BACKGROUND: WESTERN STATE COLORADO UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1911 in Gunnison, Colorado, Western State Colorado University has grown to be an important center of higher education in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Designated by Forbes as one of the Top 100 Colleges in the West for the last five years in a row and recently named a College of Distinction for 2018-19, Western’s location, academic excellence, and devoted faculty combine to offer students an individually engaged education and an exceptional lifestyle. Western has 28,000 alumni, including highly successful graduates in many fields and disciplines living throughout the world.

Student Profile – Spring 2018
Total Enrollment – 2,911
Undergraduate students – 2,503
Graduate students – 408
Male – 52%
Female – 48%
NCAA athletes – 10%

Colorado residents – 69%
Non-residents – 31%
States represented – 50
Foreign countries represented – 10
Pell Grants – 32%
Mascot – Mad Jack the Mountaineer

Academics
Three schools and 8 academic departments
90+ areas of study
Average class size – 18 students
50+ student-run clubs and organization

Faculty
169 Instructional faculty
72% full-time
75% with terminal degree

Popular Majors
Business (385)
Biology (230)
Exercise & Sport Science (169)
Environment & Sustainability (154)
Psychology (154)
Recreation & Outdoor Education (142)

Ethnic Diversity
White: 67%
Black/African American: 3%
Asian: 1%
American Indian Alaska Native: 1%
Hispanic: 12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: < 1%
Nonresident Alien: <1%
Multi-Race: 4%
Unknown: 13%

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