



Colorado State University Global Campus – An Online College Degree

Website: <https://csuglobal.edu/resources/online-education/3-p-model>

Summary of Innovation: CSU Global Campus is an online, fully accredited college degree program. The core approach is both participatory and project-based. The CSE website states that:

- CSU-Global seeks to engage each student through the incorporation of interactive modules and the infusion of multimedia, as well as through content with relevant international characteristics such as current industry and problem-based case studies. This results in courses that are intellectually stimulating and participative in nature. Students are expected to use problem solving, critical thinking, and questioning skills during course interaction with colleagues and instructors. Students interact with faculty via discussion boards and live classrooms.
- Recognizing that students need to be prepared for success in a global society, the curriculum at CSU-Global is student-centered, resulting in project-based learning. For example, the critical thinking assignments ask students to apply their theoretical and working knowledge of the course content to industry-relevant scenarios in order to improve processes and increase efficiency for specific organizations. The course portfolio projects require students to weave all course concepts into one comprehensive deliverable to demonstrate their competence in the core learning outcomes.
- All programs at CSU-Global afford students an opportunity to participate in a practicum or internship.
- Most programs culminate with a capstone course consisting of a project-based case study to help the student apply the program's concepts to real-life solutions.

Learners access the program via an online student portal. There are no set class times or locations. Through the portal, students have access to discussions and course work, with due dates for discussion posts or assignments on Thursdays and Sundays. Learning is module based, with critical thinking assignments and a mastery exercise test serving to gauge learning and demonstrate completion/mastery of each module.

A key factor in this program's flexibility for working professionals is the ability for every course to be offered every term, with an entry window opening at the beginning of each month. All CSU-Global faculty are available by phone, email, and webform during normal business hours.

CSU-Global offers degrees in a wide variety of majors and specializations, including:

Undergraduate Degrees in

- Applied Social Science
- Communication
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration
- Healthcare Administration and Management

- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Management Information Systems and Business Analytics
- Public Management
- Undergraduate Specializations/Certifications of Completion
- Criminal Forensics
- Criminal Justice Management
- Criminology
- Strategic Communications

Master's Degree Programs

- Healthcare Administration and Management
- Teaching and Learning
- Teaching and Learning – Educational Leadership Concentration
- Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration

Graduate Specializations/Certifications of Completion

- Contemporary Practices in Online Learning
- Criminal Justice Leadership
- English Language Learning (ELL)
- Fraud Management
- Teacher Leadership

The average annual cost is currently \$8,400 annually for undergraduate and \$9,000 for graduate programs. The cost per degree depends on the number of credits a student comes into the program with. Currently the learners are paying for tuition themselves, or through financial aid.

Partners: Colorado State University

Targeted Population of Learners: Although the platform of online degrees is a resource for many students, CSU-Global is specifically advantageous for adult learners and working professionals.

Bringing the Innovation to Scale: CSU-Global began in 2007. The college is currently operating on a large scale, and is in the forefront of national online university offerings. Student testimonials from review sites range from excellent to poor, but many of the poor reviews are about specific instructors and grade disputes. Many of the testimonials speak to the ease of the program in terms of access, and also speak to the employment opportunities the degrees have promoted.