UCCS Fast Facts
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Accessible

- 2013 Enrollment:
  - 10,598 fall 2013 on-campus students, +8.4% (record-high enrollment)
  - 2,000 students enrolled in online courses
  - 27% Pell Grant recipients
  - 26% of all students are minority; 35% of freshman class
- Among fastest growing universities in state and nation
- Fall 2013 Graduate Student Enrollment:
  - 1,727 graduate students
  - Fourth largest public university graduate enrollment in Colorado (CU Denver, CU Boulder, CSU-Fort Collins, UCCS)
- Graduation rates for ethnic minority groups exceed peer university average
- More than 1,300 military veterans, active military, and family members
- 25 U.S. Olympic athletes

Efficient

- UCCS core expenses are 14% less than those of peer universities
- UCCS receives $1,023 less state support per full-time student than peer universities
- UCCS tuition and fees are 8% less than peers
- UCCS has 40% fewer full time equivalent staff than peer universities

High-Quality

- UCCS offers 37 bachelor’s degrees, 19 masters, and five doctoral degrees
- US News & World Report: America’s Best Colleges
  - Tenth among Western regional public universities
  - Fifth nationally for public undergraduate engineering
  - Top-ranked graduate programs in nursing, business and public affairs
- GI Jobs
  - Military Friendly (top 20% of colleges and universities)
- The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) named UCCS one of two national leaders in community engagement efforts
Unique and High-Need Programs

- Applied Geography
- Geropsychology
- Professional Golf Management (Business)
- Sports Management
- Bachelor of Innovation
- Special Education
- Nursing
- Health Care Science
- Homeland Security
- Criminal Justice

Economic Impact

- UCCS is one of the largest employers in southern Colorado employing 1,058 people
- More than 65% of UCCS graduates live in Colorado
- UCCS students, faculty and staff generate $30 million annually in state and local taxes

Engagement

- A branch of the CU School of Medicine will be located at UCCS
- The Southern Colorado Higher Education Consortium is a framework to increase higher education access, persistence and completion. The consortium is focused on opportunities for nontraditional, underrepresented and first-generation students to promote long-term economic development
  - Consortium members include UCCS, Colorado State University-Pueblo, Adams State College, Western State College, Fort Lewis College, Pikes Peak Community College, Pueblo Community College, Trinidad State Junior College, Lamar Community College and Otero Junior College
- Partnerships
  - The Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences is the first UCCS building on North Nevada Avenue. It will house a Peak Vista Community Health Center senior clinic, several clinics associated with the Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Science and a branch of the CU School of Medicine.
  - Cisco Systems, Inc., to provide education programs and counseling to be delivered to institutions in southern Colorado using Cisco Systems technologies
- Southern Colorado Economic Forum to guide the region by bringing together public, private and academic economic experts