



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

APPLICANT GUIDE FOR INDIAN GRADUATE STUDENTS



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ABOUT

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

- R1 Research University
- Career-Connected Campus
- 150+ programs (50+ STEM OPT)
- 15,000 students (7% international)



CREDENTIAL EVALUATION FOR GRADUATE APPLICANTS

INDIAN GRADUATE APPLICANTS

Credential Evaluation Options

When applying to CU Denver programs, you have two options for credential evaluation.

Option 1: In-House Evaluation (available only for Denver programs)

- CU Denver's in-house credential evaluation is included in the \$75 application fee, with no need for a separate third-party evaluation.
- Our admissions team reviews international transcripts to determine U.S. equivalencies.
- This process helps applicants save time and money while ensuring a reliable credential assessment.

Option 2: External Evaluation Report (ECE or WES)

- Send all required documents directly to ECE or WES for a course-by-course evaluation.
- Detailed instructions will be provided after selecting this option.

Please note: If you are applying to a program at CU Anschutz, you must use an external evaluation service such as ECE or WES.





APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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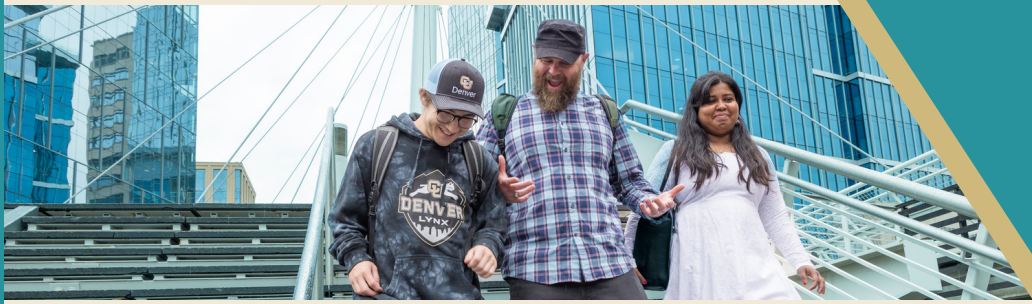
- ☐ [Online Application](#)
- ☐ \$75 Application Fee
- ☐ Transcript (individual marksheets & degree certificate)
- ☐ Proof of English Language Proficiency

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Depending on the program you are applying to, you will have additional requirements such as:

- ☐ Resume
- ☐ GRE/GMAT
- ☐ Statement of Purpose
- ☐ Letters of Recommendation

Tip: Remember to click “submit” once you’ve completed your application form!



EDUCATIONAL AGENTS AND YOUR APPLICATION

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Students must indicate agent affiliation at the time of application submission, by answering the agent affiliation question and choosing the correct company name from the drop-down list.

Did you apply with the help of an education agent?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please choose your agent's company name:

If your agent affiliation is missing or needs to be added after submitting your application, please email intlagents@ucdenver.edu to request the **Agent Affiliation Change Form**.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

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See the chart below for required documents by degree completion status. CU Denver accepts three-year bachelor’s degrees from India for graduate applications.

Degree Program In Progress	Completed Degree Program
• Individual marksheets, including failed exams, of every semester issued by the university (or autonomous college) • 4-year program: 6 semester marksheets • 3-year program: 4 semester marksheets • Continuing Studies Letter issued by the institution • Grading scales for subjects and/or degree (Optional but essential)	• Individual marksheets, including failed exams, of every semester issued by institution • Consolidated marksheet. • Degree certificate • Provisional certificates can be accepted • Grading scales for subjects and/or degree (Optional but essential)

***If you have completed a **3-year diploma program from a State Board of Technical Education**, you will need to provide semesters 5 and 6 individual mark sheets and a copy of your diploma certificate.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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Option 1: English Language Proficiency Tests

You may meet the ELP requirement by fulfilling ANY of the four options listed in the following pages. You are required to submit documentation to prove your English ability.

