What to Expect

- The application typically takes about 20-30 minutes to complete. Take your time to complete the application accurately, you can save your application at any time and come back to it.
- If you get stuck at any point in your application, contact your admissions counselor.

Know which application to complete based on your student type

- **Undergraduate Degree**  
  Also known as bachelor’s degree  
  If you are a high school student, this is most likely the degree you will be pursuing at MSU Denver. If you are not sure which program of study (major) to declare, please select “Bachelor’s Degree” as your program of interest and “undeclared” as your planned major.

- **Graduate Degree**  
  Also known as master’s degree  
  If you have previously earned your bachelor’s degree you may be considering continuing your education to earn your master’s degree.

- **Certificate**  
  These are short-term training programs with a narrow focus that can be completed separately or in conjunction with a bachelor’s degree. These programs alone are typically not eligible for financial aid.

- **Non-Degree Seeking**  
  If you are interested in taking classes at MSU Denver, but not looking to complete a certificate or degree, this may be a good option for you. Non-degree seeking students are not eligible for financial aid.

Application Processing Time

Admissions decisions can happen in as little as three days. Most applications are processed within 7-14 business days. Log into your admissions application account for the status of your application and to see when a decision has been made.
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Where Do Most Students Get Stuck?

When making your account use a personal email that you can access. A temporary PIN will be sent to this email, so you can create your own password.

Academic History

Be sure to mark level of study as High School or College and to mark the degree as high school diploma if you have graduated or plan to graduate.

Concurrent/Dual Enrollment

If you are taking college classes while still in high school, add the institution as well as your high school. Be sure to select “no degree awarded/expected”.

SAT/ACT Optional

The SAT/ACT is not required as part of admission. If you chose to submit a test score, we may use that information for course placement. Your application will not be negatively impacted if you choose not to submit your test scores.

Residency

Students are classified resident or non-resident in terms of tuition (not legal status). Students who are undocumented or DACA can be classified as residents for tuition purposes. If you are unsure if you can claim Colorado residency learn more online: msudenver.edu/admissions/residency

College Opportunity Fund

The College Opportunity Fund (COF) provides a tuition stipend for eligible undergraduate students who are Colorado residents. If you qualify, the COF stipend pays for a portion of your total in-state tuition. In order to receive the stipend, students must have a COF account and allow its use at MSU Denver.

Questions?

Call – Text – Email

If at any point you have questions, contact your Admissions Counselor or the Office of Admissions – we are here to help!

msudenver.edu/contact

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