

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR HOUSING INFORMATION

While you are preparing for your upcoming move, it is important you have available to you information regarding various costs associated with living in the Greater Denver Metropolitan area.

Safety

The first service you may want to access will be the housing information/referral. Wherever you choose to live be sure to thoroughly research the location/neighborhood you are choosing to live. Check out [Denver Neighborhood Profiles](#) and [Crime Statistics by Area](#) to start your research and be sure to inspect the living conditions for safety, access to public transportation, parking availability if you have a car, etc.

You should NOT rent any type of dwelling without looking it over in person. Take advantage of time available to you before your appointment begins, consider living in a hotel setting, and look at several units before making a deposit on a housing unit. A list of hotels throughout the Denver Metro area is included with this packet.

Avoid Scams and Frauds

Scammers know that innocent renters will be less cautious if they are motivated to close quickly on a deal so they don't lose out on something too good to be true. Below are some red flags:

- Legitimate landlords do not ask renters to wire money to any account, especially an account located abroad. Nor do they ask for money by Western Union, MoneyGram or other money transfer service.
- Request to use another listing service or escrow account to transfer money. Scammers may impersonate legitimate listings services, like AirBnB or HomeAway, or request that money is sent to an escrow account to make renters believe they are dealing with a legitimate entity.
- Scammers may impersonate our site to make it seem like we participate in the lease transaction or transfer of funds. We do not participate in any transactions between landlords and renters, and we will never ask you for money to use our site or any of our services.
- The landlord has received a job assignment abroad and must rent the unit ASAP. You are invited to drive by the building, but no one can show it to you because everyone is already living abroad. And you need to commit in the next 24 hours because dozens of people are waiting to sign the lease. A legitimate landlord will meet you in person and allow you to tour the property before asking for a deposit to secure the rental.
- For whatever reason, the landlord/agent refuses to meet you in person at the property. They may even send you an access code to unlock an electronic lockbox to gain entry by yourself to the house, condo or apartment you are looking to rent.

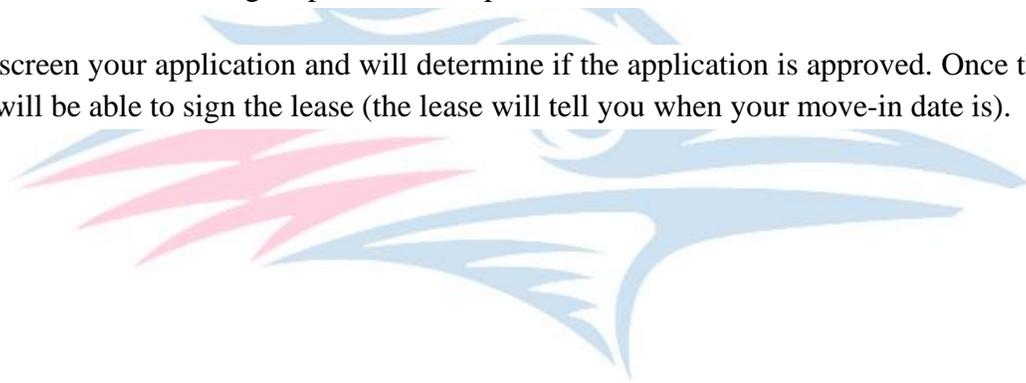
Leasing Process

Prior to signing a lease, potential landlord may ask you to complete an application (especially in large apartment complexes) or to allow a credit check to be done on your credit history. Here is where international students

may run into an obstacle. The credit check is conducted using a social security number. International students typically do not have social security numbers. Thus, the landlord may refuse to rent the apartment to you because of concerns that you will not pay the rent. Potential solutions to this situation are:

- A guarantor. A guarantor is someone with a social security number and with a good credit history who will co-sign the lease with you. By co-signing the lease, the guarantor agrees to pay your rent if you fail to do so. If neither you nor the guarantor pay the obligations of the lease, the landlord can sue both of you. In the case of the guarantor, the landlord could garnish his wages (using his social security number) to make him pay. Thus, the guarantor must trust you to pay the rent on time.
- Paying for several months or rent in advance. The landlord may be willing to rent to you if you pay for three months (or more) in advance. For example, you intend to sign a lease starting in August that will end the following July at the rate of \$800 per month. You can suggest to the landlord that you will pay three months' rent as deposit ($\$800 \times 3 = \2400), and pay for every month's rent on the first of the month starting August 1 through April 1. Then, you will use the deposit to pay for the last three months of the lease (and you would not pay any additional rent for May, June, or July). Note that landlords associated with "house to share," or "room for rent," or with smaller apartment complexes may be more flexible than those from larger apartment complexes.

