Hispanic-Serving Institution Fact Sheet FY 2020-21





Becoming an HSI was a 12-year initiative that started in 2007 leading to MSU Denver receiving HSI designation during the spring of 2019.

There are currently 569 HSIs within the U.S., including 14 from Colorado.

Hispanic-Serving Institution

A Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) is a federal designation by the U.S. Department of Education that acknowledges colleges and universities with 25% or more total undergraduate Hispanic/ Latina/o/x full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment.

The average educational and general expenditures of the institution are low, per FTE undergraduate student, in comparison with the average educational and general expenditures per FTE undergraduate student of institutions that offer similar instruction.

HSI Eligibility must be met annually and materials submitted to the U.S. Department of Education.

As a result of federal designation, HSIs are eligible to competitively apply for federal grants aimed at supporting HSIs.

Fall 2020	Hispanic/Latina/o/x	Hispanic/Latina/o/x
5,843	5,627	216
Total (Under/Grad)	Undergraduate	Graduate
31%	31.7%	19.7%







Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council

2019-20, Office of Diversity and Inclusion created the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Council (DEIC).

A group aimed at examining diversity, inclusion, and equity issues at MSU Denver with respect to policy and practice from multiple perspectives and across different functionalities.

This includes:

- Access, recruitment & retention
- Community mending & outreach to diverse constituents internally & externally
- Campus climate & institutional culture
- HSI Synergy & Integration Efforts.



HSI Grants 2019 POHA Grant

The Department of Nutrition was awarded a \$2 million Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (POHA) grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

2020 HSI/MSI CARES Act

Since June, MSU Denver received \$2,765,922 from the HSI/MSI CARES Act as a COVID-19 grant.

HSI Committee Goals & Objectives

Remain current with and examine issues, trends, and advocacy pertaining to HSI initiatives, programs and services. This includes:Gain awareness around laws, regulations, policies that have potential impact on HSI funding and designation;Strengthen process and criteria for the identification and prioritization of HSI grants;Benchmark HSI effective and impactful practices for consideration.

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