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New! JMU to Pilot Winter Intersession Term

During the 2015 winter break, JMU students will have an opportunity to participate in two 3-week, on-line courses as part of a pilot project to determine student interest in a winter term between fall and spring semesters. Two classes are being offered as part of the pilot project: Personal Money Management and Introduction to Project Planning. Classes are listed under UNST 390 and begin on December 22, 2015 and end on January 8, 2016. There is no additional tuition cost to the student.

The university sees potential in offering winter intersession classes that would allow students to complete major and minor requirements, take classes that students could not fit into their fall and spring schedules, and/or learn about a subject of interest for personal and professional growth. While the current classes offered are already full, the university hopes to expand course offerings in the future. For more information go to http://www.jmu.edu/summersession/winter.shtml.

Advance Registration

Spring 2016 enrollment appointments will begin November 4, 2015.

Spring 2016 schedule of classes and enrollment appointments will be viewable through MyMadison on October 26, 2015.

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Open enrollment will begin November 12, 2015

General Education Reminders
All available class seats for spring 2016 are listed in MyMadison. The General Education Office does not provide overrides to students. Students should be referred to the class instructor for information about overrides into a specific GenEd course.

All new students must pass the MREST by the Friday before spring break. Reminders from advisors to transfer students, student athletes, and international students would be helpful.

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**Provost Award for Excellence in Academic Advising**

Nominations for the Provost Award for Excellence in Academic Advising are due **December 4, 2015**. Three awards will be presented to: a JMU Faculty member who advises within their undergraduate department; a JMU Freshman Advisor; and a JMU Faculty member who advises in their graduate department. All full-time faculty who spent a portion of their time providing academic advising to students are eligible and will recieve a $1,000 honorarium. For more information and a list of past recipients go to [www.jmu.edu/universitystudies/advising-award](http://www.jmu.edu/universitystudies/advising-award).

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**CAP Decision Making Month**

Career and Academic Planning is hosting Decision Making Month from **October 6th - November 6th**. We are offering a variety of events and services catered to students that have career- and academic-related questions. We also have a plethora of decision making workshops covering topics on interests, personality, values, researching majors and careers, and academic support. A full listing of the workshops with
Please note >

Please encourage any potential major changers to submit a "Change or Declaration of Major/Minor Form" as soon as possible. The Registrar's Office experiences a high volume of requests at this time of year and there may be significant delays processing the forms from the time a student completes the paperwork to the time the new major, minor and/or pre-professional program is posted in MyMadison.

New Transfer Students Spring 2016

The university expects to enroll 300 new transfer students for spring 2016. Orientation, advising, and class registration will be held on Friday, December 11. In case of inclement weather, the make-up day will be on Monday, December 14.

Pre-Professional Health Advising

The Pre-Professional Health Advising office provides advising and evaluation services to students preparing for professional health careers and seeking admissions to graduate-level health professional programs. The office has recently moved to Roop Hall,
G24. While the office has moved, the phone number and email remain the same (8-6652 | pph@jmu.edu). The office URL has been updated to www.jmu.edu/pph. READ MORE

Double Major or Double Degrees?
(Double the Fun but not the Trouble)

Alex C. is an ambitious sophomore at JMU. As a freshman, she was unable to make up her mind as to what her major should be. She was interested in languages but wanted something more "practical" to fall back on. When she arrived to campus, she brought in 10 credits through dual enrollment. Because she is a Marching Royal Duke (MRD), she is taking two extra credits every fall semester. READ MORE

Repeating courses at JMU

A student may repeat any course that has been taken at JMU. All grades will appear on the student's transcript, but a course that has been repeated will only
be counted once toward satisfying graduation requirements.

Courses taught on a topic basis are repeatable; however, these courses may only be designated with a repeat credit or repeat/forgive credit option if both course attempts have the same topic. A good example of this would be GHUM 200. If the student took "Great Works of Poetry" and wishes to repeat the course, he or she would need to enroll in a section titled "Great Works of Poetry" again in order to earn repeat credit.

**Repeat Credit** - Both grades will appear on the transcript and the two grades will be averaged in the cumulative GPA upon completion. If the student fails to select either repeat credit or repeat/forgive before the course adjustment deadline each semester, the course will automatically default to repeat credit.

**Repeat/Forgive** - The student may elect to use this option for up to two courses during his or her enrollment at JMU. Upon completion of the course, the previous grade will be excluded from the cumulative GPA regardless of whether the grade is higher or lower. The student must declare this option either on MyMadison during registration or with the Registrar's Office before the semester course adjustment deadline. Retroactive repeat/forgive after this deadline is granted only by dean approval.

**Repeating Courses for Transfer Credit - Q & A**

**Q** - What happens when a student enrolls in a JMU course for which they have already received transfer or test credit?

**A** - Students will forfeit transfer or test credit when they subsequently repeat that class at JMU and earn credit for it. If a student does not earn credit because of a failing attempt, a "W", a "WP", or a "WF", then he or she will keep the transfer or test credit. The Registrar's Office runs a query at the end of each term to determine who passed the classes and then removes the test or transfer credit.

**Q** - Can a student repeat a course at another institution if they have already earned credit for it at JMU?
A - If a student earns credit for a class at JMU, he or she will not be able to repeat that class at another university. The transfer credit will be rejected.

Q - What if the student took the course at JMU but did not earn credit due to either withdrawing or by earning a failing grade?

A - If the student did not earn credit for the class at JMU because of a failing attempt, a "W", a "WP", or a "WF", then the student may take that class at another university and transfer it back to JMU.**

**With appropriate permissions and provided a grade of "C" or better has been earned. Only the credit hours will transfer; the grade and corresponding GPA will not transfer.

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