Landlords will screen your application and will determine if the application is approved. Once the application is approved, you will be able to sign the lease (the lease will tell you when your move-in date is).



Home Options

Houses

In case you are interest in home stay community there are many options available at <https://www.homestaycommunity.com/>. There you can search for different options and international student friendly properties.

The average housing price on *unfurnished*, one-bedroom units is approximately \$1000; this is considered single occupancy. The average rent for a two-bedroom unit is \$1500 and single family dwellings (houses, townhomes) are often priced at a minimum of \$1100 per month. Typically, landlords will expect you pay a one-month damage deposit, as well as the first month's rent. Some will require a deposit to 'hold' or 'reserve' an apartment for you. You should expect to produce a money order or cashier's check, or the equivalent in the proper amount of US Dollars (USD).

Student Housing On Campus

CU Denver Lynx Crossing Residence Hall
318 Walnut Street Denver,80204

<https://www.ucdenver.edu/housing-and-dining/lynx-crossing> Prices are by semester, and prices range from \$5,215 to \$7,155. and offer rooms with 1- 4 Beds.

First year students are required to have the Broncos or Nuggets meal plan.

- **Broncos Plan**
19 all you care to eat meals per week plus \$45.00 per month in flex dollars. Recommended for Freshmen
Price: \$2,540.00
- **Nuggets Plans**
14 all you care to eat meals per week plus \$65.00 per month in flex dollars.
Price: \$2,405.00
- **Rockies Plan**
10 all you care to eat meals per week plus \$85.00 per month in flex dollars.
Price: \$2,310.00
- **Avalanche Plan**
5 all you care to eat meals per week plus \$105 per month in flex dollars.
Price: \$1,545.00
- **Rapids Plan**
\$100 per month in flex dollars.
Price: \$500.00

Apartment Complexes

There are many options of apartment complexes specifically reserved for students and visiting scholars at the Downtown Denver Campus. The average price can differ by the number of rooms and the apartment space. Minimum price is \$900 to \$3,000 and rents can be renewed each 6 months – 1 year. Student complexes closest to the Auraria Campus are:

Colab Apartments

1493 Osage St, Denver 80204

<https://www.liveatcolab.com/> Price floor \$891 - \$2,250 Studio - 4 Beds

Deco Apartments

2180 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222

<https://livedecodenver.com/> Price floor \$1,500 - \$3,760 Studio - 3 Beds

Poets Row Apartments

1035 Sherman St, Denver, CO 80203

<https://redpeak.com/> Price floor \$1,000 - \$1,620 Studio - 1 Bed

Auraria Student Lofts

1051 14th Street Denver, CO 80202

<https://www.aurariastudentlofts.com/> Price floor \$775 - \$4,438 2 or 4 Beds

ReNew on Stout Apartments

1531 Stout St, Denver, CO 80202

<https://www.renewonstout.com/> Price floor \$1,667 - \$2,085 1 - 2 Beds

***For more options you can consult online at <https://www.apartments.com/>

Since most of the live-alone housing is unfurnished, and many scholars arrive with modest funding, many have found perusing classified ads through the newspapers, www.craigslist.com or even garage sales enable one to furnish a new home inexpensively. Bring cash with you (US Dollars) when you're ready to buy – few garage sales or sellers on craigslist will accept checks.

If you are interested in comparing cost of living between various cities in the United States, one calculator is available at <http://www.bestplaces.net/col/> This may help you adjust your cost of living figures if you're relocating from another fellowship or position elsewhere in the USA or from outside the country.

Transportation Resources

RTD

Regional Transportation District (RTD) is the area's public transportation system. For information on routes, schedule times, prices, please access their website www.rtd-denver.com.

