



THE IMPACT

DIVISION OF EXTENDED STUDIES

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THE FIRST ONLINE MASTER OF ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN COLORADO

Students can now apply for the online Master of Engineering Management program (MEM) through CSU Pueblo Online. This is the first program of its kind in Colorado, and program courses will start in Fall 2022.

The online MEM program will provide practitioners in the information, government, defense, military, and aerospace industries with the conceptual foundations and the skills required to take upper management roles in technology-driven, project-oriented companies and organizations. The MEM program at CSU Pueblo focuses on the identification of problems arising in complex, interconnected, interdependent operations and on the design and deployment of efficient solutions for those problems.

This program has an interdisciplinary approach, leveraging solid principles of systems theory with modern business analysis tools. A CSU Pueblo MEM graduate is a practice-oriented professional who will bring to their organization innovative solutions to complex, ill-defined problems.

The degree is offered fully online with the opportunity of doing a summer residential capstone where students, with the assistance of their instructors and peers, will focus on developing and implementing a project of their choice.

For more information about this program, visit www.csupueblo.online or contact the Program Advisor by calling 719-501-2710.

EXTENDED STUDIES: A YEAR IN REVIEW

Extended Studies is pleased to report that CSU Pueblo Online continues to exceed enrollment expectations both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Exclusively online undergraduate students continue to grow – Spring 2022 had 168 students who are purely distance students pursuing an online undergraduate degree. Extended Studies was particularly proud of the internal data that demonstrated that the 95% of Fall 2021 students enrolled in a CSU Pueblo Online course successfully completed the course.

Online graduate enrollment gained even larger traction this past year. Total headcount for online graduate was 137 for Spring 2022. This growth is due primarily to the Online M.Ed. program. We aspire to see continued increases in this program due to partnering and continued marketing efforts in FY23, while adding additional degree programming with the Principal Licensure Masters, the Masters in Engineering Management and the Ed.D. programs finally being fully approved.

Campus students are continuing to use Extended Studies to both increase flexibility in their full-time course schedules and otherwise accelerate their learning. During Spring 2021, Fall 2021, and Spring 2022, about 850 on-campus students enrolled in at least one fully asynchronous online course each semester, earning a combined 10,075 credit hours.

Extended Studies provides continuing education opportunities for non-degree seeking students. The most active such opportunity is the Teacher Education Program, which has enrolled over 1,800 students this Spring; students may continue to enroll in this program through May 15.

The Division of Extended Studies also oversees High School Programs, which includes dual enrollment, including concurrent enrollment. Over the last few years, Extended Studies has worked collaboratively with departments to increase participation in both types of these programs. Students who participate in dual enrollment are 50% more likely to attend a college after high school. Additional support for dual enrollment programs has been provided by a Department of Education grant from the DOE. IREPO's goals are to grow our dual enrollment registrations, instructors and course offerings by 20% and that we are looking for opportunities to expand in rural areas.

Our most popular type of dual enrollment is the Senior to Sophomore (STS) program that has 630 students enrolled in over 150 CSU Pueblo courses across multiple disciplines. This diversity of offerings is due to our Department Chairs, who are reviewing syllabi, high school teacher credentials, and – where required – developing an academic support plan to support teachers becoming fully approved to teach STS courses. Just since receiving the IREPO grant, we added four more courses in the spring 2022 semester than originally planned. Spring 2022 had record enrollment in our STS courses across the state, with over 1,000 credit hours instructed by approved high school teachers.

As we close out academic year 2022 and look towards next fall, we are excited to announce the hiring of our Rural Programs Specialist, who will be helping grow enrollment in Extended Studies programs in the upcoming year. Please look for our next issue in September 2022, where we will introduce Mr. Jacob Walter.

Extended Studies is grateful to our Academic Partners in the College whose continued growth mindset assist our initiatives in building opportunities for new enrollment. We are looking forward to doing more this upcoming year.

This communication is a bi-monthly newsletter informing campus and the community of updates, announcements and highlights happening within the CSU Pueblo Division of Extended Studies.