Test	Required Score
IELTS	Overall: 6.5 minimum Sub scores: 5.5 minimum
TOEFL (before 1.21.2026)	Overall: 79 Reading: 8 Listening: 7 Speaking: 18 Writing: 16
TOEFL (after 1.21.2026)	Overall: 4 Reading: 3 Listening: 2.5 Speaking: 3.5 Writing: 3.5
Duolingo	Overall: 105 minimum Sub scores: 85 minimum
PTE Academic	Overall: 58 minimum Sub scores: 42 minimum

Note: The scores listed above are the university minimum requirements. Some graduate programs require higher scores for admission. Please visit the website for your program of interest for more information.



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (CONT.)

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Option 2: CU Denver English as a Second Language Academy ESL (Level 5) Graduation

International applicants can meet CU Denver's English Language Proficiency requirement by successfully completing Level 5 courses at the [CU Denver ESL Academy](#).

Option 3: Exception for Certain Visa Types

If you are the primary holder of an employment-based U.S. visa (e.g., H-1B), and you have lived in the U.S. for at least one year, you are not required to provide proof of English language proficiency for admission.





ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (CONT.)

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Option 4: Coursework Completion

International applicants may meet the English Language Proficiency requirement through any of the options below for previous coursework completed:

Qualification	Details
U.S. Bachelor's or Higher Degree	Earn a post-secondary bachelor's degree or higher in the United States.
Graduate Coursework in the U.S.	Earn 12 or more credit hours with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in a master's or doctoral degree program in the United States.
International Equivalent Degree	<i>Either</i> • Earn a post-secondary credential comparable to a U.S. bachelor's degree or higher <i>OR</i> • Complete the equivalent of 12 or more credit hours in a master's or doctoral program with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in one of the following approved countries listed here.

DEADLINE & COSTS

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What are graduate program deadlines?

- Deadlines vary by program. Please check with [your program of interest](#) for specifics.

Do you offer any graduate scholarships?

- At the graduate level, funding varies by department. Most departments offer research or teaching assistantships, which are competitive positions. Students should contact the department directly to inquire and apply.
- You can find the programs and their contact information [here](#).

GRADUATE COST OF ATTENDANCE

Your total cost to attend CU Denver includes more than your tuition & fees – you will also need to consider your housing, food, travel, health insurance, textbooks, etc. Students should be prepared to pay tuition and fees for each year of study for the full duration of their program (typically two years for [graduate programs](#)).

Tuition & Fees	Living Expenses	Books & Insurance	Total (1-20 Amount)
\$24,304	\$20,445	\$5,293	\$50,042

***The cost estimates above are for the academic year 2025-2026.**



DEADLINES & COSTS (CONT.)

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GRADUATE COST OF ATTENDANCE BY SCHOOL

Cost of attendance varies by school or college. Below are the estimated costs for the most popular programs among Indian applicants by school/college. To explore all schools and colleges view our cost of attendance webpage [here](#).

School/College	Tuition & Fees	Living Expenses	Books & Insurance	Total (I-20 Amount)
Business School	\$20,895	\$20,262	\$4,352	\$45,509
College of Engineering, Design and Computing	\$20,958	\$20,262	\$4,352	\$45,572
College of Architecture and Planning	\$56,962	\$20,445	\$5,293	\$82,700

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CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT)

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Curricular Practical Training (CPT) for Current F-1 Students

- Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is an F-1 work authorization to allow students to gain professional experience while meeting academic requirements for their degree program.
- According to [the F-1 regulations](#), CPT must be an integral part of an established curriculum. When you prepare to submit a CPT request, please consider how you will connect the internship or professional experience to your academic requirements.
- For more information on how to apply to CPT, please visit our [Curricular Practical Training Website](#).



OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

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Optional Practical Training (OPT) for Current F-1 Students

- Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a program that allows you to stay in the United States and gain work experience after you graduate while remaining on your F-1 visa status.
- Students in most majors can work for 12 months on OPT status, but majors in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) can work up to 36 months.
- For a list of STEM eligible programs, please visit our [Optional Practical Training Website](#).