

Recitation 11

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References / Reviews:

08/28/2013

"AS a journalism major I really learned how to write clearly and succinctly which really helped when I went to law school. While I never actually worked professionally as a journalist, the skills I learned and practiced in college perfected my writing for law school, and ultimately in my practice of law. I'm currently a high school English teacher that teaches writing skills, so it had an obvious impact in that way."

- Positive. Learned a lot through journalism at CU Boulder

8/6/2014 (1)

As with any big university you get lost in a lot of classes - too big for the professors to care to know your name. But once you get deeper into your field they get weeded down and you get to know your professors well and students too! Everyone is very nice, laid back and understanding. CU often has a bad wrap for being a "party" school, but the truth is there are hundreds of highly intelligent people on campus. Variety is good :)"

- Positive, hard to get to know your professors in the beginning but professors cares about students as you go deeper into your field

8/6/2014 (2)

"I like Boulder and what it has to offer. It is an energetic city with plenty of things to do- hiking, camping, anything active, great breweries, music options...beautiful! My academic experience, however, was not what I expected, wanted, or needed. The classes were too big (had many 400 person classes) and the professors were really hit or miss. CU did offer a variety of classes and interesting options, but unless you were lucky or got to register early you weren't able to get in. Overall, I feel like the school didn't really help its students. I struggled in almost every area- concerning finances, academics, living situations, general concerns-and would not feel supported or helped at all. Especially being in state and needing a lot of financial aid, it was frustrating not having people that cared. I truly value education, but really developed no desire to go to class (I still did). CU is extremely over priced with not a lot to show. It is the most beautiful campus in the nation-is that where our money is going? Somehow, it was "voted" yes to construct a buffalo shaped pool, and upgrade the rec center once again. Completely unnecessary, I paid for it, and wasn't able to use it since I graduated the year after it was all finished. I was really excited for CU. It seemed promising. Not all of my college career was bad, I met amazing people and had fun, also learned about myself and grew up. With 30,000 people at your school, you kind of learn to swim. But it was too big, and I got too lost. There were some

really low points. If you want an active, thriving environment, then go for CU. If you are into too much Greek life and creepy/ gross fraternity parties, then boulder is your place. I know people that had positive experiences too, so as everything it is subjective. But I would do it all differently. As a city I love boulder and its down to earth with great people. Also pretty yuppy people with lots of money and very particular needs concerning diet this, gluten free that, organic everything, and they look down at you if you're not (and can't afford it) I am all for good health too, but boulder is extreme. It is its own bubble! Interesting, not as diverse and excepting as people think. Great beer."

- School is too big, didn't learn much in school. Too expensive and paid them a lot to not use the pool and new buildings. Party school.

8/25/2014

"The journalism school eventually lost its accreditation, but luckily I got out before that happened. CU is a for-profit school, and it shows. The TAM program is the only saving grace. It gave my pathetic Journalism degree the boost it needed to actually help get me a job in my field. Thanks TAM!"

- Technology Arts and media only helped her in jobs. Journalism school is dying

6/11/2015

"CU's Physics department has a strong research focus. This means professors tend to be up-to-date on current research, and will often mentor undergraduate researchers. On the other hand, many of the professors do not want to teach, but are forced to in order to continue their research. As a final note, the Physics Education Research group works to improve course quality, and is generally successful."

- Physics division research group is successful

7/13/2015

"Best college experience. I transferred after a year at another out of state school, and hands down CU was the best place to be. The classes are academically challenging and the environment is unbeatable. There's such an environment of unity at this school."

- Environment great. Academically great

7/20/2015

"Although it is known as a party school, CU can be a great place to get a degree if you try hard, stay focused, and get to know your professors. The languages department had some great professors who have been at CU for a long time. There were good extracurricular activities such as movie nights and language conversation tables. Boulder is a fantastic place to live, especially if you love the outdoors. Unfortunately rent is very expensive."

- Language department is great. Known for party school but you get what you get out of it by studying hard. Environmentally great

7/27/2015

"Academics: The biology department at this school is pretty good; the instructors/researchers are for the most part cooperative with each other and with students. TA's from the biology department were excellent. I hated living in Boulder (a very crowded small city with high strung people), but the biology department and the setting of the city kept me there for nearly 5 years."

- Biology department is good. Professors interact with students well. Living in Boulder is hard

8/4/2015

"Studying physical geography and Geology at CU (not UC- that is California) was the most amazing experience and best decision of my life. I had brilliant professors who inspired and encouraged me. Due to the location of the campus, many of the classes had a field component. Instead of looking at slides of glacial formations, we got in a van, drove into the mountains and hiked around as we learned how the topography formed. When studying soils we headed East of 15 min, to the high plains. The social life is amazing. Many of my best friends are people I met in my Freshman dorm. CU is very big, so whatever crowd you are looking for, you will find it. Class size for freshman courses can be 100 to 600 students (Chemistry Room 140), so you can blend in if you want. You can also stand out and have your professors and TAs know you by name, you just need to reach out and introduce yourself during Office Hours. The social and academic opportunities are endless!"

