



## FLC Info/Quick Facts:

### An uncommon way to learn

Bring your curiosity, your sense of adventure, and your love of life. Feel them become the future you almost dared not dream.

Your classes are small in numbers, but as wide as the world. They rarely end at the classroom door. Your faculty are guides and mentors in this modern life as much as they are teachers of academic subjects. Your peers are collaborators in coursework, and co-conspirators in adventure.

Your campus on the mesa looks over our iconic Colorado town. A town that brings together mountains and desert, concepts and reality, people and their landscape.

### FLC AT A GLANCE

FLC is a college like no other—from its students, to their studies, from its campus to its place in the Southwest. Scan the facts, pore over the pics, and if you haven't visited yet (in-person or virtually), put that on your to-do list. Out of 4,300 colleges and universities, we've been recognized by [Forbes magazine](#) as among the best, and we are frequently mentioned in other top colleges lists, typically for affordability, diversity, the high quality of our faculty, and the benefits of being in Durango.

### STUDENTS

Roughly **3230** undergraduate students and **80** graduate students make up our student body, and **just over half** are students of color. About **1/3** of students are the first in their family to go college, and first-year students enter with a high school GPA of **3.26**, on average. **41%** of students are Native American or Alaska Native, representing **177** Tribes and Native Alaskan villages.

- 46% of students are from Colorado
- 47 US states represented
- 15 countries represented

### LEARN OUTSIDE THE LINES – LEARN BY DOING

98% of classes at FLC have fewer than 50 students. In fact, the average class size is 24, and the student to faculty ratio across all departments is 15:1. This means that you get individualized attention and mentorship that supports your transition from student to professional.

What's more, with an experiential approach to education across all 55 majors, you'll get a taste for the practical application of your studies through field schools, internships, original research, or other opportunities.

## CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

With the best view in town, FLC breathes human innovation into **247** acres sitting at **6,872** feet. **12%** of our “Tree campus” is xeriscaped with native and low-irrigation plants. **Over half** of campus energy comes from solar and wind power, and we have reduced carbon emissions by **58%** since 2011.

**42%** of students call campus their home while they’re here, and enjoy a range of recreational options including a climbing wall, disc golf course, campus events throughout the year, and over 55 student organizations.

## HOW OTHERS SEE US

Time and again we make third-party lists for diversity and inclusion, sustainable practices, outdoor access, and affordability. These are just a few of the lists we've made in comparison to other schools.

- US News & World Report, [#10 in campus ethnic diversity](#) in the liberal arts colleges category
- Best Values Schools' [Best Outdoor Colleges](#)
- Diverse Education's [Top 100 Producers Bachelor's Degrees](#) for students of color
- Great Value Colleges' [#93 in the Top 100](#) Most Affordable Small Colleges West of the Mississippi
- The Knowledge Review's [10 Best Green Schools](#) in America

## DURANGO & BEYOND

- Durango's Population: 17,000; La Plata County: 52,000.
- 2.3 million acres of public lands adjacent to town
- 13 National parks & monuments within a 4-hour drive
- World-class skiing at Telluride, Wolf Creek, Purgatory and Silverton within 2 hours' drive
- Free Purgatory ski pass for incoming first-year students
- Hot springs, restaurants, coffee shops, art galleries, skate park
- White water rafting, rock & ice climbing, trail running, desert and mountain hiking
- Outdoor Pursuits offers guided adventure travel and outdoor gear to borrow

## A HISTORY OF FLC

Today's FLC is a place of experiential learning and an incubator of ideas and opportunity. It emerged through a series of changes uniquely tied to this region and its people. From military outpost to Indian boarding school, rural high school to public college, we have been at the heart of Southwest Colorado and the Four Corners region or over a century.

## ABOUT DURANGO

From art galleries to eateries, 300 days of sunshine to 300 miles of local trails, Durango, Colorado is a launchpad like no other for your adventures. Situated along a rolling river between wild mountains and desert canyons, you have culture and history, outdoor adventure, and nightlife at your fingertips.