Currently, enrolled students can pay \$150 for RTD access by semester. Students may visit the Tivoli ID Center with a valid student ID, and receive their pass digitally via the [RTD MyRide app](#).

How to ride a bus & light-rail

RTD trip planner: if you need information to get from point A to point B using RTD please access <https://www.rtd-denver.com/app/plan>

Some bus stops have shelters, many bus stops have benches, and all bus stops are marked by a red and white sign that lists all routes that stop at that location, as well as the stop number.

You can board or exit rail at many stations across the metro area. Parking is available at rail stations that have Park-n-Ride lots. Parking fees apply at select Park-n-Ride locations; visit [how to park](#) for more information. In addition, many stations are served by convenient bus routes and FlexRide that circulate throughout nearby neighborhoods.

PARKING

It's free to park at more than half of our Park-n-Rides. Parking fees apply at some Park-n-Rides. If your vehicle is registered at an address within RTD boundaries, you may park for free the first 24-hour period every day you park. For parking that extends beyond the first 24 hours, a \$2.00 daily fee applies. If your vehicle is registered out of district, a \$4.00 daily fee applies. You must pay before getting on the bus or train.

Pay-by-phone is available for daily and extended parking. When you pay by phone you will need to provide your license plate number and the Park-n-Ride or station parking zone number. You can also find the parking zone number posted on the sign above the pay station at each location.

When you set up an account with a required deposit, you receive a 15% discount on parking rates. Each time you park, your account is charged. You can set up your account online. See Parkmobile's privacy policy.

Paid parking at RTD facilities is managed by SP+ and when parking fees are paid, Parkmobile on behalf of SP+ will collect financial information, including full bank account numbers, and credit/debit card numbers for virtual wallet accounts, permit fees, and parking fees. RTD does not collect financial information for parking.

Contact, schedule, and maps

By Telephone

Call Customer Care for complete bus and rail information. You can reach Customer Care at 303.299.6000. The TTY phone number for speech and hearing impaired is Dial: 711. Customer Care is open Monday–Friday from 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and weekends/holidays from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In Person

Visit a transit station to pick up schedules, system maps, passes and ticket books or talk to a Customer Service Representative:

Union Station Bus Concourse at 17th and Chestnut in Denver

Civic Center Station at 16th and Broadway in Denver

Boulder Junction at Depot Square Station at 33rd and Pearl Parkway in Boulder

Downtown Boulder Station at 14th and Walnut in Boulder

RTD Sales Counter at Denver International Airport at the Denver Airport Station, Level 1

[View Map of Denver Airport Station on Level 1](#)

You can also pick up schedules at the following locations where Customer Service Representatives are not available:

RTD Administration Building

1660 Blake Street, Denver

RTD District Shops

1900 31st Street Denver

On buses and trains



AURARIA CAMPUS PARKING

www.ahec.edu/parking

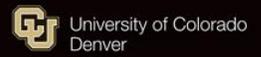
-  Admissions Offices
-  Bus Stop
-  Light Rail Station
-  Bike Route
-  Bike Dismount
-  Parking Lots
-  Parking Garages
-  Parking for Persons with Disabilities
-  Parking Meters for Persons with Disabilities
-  Parking Meters
-  Drop-off Location
-  Auraria Campus Police Department
-  Smoking Zones
-  Motorcycle Parking
-  Attended Lot
-  Daily Fee Parking After 5 p.m.
-  Electric Car Charging Station