- Professor / students interaction is great. Great geography trip. Social life is good. Even though cu can be very big, but you can pick a crowd pretty easily.

9/1/2015

"The professors were excellent, but the institution and administration were so horrible that they were causing an exodus of the great teachers."

- Professors are great but the school is making them struggle more since the administration is horrible

6/29/2019

"The lack of diversity at this campus left something to be desired, but the academic staff were very supportive and well-read. The cultural climate of the time allowed for a very relaxed tone, except for finals. Refuse the hedonism that loans may offer you, and instead restrict yourself to their financial study and the belt-tightening that will only build great habits regarding all other aspects of finance. All in all, it was a complicated time full of fun, games, cheap and greasy snacks, and wild antics typical of teenagers and wanton, crazed bachelors of all types. Boulder was wild, but always rife with lessons in a given subject, or of human nature, behaviors, and contradictions."

- On the negative side, many areas of the campus need to be improved, which brings confusion to freshmen in choosing school.

5/29/2019

"I loved my 4 years at the University of Colorado Boulder. Fortunately I was able to earn a partial scholarship to be able to attend. Over all i feel like Boulder produces very intellectual graduates who go off to change the world. For me I loved the experience I had with in the Psychology department. it was challenging and informational. Everyone in that department help put me on a path to attain my Masters degree and I am forever grateful"

- CU is a great school, good grades keep you on scholarship, it's full of challenges and people help each other.

6/2/2019

"CU is phenomenal school that continues to improve in national standings. Not to mention, Boulder is a stunning place with a culture unlike anywhere else. I greatly enjoyed my time at CU and feel that I've learned a lot. I studied Integrative Physiology (IPHY), which is their version of pre-med; however, it is very broad and you'll find yourself having to take more classes than what is required in order to satisfy grad school requirements. CU recently cut anatomy lab from the degree requirements, which is silly because its a pre-req for any health related graduate school. Anatomy lab was my favorite class during my time at CU because working with cadavers was a remarkable experience where I truly felt like I was using everything I had learned up to that point in a single class. Cutting the lab from the requirements for the IPHY major will open the lab up to any one who wants to take it and will make it harder for IPHY majors to secure a spot. If you're interested in medicine, I do recommend CU because you'll learn a great deal of valuable information, but just know what classes you must take for grad-school before your junior year so that you won't be stressing over getting into specific classes that aren't required by the IPHY major."

- CU removes the anatomical lab from the degree, which is detrimental to the prior requirements of health-related graduate schools.

3/11/2018

"You can get a great education at the University of Colorado at Boulder, but you have to be proactive about it. This school does have a hefty amount of required "core" courses, so especially if you're interested in a double major, don't expect to be able to take a lot of electives. There are some amazing professors on campus, so be sure to read reviews and track them down. Apart from that, leave yourself time to explore Boulder and take advantage of all of the awesome outdoor activities!"

- A lot of great professors and great educations have to be proactive themselves.

2/8/2017

"I enjoyed my time at the University of Colorado. I was impressed with the Student Financial Aid office, they helped me complete my degree after my financial situation became nearly to difficult to attend. I was also impressed with the Political Science staff, I enjoyed my classes and would recommend CU."

- CU helps financially

11/30/2015

"CU is a much better institution than its party reputation would have you believe. The facilities and staff are excellent. I was never wanting for academic resources (human or informational), all while enjoying the social benefits of attending a large university. Extracurricular groups and opportunities abound. It's easy to find your niche, to find your people."

- CU has enough academic human resources or information.

9/23/2015

"It is a big university, and easy to get lost amongst the crowd. Still, many of the professors are good, and interested in talking with students one-on-one."

- CU is a big university, pay attention to the student's learning style.

9/4/2015

"I would encourage you to get a degree that has practical application after graduation. Choose a program that gives you skills to take into the workplace that sets you apart from other candidates. If you get a business degree, go on to get your master's. If you choose history, add a second degree that gives you a stronger skill set. Consider getting a Spanish degree along with anything you choose-it adds diversity to your resume. And always take internships."

- Encourage double major, help future jobs.

9/1/2015

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- Negative, the school management system is not very good

3/17/2017

"The University of Colorado at Boulder is an amazing educational institution in one of the most idyllic towns in the country. The University provides quality instruction with real life applications to assist students in their future careers. The school provides an array of social networking opportunities and supports a diverse and welcoming student population. Furthermore, my degree from CU has helped me get into law school and medical school. I developed the confidence and commitment to continue my educational career by attending this University. I couldn't be happier with my decision to attend this school. Go Buffs!"

