Vision

Metropolitan State University of Denver is a nationally recognized leader for social mobility, where students of all ages and backgrounds build a better, more equitable Colorado through innovative and transformative education.

Mission

To provide a high-quality, accessible, enriching education that prepares students for successful careers, postgraduate education and lifelong learning in a multicultural, global and technological society. To fulfill its mission, our diverse University community engages the greater Denver population in scholarly inquiry, creative activity and the application of knowledge.

Fall 2021 Students

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<th>Students</th>
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<td>Undergraduates</td>
<td>15,731</td>
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<td>From Colorado</td>
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<td>Alumni</td>
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<td>Alumni Engaged Since FY17</td>
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<td>Alumni Living in Colorado</td>
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“I always credit (MSU Denver) with me finding my voice. It was the first time I found a social conscience, reconnecting with my roots, power, privilege and learning about the ways systems and institutions are set up not for our benefit. The way I see the world was really formed and shaped by the time I spent at MSU Denver.”

Bobby Lefebre
2004 MSU Denver alumnus and Colorado Poet Laureate
Who We Are

A leader in social mobility. Committed to fostering equity. All while offering an accessibly excellent experience. As the top transfer destination among Colorado colleges and universities, our students are engaged citizens, making an immediate impact on our workforce and community from the moment they enroll.

Fall 2021 Undergraduate Student Demographics

- 57.7% First-Gen Students
- 51.7% Transfer Students
- 60.1% Full-Time Students
- 39.9% Part-Time Students
- 30.3% Pell Grant Eligible Students
- 47.3% Students Receiving Scholarships or Grants

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Fall 2021 Undergraduate Students of Color
50.3% 8,246

In February 2019, MSU Denver achieved Hispanic-Serving Institution Designation with 5,469 enrolled Hispanic/Latina/o/x students, more than any other higher-education institution in Colorado.

Data sources referenced at time of printing include:
- Colorado Department of Higher Education
- Higher Learning Commission
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
MSU Denver:
- Applied Learning Center Annual Report
- Office of the Provost
- Office of Student Affairs
- Financial Aid
- Institutional Research
- Graduate Summary
- Fall Census Student Profile
MSU Denver offers a wide variety of academic programs across five colleges and schools.

**Academic Offerings**

**College of Business**
**College of Health and Applied Sciences**
**College of Letters, Arts and Sciences**
**School of Education**
**School of Hospitality**

- 90+ Majors
- 90+ Minors
- Customizable Individualized Degree Program
- 10 Graduate Programs
- 40 Certificate Programs

- Master of Arts in Teaching
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction
- Master of Health Administration
- Master of Professional Accountancy
- Master of Science in Cybersecurity
- Master of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics
- Master of Science in Clinical Behavioral Health, Emphasis in Addiction Counseling
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Speech-Language Pathology

**Top 10 Employment Industries of MSU Denver Alumni**
(Past 3 Years)

- Consulting Services
- Consumer Products/Retail
- Education
- Financial Services
- Government
- Health Care/Pharmacology/Biotech
- Hospitality/Tourism
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Technology
- Transportation

**Top 11 Employers of MSU Denver Alumni**
(Past 10 Years)

- Centura Health
- Charles Schwab
- Children's Hospital Colorado
- City and County of Denver
- Denver Health
- Denver Public Schools
- Dish Network
- Kaiser Permanente
- Lockheed Martin
- Self-Employed
- UCHealth

2021 Spring Commencement
Pride Points

Best for Veterans in Colorado
(1st in state, 28th nationally)
Military Times
Best for Vets: Colleges, 2021

3rd Most Innovative University
U.S. News & World Report
Regional Universities West Category

Most Civically Engaged Students in the Nation by Voting Rate
First in the nation in 2016.
The ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge

Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award
(only Colorado university)
Insight Into Diversity
2021 marks the 8th consecutive year of this distinction.

Alumni most likely to contribute to the state’s economy.
Nearly 80% still work in Colorado 10 years after graduation, compared to state average of 64%.
U.S. Census Bureau

AACSB Accredited
Fewer than 5% of the world’s 16,000 business programs have earned AACSB accreditation. MSU Denver is one of them.

Athletics
Since 1996, MSU Denver has been part of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and has won four NCAA Division II national championships. It sponsors 16 competitive sports, providing over 200 student-athletes with opportunities to compete in one of the state’s top sports programs while earning their degree.

Men’s Sports
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track

Women’s Sports
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Indoor Track
- Outdoor Track
- Volleyball
Employee Breakdown

One of MSU Denver’s 2030 Strategic Plan goals is to be Colorado’s most desired place of employment. The University will continue to improve compensation, benefits, professional development and infrastructure while becoming a more representative workplace and enhancing the inclusive leadership environment that allows leaders to lead from all levels of the University.

2,848
Total Employees

Faculty 42.3% 1,204
Staff 31.8% 906
Administrative 24.8% 705
Classified 2.3% 64
Temporary Hourly 4.8% 137
Student Employee 25.9% 738

“You’re learning from an expert, which is the best way to learn.”

MSU Denver graduate Gioia Fisk on former NCIS Director Andrew Traver (right), who teaches Federal Law Enforcement.
MSU Denver has served as a stepping stone toward the American dream for more than 102,000 alumni, 79% of whom stay in the state after graduation. The University injects hundreds of millions of dollars into the Colorado economy while serving a majority first-generation students, changing families and communities as the state’s third-largest public university.

Community Impact

$703.4 Million  
Annual Economic Impact

$134.9 Billion  
Generated by MSU Denver Alumni Throughout the Course of Their Careers

372,000 Hours  
of Volunteering by MSU Denver Faculty, Staff and Students Annually

Source:  
MSU Denver Economic Impact Report  
September 2020

“There is no better way to catalyze social and economic mobility, fill the Colorado talent pipeline and ensure that our state thrives and competes nationally and globally than to invest in public higher education. Every day, I am even more amazed by the transformational experience we are able to provide for so many hardworking Colorado students.”

Janine Davidson, Ph.D.  
MSU Denver President
Student Access, Service and Achievement
MSU Denver attracts, develops, credentials and graduates tenacious students who realize their goals and craft their futures. Regardless of where they have been, we meet them where they are and launch them to where they want to go. Through an affordable, flexible and holistic education, we help students build essential skills grounded in a multicultural and global perspective that leads to graduation, followed by career and life success.

Student-Centered Academic Excellence
MSU Denver has a richly talented faculty of teacher-scholars. We deliver a relevant, rigorous and innovative academic experience. We empower our faculty to support our diverse students in growing as scholars, becoming leaders in their fields and succeeding in their personal, professional and civic lives.

Civic and Economic Catalyst
MSU Denver activates the talents and passions of our students, alumni, faculty and staff. As an Anchor Institution with a vibrant urban campus, we serve as a civic, economic and talent-rich catalyst to meet the opportunities and challenges facing Colorado and its diverse communities.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
MSU Denver embodies diversity in all its rich representations and expressions. It is who we are. We commit ourselves to justice that provides a foundation for equity and inclusion. We mend internal and external inequities through the cultivation of a vibrant, healthy community.

Organizational Agility and Sustainability
MSU Denver achieves agility by investing in our human talent. We improve our physical infrastructure with an eye toward environmentally sustainable practices, and we work together to create a culture of continuous process improvement. We accomplish sustainability by expanding revenue streams that diversify and grow our academic offerings, student success, endowment and partnerships to benefit our community.

Learn more about the future of higher education at msudenver.edu/strategic-plan-2030.