah Scherling, Ed.D.
  Vice President of Academic Affairs, College of Adult and Graduate Studies
- Allison Sievers, MBA
  Vice President of Enrollment, College of Adult and Graduate Studies

Board of Trustees
The CCU Board of Trustees works in partnership with the president and Cabinet, and is comprised of prominent individuals spanning the academic, professional, business and ministerial communities.

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Dr. Kenell J. Touryan

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