Office of Admissions
 Confluence Building
 303-352-3166
www.ccd.edu



Office of Admissions
 Student Success Building
 303-556-3058
www.msudenver.edu



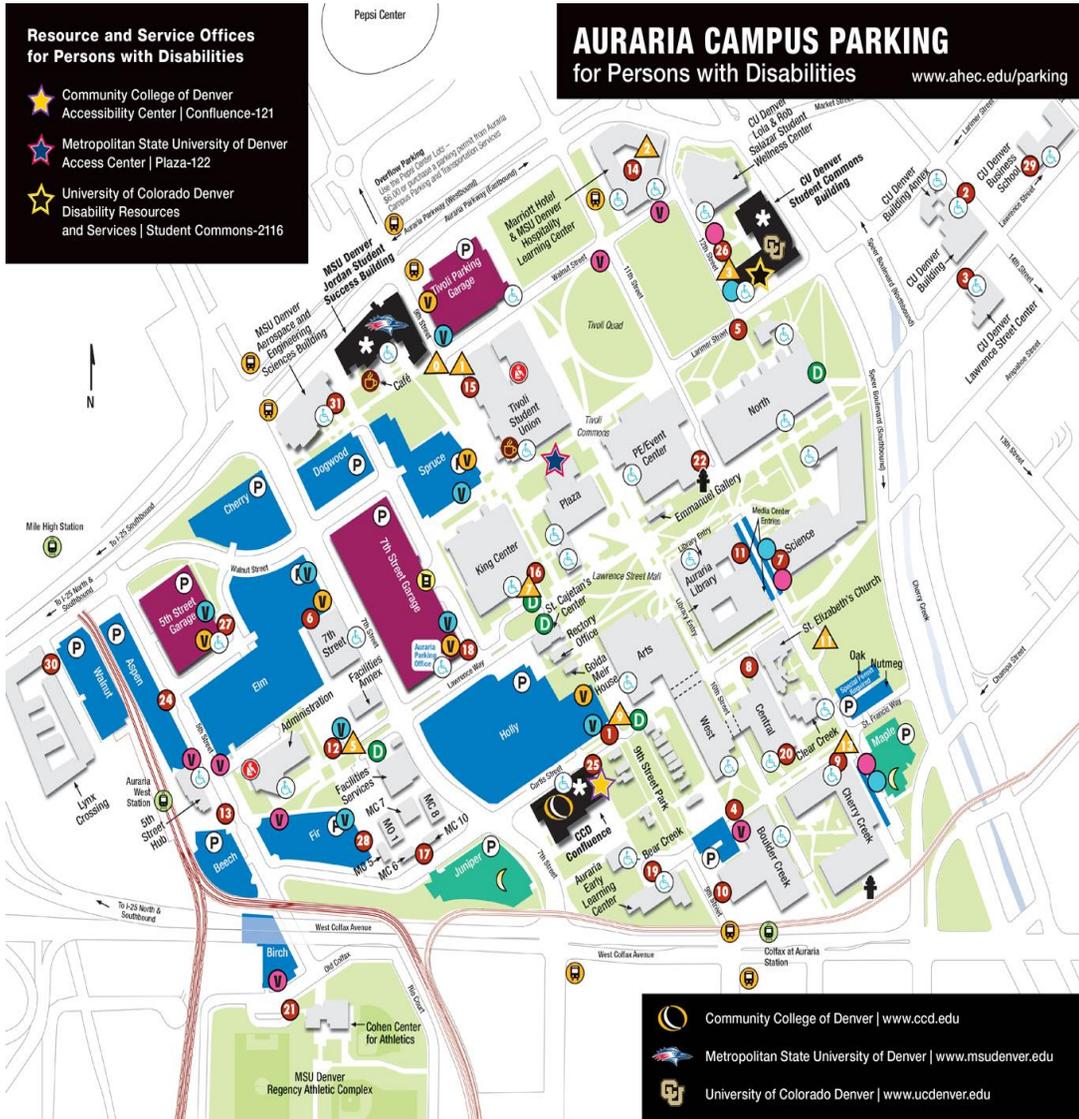
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 Student Commons Building
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www.ucdenver.edu

Resource and Service Offices for Persons with Disabilities

-  Community College of Denver
Accessibility Center | Confluence-121
-  Metropolitan State University of Denver
Access Center | Plaza-122
-  University of Colorado Denver
Disability Resources and Services | Student Commons-2116

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for Persons with Disabilities

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-  Admissions Offices
-  Dog Relief Area
-  Accessible Entries
-  Permit Area for Persons with Disabilities
-  Meters for Persons with Disabilities
-  Daily-Fee Spaces for Persons with Disabilities
-  Attended Lot
-  Campus Police
-  Drop-Off Location for Persons with Disabilities
-  Van-Accessible Spaces
-  Bus Stop
-  Light Rail Station
-  RTD Access-A-Ride Stop (with location #)
-  Campus Accessible Shuttle & NightRider Stops

