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In recent years Colorado College launched Innovation at CC, a program that inspires creative confidence and encourages students to become “changemakers.” CC strengthened its connection to its area’s natural environment through sustainability initiatives: In 2017 it renovated and expanded Tutt Library, which is now the nation’s largest academic library built to be carbon-neutral and net-zero in its energy use. Through CC’s recent alliance with the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, the college is further connecting with the region’s Southwestern identity and expanding experiential learning opportunities for students and the community.

75-word version:

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Boilerplate text:

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, selective, four-year liberal arts college founded in 1874. The 99-acre campus is located in the heart of Colorado Springs. Colorado College, which serves approximately 2,100 students, operates on an innovative academic schedule called the Block Plan, where students study one class at a time in intensive three-and-a-half week segments.

The Block Plan

On the Block Plan, students take, and professors teach only one class at a time for three-and-a-half weeks. Because there are no competing courses, classes may travel near and far and distinguished block visitors can teach for a day, a week or an entire block. Professors and students develop deep relationships as they immerse themselves into subject matter in seminar-style debate and discussion, rather than traditional lectures. Between blocks students enjoy a four-and-a-half day block break, where they can travel, relax, participate in volunteer work, etc.