



College of Architecture and Planning

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

Dear New Students,

We are very excited to welcome you into the CAP Community! The College of Architecture and Planning at CU Denver has introduced a new Concierge Service for our incoming students that is described in this document. We want to ensure a safe and healthy environment, while also providing you all the amenities and services conducive to a productive and fulfilling graduate school experience.

Please read on and be sure to let us know if there is any way we can be of further assistance.

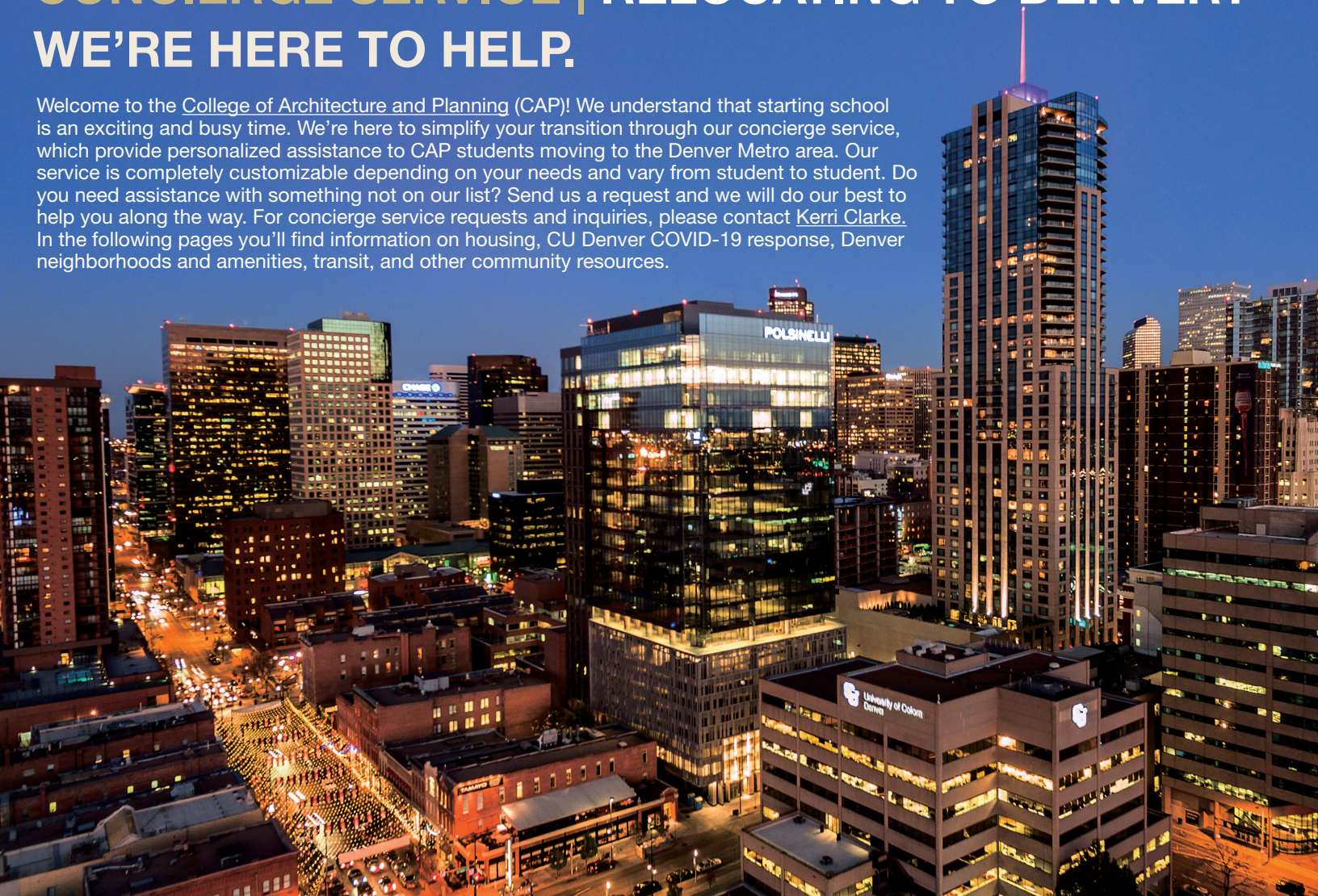
We very much look forward to you joining us to ignite evolution that enriches places for people and the planet.

