Reimagine possible
Metropolitan State University of Denver is a leader and innovator in higher education, a university committed to fostering an equitable culture while offering a high-quality, accessible college experience.

As the top transfer destination among Colorado colleges and universities and the institution with the most diverse student body in the state, MSU Denver is the future of higher education, meeting students where they are and encouraging them to work and contribute to their communities while in school. We send engaged citizens into the workforce, ready to change the world.

### By the Numbers

**Students**

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- **Undergraduate Students from Colorado:** 95.7%
- **Resident Undergraduate Students:** 16,979
- **Graduate Students from Colorado:** 93.3%
- **Alumni Living in State and Contributing to the Economy:** 78%

### Pride Points

- **The fifth-most innovative university in the western region.** U.S. News & World Report Regional Universities West Category
- **The most civically engaged students in the nation by voting rate in 2016.** The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge
- **The alumni most likely to contribute to the state’s economy.** Close to 80% still work in Colorado 10 years after graduation, compared with state average of 62%. U.S. Census Bureau

### The Roadrunner Difference

In the early days of the University, students dubbed themselves “Roadrunners” because they sprinted across downtown Denver’s busy streets to get to classes. In 1974, students voted to make the Roadrunner the University’s official mascot. Over the years, the MSU Denver Roadrunner has come to signify more, including these five characteristics shared by every graduate of the University.

**Diverse**

They come from every background imaginable and learn to be broad-minded by grappling with a variety of experiences and viewpoints.

**Tenacious**

They are determined to succeed and achieve. If they get knocked down, they get back up.

**Primed**

They have career-ready skills and a deep knowledge of the issues and dynamics that shape the workforce.

**Purposeful**

They want to use their education to make change. Every degree earned has a ripple effect, spreading benefits across the metro area and beyond.

**Entrepreneurial**

They don’t settle for walking on well-worn trails. They reimagine what is possible for themselves and their communities.
MSU Denver’s Board of Trustees established a Sustainable Racial Justice Committee and issued an anti-racism resolution in 2020. The board pledged to dismantle institutionalized racism and bring together civic, industry, public and nonprofit leaders, activists, academics and our community to address the most pressing issues of racial justice.
Academic Offerings

After a decade of offering master’s programs, MSU Denver enrolled more than 1,000 graduate students for the first time, a 25% increase from 2019 and double the total from five years ago.

- 95+ Majors
- 90+ Minors
- 8 Graduate Programs
- 36 Certificate Programs

Economic Impact

MSU Denver contributes hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of jobs to Colorado every year.

During the 2019 fiscal year, MSU Denver turned its $225 million budget into a $703.4 million economic impact on local and statewide economies through expenditures on operations, capital projects, wages, the spending of students off-campus and the spending of campus visitors.

- $225M Budget
- $703.4M Local and Statewide Economic Impact
- $134.9B Direct Impact Generated by MSU Denver Alumni throughout Their Careers
- $6.5M Given Back to the Community in Donations and Volunteer Hours
- 7,250 Jobs Supported and Sustained
- $35.5M Local and Statewide Taxes
In the 2016 presidential election, MSU Denver had the highest undergraduate voting rate among more than 1,000 colleges and universities nationally.

In December 2019, MSU Denver was awarded a grant to help inform the community about the 2020 census and reach out to hard-to-count areas and linguistically diverse communities around Denver.

1,200 students participated in applied service learning with community agencies.

Community Impact

MSU Denver is engaged in the community, from University outreach initiatives to personal contributions of students, faculty and staff.

• In the wake of a deep recession, MSU Denver launched the Skills Lab in fall 2020: free, curated training courses for high-growth industries available to community members looking to land new jobs or advance their careers.

• MSU Denver offers Displaced Worker Grants to those who lost their job or wages due to COVID-19, providing tuition assistance to those who want to finish their degrees.

• The University’s Launch Denver initiative provides free entrepreneurship courses and small-business loans to those who want to start or grow a local business.
Amid a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic, MSU Denver faculty, staff, alumni and students served on the front lines in the fight against COVID-19.

• Members of the MSU Denver community used campus resources to 3D-print personal protective equipment and life-saving ventilator masks.

• Students conducted COVID-19 tests as nurses and lab technicians. Staff at the Auraria Health Center worked with state and local officials to keep the community safe.

• MSU Denver alumna Lt. Gen. Laura Richardson commanded the U.S. Army’s pandemic response, while countless alumni worked in health care in Colorado and beyond.

“We are currently being reminded that health, both physical and mental, is one of, if not the most important aspect of life. Being able to help and support someone in so many possible different ways is an honor.”

Alexia Girin
Nursing Student
MSU Denver

Athletics

Mascot
Rowdy the Roadrunner

NCAA Division II
16 Men’s and Women’s Sports Teams

Conference
Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference

Four National Championship Teams
Men’s Basketball 2000, 2002
Women’s Soccer 2004, 2006

Two Individual National Championships
Indoor Track, 800 Meters, 2009
Outdoor Track, 800 Meters, 2009