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|---|--|
| 1 Arts Breezeway | 17 Curtis Street |
| 2 CU Building | 18 7th Street Garage |
| 3 Lawrence Street Center | 19 Early Learning Center |
| 4 Boulder Creek | 20 Central Classroom (Elevator) |
| 5 North Classroom | 21 Regency Athletic Complex |
| 6 7th Street Classroom | 22 PE/Event Center Ramp |
| 7 Science Building | 23 RTD Auraria West Light Rail Station |
| 8 Central Classroom/Library | 24 Light Rail Station |
| 9 Cherry Creek Building | 25 Confluence Building |
| 10 Colfax & 9th Street | 26 Student Commons Building |
| 11 Auraria Library/Media Center | 27 5th Street Garage |
| 12 Administration Building (Front) | 28 Modular Classrooms |
| 13 Administration Building (5th Street) | 29 Business School* |
| 14 Hotel & Hospitality Learning Center | 30 Lynx Crossing |
| 15 Tivoli Student Union | 31 Aerospace Building/Student Success Building |
| 16 King Center/Plaza Building | |

Alternate Access:
West Classroom: Second floor accessible from elevators in Central and Arts buildings
Library/Media Center: Library accessible from west and north sides (*front*); Media Center accessible from east side (*back*).
 *NightRider is unavailable from the CU Denver Business School.

-  Community College of Denver | www.ccd.edu
-  Metropolitan State University of Denver | www.msudenver.edu
-  University of Colorado Denver | www.ucdenver.edu



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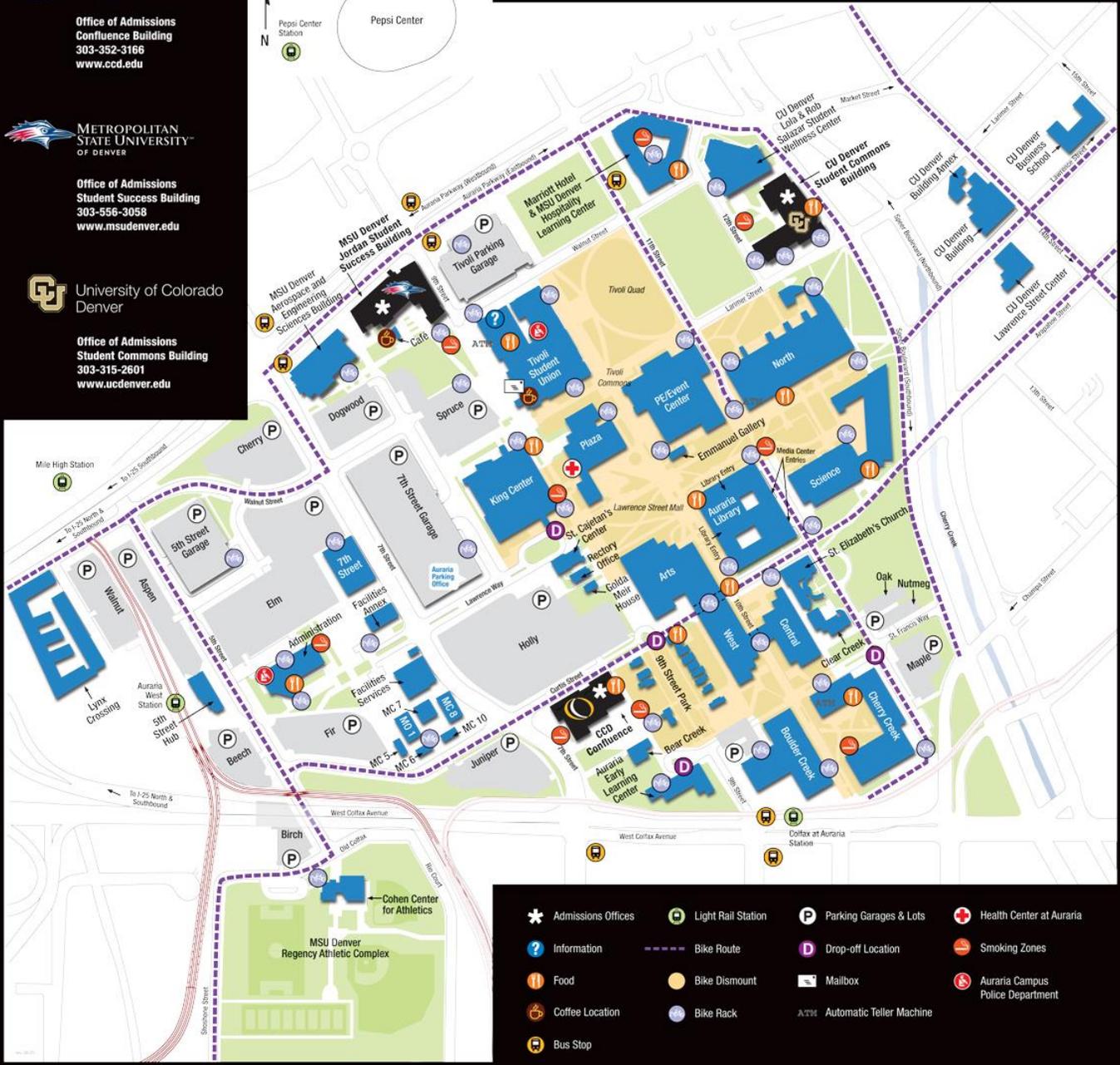