With best regards,

Nan Ellin, PhD
Dean and Professor

CONCIERGE SERVICE | RELOCATING TO DENVER? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Welcome to the College of Architecture and Planning (CAP)! We understand that starting school is an exciting and busy time. We're here to simplify your transition through our concierge service, which provide personalized assistance to CAP students moving to the Denver Metro area. Our service is completely customizable depending on your needs and vary from student to student. Do you need assistance with something not on our list? Send us a request and we will do our best to help you along the way. For concierge service requests and inquiries, please contact Kerri Clarke. In the following pages you'll find information on housing, CU Denver COVID-19 response, Denver neighborhoods and amenities, transit, and other community resources.



HOUSING | HELP ME GET STARTED!

CAP staff are available to help you in locating housing and with moving assistance, following the current CDC and social distancing guidelines. To access this service, please click [HERE](#).



- Recommendations for student housing.
- Roommate openings.
- Full-service Zoom remote walk-thru, including observations about security, laundry, guest/visitor access, mail service and other relevant amenities observations/feedback on location, parking, transit options, etc.
- Up to 4 hours of moving assistance from CAP student employees assistance with pets and service animals, including registration with the Office of Disability Services, in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- Identification of nearby resources, including groceries, pharmacies, shopping, etc.
- Non-legal assistance with leasing and subleasing.

On-Campus (or near campus) Student Housing

[CampusCoLab](#)

1493 N Osage St. Denver, CO
80204
\$ 965 – 1,595 (1 - 4 Bed)
720.904.7907

[Auraria Student Lofts](#)

1051 14th St, Denver, CO
80202
\$ 970 – 1,100 (1 - 4 bed)
303.225.1907

[Lynx Crossing](#)

(formerly Campus Village Apartments)
318 Walnut Street Denver,
CO 80204
Rates are based on individuals/
semester and can be found in the
link provided above.
303.315.5272

Average Monthly Rentals in Denver

- 1 bedroom apartment in City Center: \$1,400+
- 1 bedroom apartment outside the City Center: \$1000+
- 3 bedroom apartment in City Centre: \$2,800+
- 3 bedroom apartment outside the City Centre: \$1,600+

Nearby Commuter Housing Options

[Mariposa Apartments](#)

1295 W 10th Ave Denver,
CO 80204
\$1,425 – 1,725 (1 – 2 Bed)
720.900.2492

[Grove St. Apartments](#)

1555 Grove St, Denver,
CO 80204
\$ 1,100 (650 Sq. Ft 1 bed 1 bath)
with a \$45 monthly utility fee
720.295.8832

[North Hill Apartments](#)

2831 W. 27th Ave. Denver,
CO 80211
\$1445 - \$1450 (2 Bed 2 Bath)
720.893.8703

Neighborhoods: What's the Right Scene for Me?

Denver-living is hard to beat (read more [HERE](#)) and there's a wonderful network of parks and bike paths throughout the city. Each neighborhood has its own character, social scene and amenities. Below are a few that you might want to consider.

Nearby Options:

- **Capitol Hill** – Capitol Hill is an easy bike ride to campus and has a variety of options, including apartments, houses, town homes and carriage houses. You'll find multiple bus stops that run regularly (15, 15L, 10) and it's walking distance to numerous grocery stores restaurants. Cap Hill is generally regarded to be the most affordable and convenient neighborhood in city proper.
- **Highlands/LoHi** – Highlands and Lower Highlands (LoHi) have an eclectic mix of new/old construction and are widely accepted as some of the most desirable places to live. These areas are teeming with innovative restaurants, hip rooftops, patios and boutique shops. It's an easy bike ride to downtown/campus; public transportation runs nearby to campus, however, not as often as some other routes. There is a pedestrian bridge in LoHi that links it to Commons Park and the downtown area.
- **RiNo (River North)** – RiNo is (arguably) downtown Denver's hippest neighborhood. Full of trendy warehouse conversions, street art and an explosion of bars and restaurants, it's the current place to see and be seen. RiNo has access to both RTD buses and Light Rail.
- **Cherry Creek** – This is one of Denver's most beautiful and upscale neighborhoods, with a price tag to show for it. It's best known for the Cherry Creek Shopping Center, boutique stores, and amazing homes. The Cherry Creek Bike Path runs right through the neighborhood and you'll find young professionals and families along the trail with kids, dogs and workout gear.
- **Five Points** – Five Points was once known as the "Harlem of the West" because it was a frequent stop for legendary jazz musicians like Louis Armstrong and Billie Holiday. Today this area is filled with funky coffeehouses, street murals, and craft breweries. Located just north of downtown, there's easy access to school by foot, bike, bus or light rail.

