



**Campus Administrative Policy**

**Policy Title:** **School of Public Affairs: Tuition Classification of Chinese and Russian Students in Graduate Public Policy Programs**

Policy Number: 7022D

Functional Area: Student Affairs (7000s)

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Approved by: Interim Provost, Pamela Jansma CU Denver

Applies to: CU Denver

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A. Introduction

- a. In order to effectively comply with Colorado Revised Statute § 23-7-107: Tuition classification of Chinese and Russian students in graduate public policy programs, this policy details the process of approving applicants to the CU Denver School of Public Affairs for in-state tuition qualification, ongoing compliance with statute requirements, and the requirements for students seeking and maintaining the in-state tuition classification.

B. Policy Statement

- a. The School of Public Affairs, on a permissive basis, may admit 25 graduate students per year from Russia (formerly the USSR), the Commonwealth of Independent States (hereafter CIS) and the People’s Republic of China as students who qualify for in-state tuition classification, and not to exceed 50 students, on average, per year. The students will have financial need, meet all University and School admission requirements, and will remain in good academic standing during the course of their program. The aim of this financial relief is to support a vibrant global knowledge base on the topics of democracy, policy, free market principles, and the associated public opportunities and challenges related to governing. No student classified as an in-state student pursuant to this policy shall be counted as a resident student for any purpose other than tuition classification.
- b. In-State Tuition Eligibility: To be eligible for in-state classification pursuant to this policy, each new or continuing student must:
  - Have citizenship in one of the designated countries,
  - Agree that they intend to return to the country of citizenship once the degree is complete,

- Be enrolled as a full-time student during each Fall and Spring semester in a qualifying Master's Degree program,
  - Be in good academic standing in the Master's program,
  - maintain a full-time principal residence in Colorado during the time such student is enrolled,
  - Continue to maintain all immigration requirements,
  - Pay all required fees, including those noted below in item (4),
  - Submit an annual application for in-state tuition by the deadlines for the following academic year noted below
- c. Eligibility to apply for in-state classification for each student shall terminate at the time such student receives a degree from the CU Denver School of Public Affairs.
1. Admission process: Prospective students will need to meet the requirements for admission and complete additional sections in the School of Public Affairs graduate application in order to be identified as a student who wishes to apply for the in-state tuition benefit. After prospective students complete the initial application to the School of Public Affairs, they will be asked to complete a secondary application to certify with proof of documentation (i.e. passport) that they are coming from, and have intentions to return to, a country included in the designated list. This in-state tuition request will be tracked, verified, and coded by the Graduate Admissions staff in the Office of Admissions in support of the decisions made by the Dean and Faculty Committee of the School of Public Affairs.
  2. Immigration process: The prospective student will follow guidance from, and the requirements of, the Office of International Affairs (OIA) International Admissions and International Student and Scholar Services units to obtain the appropriate visa, meet English language proficiency requirements, provide completed and verified academic documents, and document financial need alongside ability to pay. Matriculated students will need to maintain satisfactory immigration status through enrollment and following visa guidelines.
  3. Associated Fees: Any prospective student admitted and granted in-state tuition through this classification process will pay the initial international student and School of Public Affairs application fees, pay international student fees each semester of enrollment, but will not incur additional fees for annual recertification in the in-state tuition classification.
  4. Required Recertification: After admittance and granting of in-state tuition, students seeking to continue with the in-state tuition classification will be required to complete recertification materials each academic year. Deadlines for this recertification are approximately 3 months prior to the academic year following their initial enrollment (not initial admission semester). In practice, students may enroll for Fall or Spring starts to their program. ; The recertification application is due May 1<sup>st</sup> for students who begin programs in

Fall semesters and October 1<sup>st</sup> for students who begin programs in the Spring semester. The School of Public Affairs will notify Fall enrolled students by July 1<sup>st</sup> of their ongoing tuition classification and Spring enrolled students by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may not select the summer term as the first term of enrollment, however, they may enroll in summer terms if required for visa status or in the best interest of the student. The recertification process will be supported by the Registrar's Office Residency staff, working in conjunction with and on the basis of decisions made by the Dean and Faculty Committee of the School of Public Affairs.

## Notes

1. History:
  - January 2025, Policy created in alignment with legislative statute
2. Cross References/Appendix:
  - [Colorado Public Law Statute 23-7-111](#)
  - [Process and Procedures CRS 23](#)
3. Responsible Office(s):
  - Office of International Affairs