



**PRESIDENT'S  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY



Colorado State University was the first institution to earn a platinum rating in the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) in 2015. In 2020, CSU becomes the only institution in the world to earn a platinum rating three times and currently has the highest score in the U.S.

STARS is a program of AASHE - the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education - designed to facilitate worldwide collaboration in sustainability among institutions of higher learning.

STARS measures 1,000+ individual data points across four comprehensive categories: Academics & Research, Engagement, Operations, and Planning & Administration.



For the first time in CSU's STARS reporting history, the university has received a perfect score in the Academics category, meeting full criteria and receiving all points in the Curriculum and Research sub-categories.



In November 2019, CSU officially adopted campus-wide Institutional Learning Outcomes that include sustainability and a commitment to teach students from an integrated social, economic, and environmental perspective. Additionally, the College of Business and the Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering have college-level sustainability learning outcomes.



The university continues to add new undergraduate and graduate sustainability programs. Recent additions include an M.S. and Ph.D. in Ecosystem Sustainability.



Nearly 50% of all CSU's tenure and tenure-track faculty conducting research are actively engaged in sustainability research. Eighty percent of all academic departments on campus have at least one faculty or staff member conducting sustainability research.



There are now 18 solar arrays on CSU campuses, generating over 10 million kWh/year of clean electricity (enough to power over 1,000 homes in Fort Collins).



CSU has committed to 100% renewable electricity by 2030. In 2019, CSU Facilities Management and Housing & Dining Services respectively offset 20% and 100% of its electricity use bringing the campus total from 1.3% in 2016 to 13.5% of renewable electricity in 2019.



In FY20, CSU invested nearly 13%, just under half a million dollars, of its investment pool in positive sustainability investments, tripling its investment percentage from 2016. These positive sustainability investments include holdings in community development financial institutions, businesses with exemplary sustainability performance, and sustainable industries.



CSU is one of only eight Platinum level Bicycle Friendly Universities in the U.S. and was designated a Best Workplace for Commuters in 2019.



In 2018, CSU became the first certified Bee Campus USA institution in the Rocky Mountain region, a certification aimed to plan, develop, and implement pollinator friendly gardens and habitats across campuses in the US.



CSU continues to excel in engagement efforts both on and off campus. Sustainability engagement efforts include strong student leadership (ex. Zero Waste Team, Eco Leaders, Student Sustainability Center, and ASCSU), various outreach campaigns directed to all students and employees (ex. Get Back on the Bike and RecycleMania), and providing continuing education courses in sustainability to the community (ex. CSU Extension and OSHR Lifelong Learning Institute).



### COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

- 23 sustainability-focused majors, concentrations, and specializations
- 15-year-old Organic Agriculture Program
- 9 Agricultural Experiment Stations in Colorado focusing on participatory learning



### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

- College-level sustainability learning outcome
- Impact MBA Program with Corporate Sustainability Track
- Donated 600 pounds of food to Cans Around the Oval in 2019



### WALTER SCOTT JR. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

- Environmental Engineering Degree
- College-level sustainability learning outcome
- Engineers without Borders CSU Chapter aims to empower communities to improve life quality through sustainable engineering projects



### COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES

- Runs Farm to Table Food Safety Program
- Graduate concentration in Sustainability and Resilience in Construction Management
- All interior Architecture & Design senior capstone projects are based on LEED



### COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

- 126 courses that focus on or include sustainability
- Environmental Politics and Policy Political Science MA and PhD Program; Environmental Sociology BA, MA, and PhD
- Center for Environmental Justice



### WARNER COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

- 161 courses that focus on or include sustainability
- Ecosystem Science and Sustainability MS and PhD
- Environmental Learning Center educates and inspires people to connect with and become stewards of the land



### COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

- Environmental Psychology course
- Professor developing sustainable materials to replace hard-to-recycle products
- Four schools in Uganda established by the Little Shop of Physics



### COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Environmental Health Program
- CSU Honey Bee Veterinary Medicine Club helps manage on-campus hives
- Center for Environmental Medicine addresses environmental toxicology



### SCHOOL OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (SoGES)

- Supports interdisciplinary faculty research team and individual projects that address global challenges
- Offers interdisciplinary minor in global environmental sustainability for 300+ students and runs 13 focused courses in sustainability
- Increases awareness and engagement around sustainability, hosting 45+ events annually with a large audience reach
- Globally-focused and manages CSU's participation as an official observer organization of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

