

## **General Education**

*General Education: The Human Community* is the core academic program of James Madison University. It is required of all students regardless of their major or professional program. JMU's general education program seeks to educate students in ways that have been fundamental to higher education and to thinking people for centuries. The philosophy of the program promotes the cultivation of habits of the mind and heart that are essential to informed citizens in a democracy and global community. The program is committed to helping students develop their ability to reason and make ethical choices; to appreciate beauty and understand the natural and social worlds they live in; and to recognize the importance of the past and work toward a better future.