Visitors Guide
2015-2016
Colorado State University

Colorado State University's roots go back to 1870, when the institution was founded as the Agricultural College of Colorado as one of the first land grant universities in the country. The school first opened its doors to students in 1879 with President Elijah Edwards and two faculty members. From these humble origins, a world-class institution grew. Today, Colorado State University has nearly 27,000 undergraduate students, is a Carnegie Class I research institution with annual research expenditures topping $330 million. The university has approximately 1,550 faculty in eight colleges and 55 academic departments and boasts more than 170,000 living alumni. Included in this list are everything from state governors, heads of corporations, Olympic gold medalists, teachers, researchers, artists and many other leaders in society.

Department of Ethnic Studies

The Ethnic Studies Department at Colorado State University has a long history with its creation beginning with Dr. Jud Harper the interim President. Under his administration a President’s Office initiative in 1989-90 created a task force to develop an institutional structure to “give substance to the concept and commitment at Colorado State University to ethnic diversity in American Society.” The task force (Dr. Robert Hoffert was chair; members included Dana Hiatt, Rosemary Whittaker, Robert Ward, Ray Yang, and others) submitted a report in April 1990 that lead to the establishment of the Center for Applied Studies in American Ethnicity (CASAE).

In 1994 an organizational structure was developed stating that the purpose of CASAE was to “describe and analyze the characteristics of America’s multi-ethnic environment, and to offer the results of such investigation as application in the delivery of social services and in public policy changes.” At that time, CASAE consisted of the Director, Dr. Carolyn Fowler, and two tenure-track faculty members, Drs. Jun Xing and Irene S. Vernon. CASAE, an academic unit under the College of Liberal Arts, offered and administered certificates in Native American, African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Chicano and Ethnic Studies through the American Ethnicity Interdisciplinary Studies Program.

In the Fall of 2004, CASAE requested to drop the current options (Native American, African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Chicano) and changed the name of their program to the Ethnic Studies Interdisciplinary Studies Program offering only an Ethnic Studies certificate. Since CASAE had been in existence for a decade, in 2004, they felt that it was time to move toward a more developed Ethnic Studies program which would be analogous to a major. Given the interdisciplinary nature of Ethnic Studies making it a new concentration within the existing Liberal Art interdepartmental major seemed most appropriate since they were not a Department. The new Liberal Arts Ethnic Studies major concentration was approved effective in the Fall of 2005.

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CASAE further refined the Ethnic Studies offering by dropping the Ethnic Studies Interdisciplinary Studies Program replacing it with a Minor in Ethnic Studies effective Fall 2006. After much struggle in the battle for autonomy and with the support of higher administration and the university, CASAE finally became the Ethnic Studies Department effective in the Fall of 2008! In Fall 2011, the Women’s Studies Program joined the Department and is housed in the Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research. As of Fall 2014 the Department of Ethnic Studies offers an Ethnic Studies Minor, Major, and Masters along with a Major concentration in Women’s Studies, Minor in Women’s Studies and a Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies.

Finding us on Campus

The main office for the Department of Ethnic Studies is located in 202 Willard O. Eddy Hall on the east side of campus. The building is outlined in RED below. Parking: The CSU campus is in the middle of some serious construction projects, so the best places to park to access Eddy Hall are highlighted in YELLOW below. Please be aware that parking services strictly enforces parking on all lots on campus. Parking on campus requires either a parking permit (a day pass may be provided by the department if you are visiting on official business), or pay by the hour parking. Please feel free to call the office at 970-491-2418 if you have questions or concerns about parking on campus.
Fort Collins Hotels

**Exit 265 – Harmony Road**

Cambria Hotel & Suites
2921 E. Harmony Road
970-267-9000

Homewood Suites
1521 Oakridge Drive
970-225-2400

Holiday Inn Express
1426 Oakridge Drive
970-225-2200

Hilton Garden Inn
2821 E. Harmony Rd
970-225-2900

Comfort Suites
1415 Oakridge Drive
970-206-4597

Courtyard by Marriot
1200 Oakridge Drive
970-282-1700

**Exit 268 – Prospect Road**

Hilton
425 W. Prospect Road
970-482-2626

Best Western
914 S. College Ave.
970-484-2984

**Exit 269B – Mulberry Street/Hwy 14**

Comfort Inn Hotel
601 Frontage Rd
970-407-0100

La Quinta Inn
3709 E. Mulberry St
970-493-7800

Best Western Kiva Inn
1638 E. Mulberry St
970-484-2444

Armstrong Hotel
259 S. College Ave
970-484-3883

This is a list of the top rated hotels in Fort Collins, however if you would like to look at more options feel free to visit www.visitftcollins.com/lodging/hotels-motels for a complete listing of lodging options in and around Fort Collins.
Super Shuttle

For more information or to schedule a shuttle-service call 1-800-BLUE VAN (258-3826) or visit www.supershuttle.com/Locations/FortCollinsDEN to find out rates and to schedule a shuttle to and from Denver International Airport.

Green Ride

For more information or to schedule a shuttle-service call 970-226-5533 or visit their website at www.greenrideco.com to find out rates and to schedule a shuttle to and from Denver International Airport.

Driving from DIA to Fort Collins

Toll Road Option

◊ Start out going West on Peña Blvd  
◊ Take a right onto E-470 (toll road) N towards Fort Collins  
◊ Take exit 46 to I-25 N toward Fort Collins  
◊ Travel north on I-25 for approximately 40 miles and you will see the Harmony Rd (exit 265), you can also take Prospect Rd (exit 268) or Mulberry St/Hwy 14 (exit 269B)

Non-Toll Option

◊ Start out going West on Peña Blvd  
◊ Stay on Peña Blvd for approximately 11 miles and merge onto I-70  
◊ After 4 miles take the right lane exit onto I-270 W Fort Collins/Boulder  
◊ After 6.6 miles, take exit 0 onto I-25 N toward Fort Collins  
◊ Travel north on I-25 for approximately 50 miles and you will see the Harmony Rd (exit 265), you can also take Prospect Rd (exit 268) or Mulberry St/Hwy 14 (exit
Visiting Fort Collins

Situated at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Northern Colorado, Fort Collins is home to a variety of top class recreational opportunities, cultural attractions, a vibrant nightlife scene, and plenty of family fun activities. Below is a selection of things to do and see while you visit Colorado State University, but you can find a complete list of outdoor activities, restaurants, and breweries at www.visitftcollins.com.

**Things To Do**

- Botanic Gardens: CSU Trial Garden, and the Gardens on Spring Creek
- Cache la Poudre River for tubing, kayaking and rafting
- CSU Environmental Learning Center
- Drive up the Poudre Canyon
- Flights of Fancy, LLC Hot air balloon rides
- Fort Collins Museum of Discovery
- Horsetooth reservoir — hike to the top of Horsetooth rock
- Lory State Park: hiking, biking, camping
- Old Town for shopping, food, and art
- Swetsville Zoo, a word famous sculpture park

**Places to Eat**

- Beau Jo’s Pizza
- Café Vino
- Café Bluebird
- Cooper Smith’s Pub & Brewing
- Enzio’s
- Fish
- Fort Collins Brewery & Modern Tavern
- Jax Fish House
- Lucille’s
- Maza Kabob
- Moot House
- Nayala Ethiopian Cuisine
- Rainbow Restaurant
- Silver Grill Café
- Snooze AM Eatery
- Tasty Harmony
- Uncle’s Pizza
- And many more!