Slight Distance:

- **Harvey Park** – This neighborhood is located in Southwest Denver and is known for its selection of some of Denver’s best and most affordable, mid-century modern architecture. Cliff May-style California Contemporary homes fill the neighborhoods’ quiet, suburban-like streets. Accessible by bus and car.
- **Platt Park** – Located in Southeast Denver, Platte Park is lovely, charming and walkable with one of the best/quaintest shopping districts, South Pearl Street. There is easy access to downtown via light rail and bus.
- **Sunnyside** – Located in Northwest Denver, this is an up-and-coming neighborhood near trendy Tennyson Street. Boutique coffee shops, restaurants, retail and home goods stores are starting to pop up everywhere. There is easy access to downtown via bus.

Metro Area Suburbs:

- **Stapleton** – Stapleton is a new neighborhood built on the old airport base. Its proximity to the city and relative affordability of new builds makes it a popular option for young families.
- **Arvada** – Olde Town Arvada has one of the cutest “main streets” of any suburb. Its popularity has caught on the past few years, driving up home prices.
- **Englewood** – This is a suburb with a lot of variety. You’ll find affordable homes with character located near the fun and funk of South Broadway, suburban “tract” style homes near the Denver Tech Center and mansions in Cherry Hills Village.
- **Wheat Ridge** – Close enough to the city yet a world away, Wheat Ridge is a natural expansion from NW Denver. There’s significant new development happening on 38th Ave., with breweries and restaurants clamoring to get in on the action.

I’VE FOUND HOUSING. NOW WHAT?

Tap into modern amenities with the links below.

Internet:

- [XFINITY](#)
- [Century Link](#)
- [Spectrum](#)
- [Viasat](#)

Water

- [Denver water](#)

Electric and Gas

- [Xcel Energy](#)

Television

- [Dish](#)
- [DIRECTV](#)
- [Spectrum](#)
- [Xfinity](#)

Shopping

- [Local shops and malls](#)
- [Ikea](#) (Located in Centennial, 30 min south of Denver)

Vehicle Registration + Driver’s Licenses

- [Department of Motor Vehicles \(DMV\)](#)
- Closest DMV to CU Denver:
2855 Tremont Pl, Denver, CO 80205

Studio Supplies

- **[Meininger Art Supplies](#)**: CAP has a partnership with Meininger’s Art Supplies, which is located at 5th and Broadway, about 10 min from campus. At the beginning of each semester they sell discounted kits to CAP students that include the basic supplies required for your program. Kits are delivered to the CAP building for free. They host several “pop-up shops” on campus throughout each semester and usually offer 20% coupons to CAP students at the beginning of the school year.
- **[Guiry’s](#)**: General art supplies, basswood, paper, makers, pens, graphite, paint
- **[Michael’s](#)**: general art supplies, basswood, paper, makers, pens, graphite, paint
- **[Plasticare](#)**: plexiglass and acrylic products
- **[Austin Hardwoods](#)**: Wood products and tools
- **[Caboose](#)**: Model train shop with basswood and model building supplies
- **[Thompson’s Hobbies and Crafts](#)**: Craft shop with model building supplies
- **[Hobby Lobby](#)**: General art supplies, basswood, paper, makers, pens, graphite, paint
- **[Home Depot](#)**: General homebuilding/construction supplies
- **[Lowe’s](#)**: General homebuilding/construction supplies

Groceries

There are a number of international and local grocery stores throughout the Denver area. All of the major stores in the area offer either grocery pickup or delivery options.

