International Driver’s Licenses may be used for up to 30 days. After that you must obtain a Colorado Driver’s License
Canadian, German, and French Driver’s Licenses as well as all US state licenses are honored in Colorado and may be “traded” for Colorado Licenses
To Obtain a Colorado Driver’s License or state issued ID:

1. Visit the Colorado Department of Motor Vehicles at 2447 N Union Blvd (Audubon Village Shopping Center at Union and Van Buren) Phone 719-594-8701
2. Take your immigration documents:
   - Valid passport with visa
   - I-94 (https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/)
   - I-20 or DS-2019 stamped in red on your most recent entry into the US
   - Your most recent UCCS I-20 or DS-2019

   Note to transfer students: if your UCCS I-20 was not used to enter the US (stamped in red) then the following must be on your UCCS I-20 in section 9.
   - Your previous school
   - The date of your transfer (release date)
   - The date of your enrollment at UCCS (see number 3 below)
   - If you are on OPT (F-1) or Academic Training (J-1), you must also bring
     - Employment Authorization Document for OPT (F-1) or your letter of authorization (J-1)
     - Something showing that you are living in Colorado: a letter from your employer, a pay stub, a current utilities bill showing a Colorado license
3. Proof of connection to Colorado Springs (one of the following items)
   - Utilities or credit card bill or bank statement with your name and Colorado Springs address
   - UCCS enrollment verification letter (request from the Office of Admissions and Records and be sure to include in the comment section that you need it to be printed on UCCS letterhead, with original signature, and with address verification) To do this, you must update your local address in the student portal

STOP: if all you need is a state ID
CONTINUE: if you are getting a driver’s license

4. Study the Driver’s Handbook
   - Note: This is not required for holders of Canadian, French, German or other US State Driver’s Licenses – BUT THE DMV WILL INVALIDATE YOUR HOME COUNTRY LICENSE. If you wish to keep that license, you must take all the tests.
   - The Driver’s Handbook can be found at: www.revenue.state.co.us/mv_dir/home.asp then click on “Drivers Handbooks” and choose “Colorado Driver Handbook”
5. Get Learner’s Permit and begin practicing
6. Schedule appointment for the driving test and bring:
   - proof of insurance for the car in which you will take your driving test
   - immigration documents listed in #3 above

- Insurance is REQUIRED for anyone who will own and drive a vehicle and is RECOMMENDED for all people even if they do not own a vehicle.
- Your Colorado Driver’s License will be issued for the dates on your I-20 or DS-2019 and will be mailed to you. There will be no grace period on your license.
- To renew your Driver’s License, take all items in # 3, plus your I-20 or DS-2019 with your new program end date OR your EAD for OPT.

REMEMBER: This is a VERY busy office! They can better help you if you take all necessary documents and are patient with them.