



HLC: 24 Days and Counting...Did You Know?
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Did you know that approximately 8% of CMU's total student credit hours are completed through online courses?

Self-Study Report, Introduction: CMU is legislatively mandated in Colorado Revised Statutes 23-1-127 to meet the educational needs of 14 counties in Western Colorado. Spanning 30,000 square miles, CMU's service region is a challenge, not only because of its vastness, but also because of the mountain features and winter weather that make it difficult for many of the region's residents to travel to the main campus.

The University has responded to this legislative requirement through programming offered at two off-campus sites, as well as through the expansion of courses delivered via a distance format. In fall 2012, 62% of the University's headcount of 9,482 enrolled exclusively on the main campus, but students enrolled either exclusively on the main campus or in combination with other locations or formats generated 80% of the student credit hours. More than one-third of CMU's student count, however, enrolled in an off-site location, in coursework offered largely online, or as a high school concurrent student. The main campus proportion of the total headcount has remained fairly stable in recent years despite the significant institutionwide growth from academic years 2009-10 through 2011-12 shown below.

**COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY STUDENT CREDIT HOUR SUMMARY
BY LOCATION AND FORMAT**

Location/Format Where Students Enrolled	Student Credit Hours -					
	Fall 2010		Fall 2011		Fall 2012	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Main	78,922	80.3%	87,101	79.9%	91,658	80.2%
Online	8,113	8.3%	8,819	8.1%	9,276	8.1%
Bishop	6,471	6.6%	6,646	6.1%	6,726	5.9%
Montrose	2,475	2.5%	2,728	2.5%	2,475	2.2%
High School	2,208	2.2%	3,655	3.4%	4,115	3.6%
Other**	132	0.1%	117	0.1%	100	0.1%
Total	98,321	100.0%	109,066	100.0%	114,350	100.0%

**Includes locations such as Edwards, Telluride, and Outreach Centers

Source: Office of Institutional Research and Assessment

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- Click here to [read](#) more of the PDF version of the report.
- Click here to [read](#) the related core-component in the web-version of the report.

Please note that in the Self-Study Report, maroon text indicates the HLC's criteria for accreditation, while CMU's response is in black text, with links to supporting documentation identified by blue text (available only in web-version of the report in MAVzone).