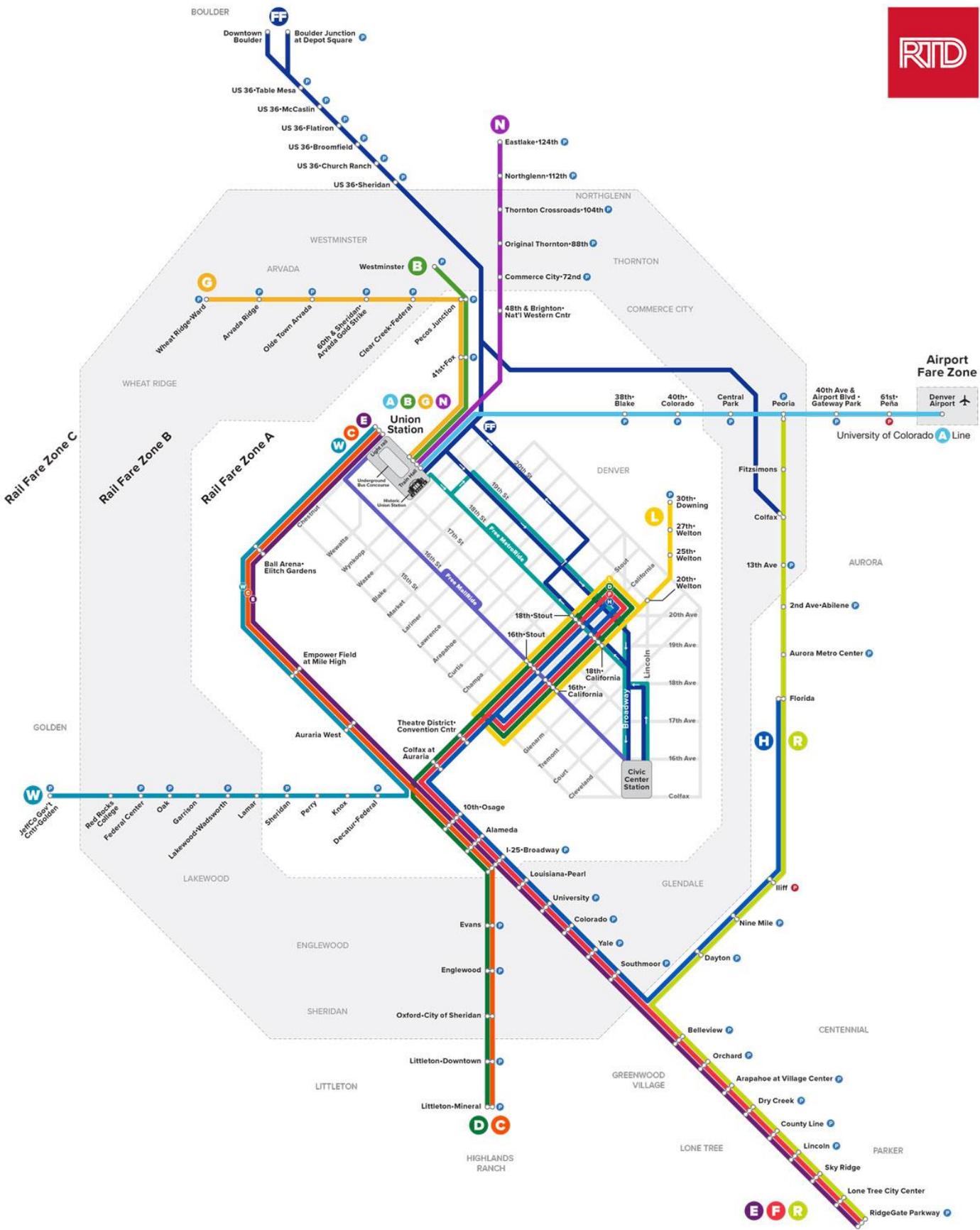
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FLATIRON FLYER