- Careers are great with social networking opportunities. Had a great educational career

Ideas

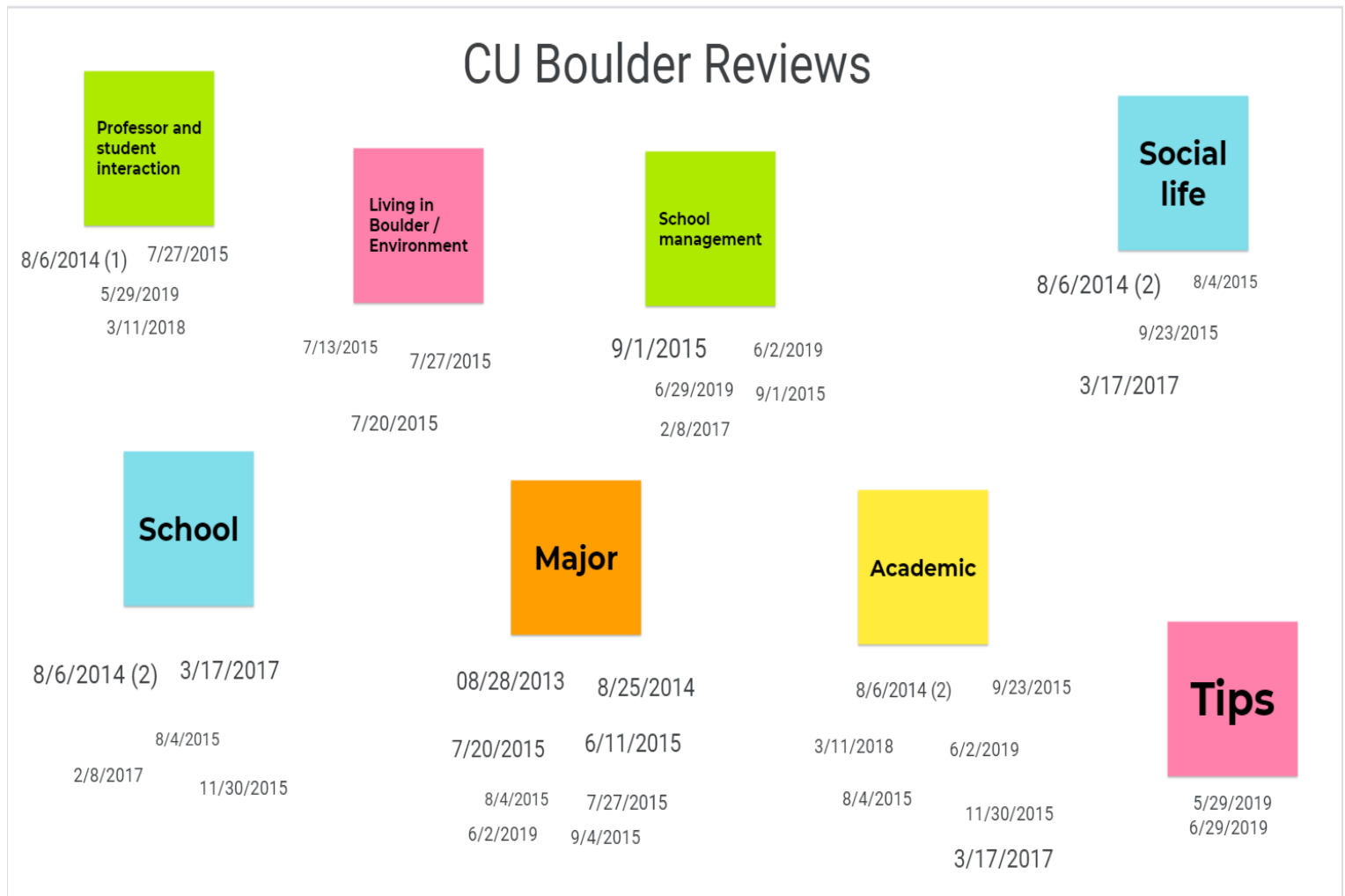
- Professor and student interaction
- School environment
- School size
- Living in Boulder
- School management
- Party school
- Social life
- School overall
- Positive vs negative
- Major department
- Academic management
- Tips in general

Clusters

- Professor and student interaction
 - 8/6/2014 (1)
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Final affinity diagram



Affinity diagram link:

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Text summary

Overall the reviewers were positive about CU Boulder (14 positive vs 5 negative vs 1 neutral reviews). To exemplify, many liked CU Boulder regarding professor and student interaction (4 positive), living in Boulder / environment (2 positive), school management (1 positive), social life (3 positive), school (3 positive), and academic (5 positive). One of the positive reviews mentioned "There's such an environment of unity at this school." In addition, the reviewers left us tips (1 positive / 1 neutral reviews) for future students by explaining their own experiences. However, some reviewers had some complaints that their school management (4 negative reviews) was being unfair to students and professors. One of the negative reviews said

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