- King Soopers
- Trader Joes
- Safeway
- Natural Grocers
- Whole Foods
- H Mart
- Pacific Ocean Marketplace
- Leavers Locavore
- Denver-area Farmers’ Markets

University Resources

- **[Tivoli](#):** The Tivoli is the student union for the Auraria Campus. It houses the bookstore, ID counter, credit union, Lynx Connect (career services), a food court and numerous meeting/study spaces.
- **[Health Center at Auraria](#):** The Health Center at Auraria offers both medical and mental health services, and is open to all CU Denver students regardless of their insurance plan. For information about services, scheduling, health plans and current COVID-19 protocols, please click the link above. The Health Center also provides students seeking mental assistance related to COVID-19. Simply call 303-615-9999 and indicate that you would like to schedule a “Coronavirus Consultation”. There will be no charge for this visit.
- **[Lola & Rob Salazar Student Wellness Center](#):** The Wellness Center is much more than a gym! In addition to fitness equipment and services, the Center includes a food pantry, camping and outdoor equipment rentals, meditation rooms, group study rooms and 1-on-1 wellness coaching.



Transportation

- **[Car/Motorcycle Parking on Campus](#):** Paid parking lots are located and available on the Auraria campus. You can pay a daily fee or get a semester pass. The closest lot to CAP is the Tivoli Garage, about .5 miles/5 min. walk away. There is no student parking lot at the CU Building.
- **[Public Parking Options](#):** There are public surface lots near CAP and public parking in the garage of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, several blocks away. Metered parking can be difficult to secure and the City tickets aggressively.
- **[Public Transit](#):** Denver has a great system of public transportation through RTD, including buses and light rail that connect to the downtown area. RTD also provides trains to Denver International Airport. Buses and light rail both support bike transport.
- **[Bicycle](#):** Denver offers [bike trails](#) that intertwine across the greater metro area, including the Cherry Creek Trail, which runs right behind CAP. This ranges from bike lanes to dedicated trail systems. Bikes are frequently stolen from outside of the CAP building, so use a u-lock to secure your bike. Free bike parking cages are also available in the CAP building. For more information on accessing these cages, inquire [HERE](#).
- **[Ride Sharing](#):** Both Uber and Lyft operate in Denver. The [B-Cycle](#) program has bike sharing stations throughout Denver. Various scooter share rentals also exist. Note that scooters are not permitted on Denver's sidewalks.

I'M HERE. HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH STUDENTS, FACULTY, & STAFF?

All on-campus activities are currently suspended due to COVID-19, but once the campus re-opens, we look forward to having you attend lectures, workshops, events and other social activities. In the meantime, you can connect to the student community in the following ways:

- **The Buddy System:** This program pairs an incoming student with a current student, who can then serve as resource, answering questions and providing insight on school, work and other aspects of Denver and the College. Graduate students are matched with grad students and undergrads are matched with undergrads. By connecting with an upper level student with their discipline of study, new students find greater ease in their transition into the CAP program. For more information, inquire [HERE](#).
- **Student Organization:** CAP student organizations facilitate many professional, educational and social networking activities. Please watch your email and social media for recruiting events and materials. The following student organizations operate through CAP: AIA-S, Freedom by Design, ASLA-S, APA-S, MUD Student Group, Students for Classical Architecture, WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar), NOMAS (National Organization of Minority Architects - Student), Design Build International Student Government Organization, Root Magazine, Urban Horticulture Club, Saudi Club of CU Denver, UG Architecture Collaboration
- **Social Media:** Join the [CU Denver CAP Students Facebook](#), follow CAP on Instagram, [@cudenvercap](#), and follow your respective student organization to stay in the loop!

The CAP website is an excellent resource, including program information, the College Calendar, student work, faculty research and much more. The faculty and staff are here to support you during your time at CAP, your transition to your field and as an alumni. You can find a complete listing of faculty and staff, including academic advisors, [HERE](#).

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS AND GUIDELINES?

Please use the links below to ensure you have the most accurate and up-to-date information.

- The campus continues to update information regarding COVID-19 preparedness. To ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff, CU Denver has implemented a series of measures designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campus. You can find the [current campus safety protocols here](#).
- To view CU Denver's current COVID-19 data, visit the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#).
- For COVID-19 testing and self-reporting information, visiting the [CU Denver COVID-19 Testing website](#).

COVID-19 Links:

[CU Denver Coronavirus Resources](#)
[Denver City/County Covid-19 Reference Page](#)
[Colorado State Resources](#)