FF Denver to Boulder

Flatiron Flyer buses use a different fare zone that is not represented on this map. Please see a Flatiron Flyer schedule for more information.

rd-denver.com | 303.299.6000

TRAINS

- A** Union Station to Denver Airport
- B** Union Station to Westminster
- C** Union Station to Littleton - Mineral
- D** 18th - California to Littleton - Mineral
- E** Union Station to RidgeGate Parkway
- F** 18th - California to RidgeGate Parkway
- G** Union Station to Wheat Ridge - Ward
- H** 18th - California to Florida
- L** 16th - Stout to 30th - Downing
- N** Union Station to Eastlake - 124th
- R** Peoria to RidgeGate Parkway
- W** Union Station to JeffCo Gov't Ctr - Golden

LOCAL
Travel through 1-2 rail fare zones.

| | Full fare | Discount* | Youth** |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 3-hour pass | \$3.00 | \$1.50 | \$0.90 |
| MyRide Card | \$2.80 | \$1.40 | \$0.90 |
| Day Pass | \$6.00 | \$3.00 | \$1.80 |

REGIONAL
Travel through 1-3 rail fare zones.

| | Full fare | Discount* | Youth** |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| 3-hour pass | \$5.25 | \$2.60 | \$1.60 |
| MyRide Card | \$5.05 | \$2.50 | \$1.60 |
| Day Pass | \$10.50 | \$5.25 | \$3.20 |

AIRPORT
Travel to and from the airport.

| | Full fare | Discount* | Youth** |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| 3-hour pass | \$10.50 | \$5.25 | \$3.20 |
| MyRide Card | \$10.30 | \$5.15 | \$3.20 |
| Day Pass | Purchase a Regional/Airport Day Pass | | |

FREE BUS SERVICE

Free MailRide
Union Station to Civic Center via 16th St
- Stops every block along 16th Street

Free MetroRide
Union Station to Civic Center via 18th & 19th St
- Stops every three blocks along 18th & 19th Streets

P RTD parking available. Fees may apply.
P Non-RTD parking available. Fees apply.

*Discount fares are available for seniors 65+, individuals with disabilities, and Medicare recipients. **Youth fares are available for youth ages 6-19. Proof of eligibility is required for all passengers using discounted fare products. Active duty members of the U.S. military ride for free on all RTD services.

Campus Identification Cards and RTD College Pass Program

The ID Station provides campus IDs for students, faculty, and staff, as well as RTD College Passes for students who pay the RTD fee each semester. The ID Station also serves as the hub for campus questions/information and the location for lost and found inquiries.

ID Station | 303-556-8352 | IDStation@AHEC.edu
Tivoli Student Union, 900 Auraria Pkwy #269, Denver, CO 80204
(located across from Barnes & Noble College Tivoli Station bookstore)

Hours

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Shuttles & Motorist Assistance

Parking & Transportation Services offers many transportation programs to make getting around campus easy and safe.

Please Note: Due to the impact of COVID-19 there are currently fewer people on campus as the majority of classes are conducted remotely and NightRider is not operating at this time.

In the interim, you can contact the ACPD via phone or text and they will send an officer to escort you to your vehicle or to a destination within the boundaries of campus:

ACPD Dispatch | 303-556-5000

Text-A-Tip | 720-593-8477