The Graduate School

The Graduate School coordinates graduate and post-graduate education throughout the university. The JMU Graduate School was established in 1954 when the State Board of Education authorized the university to offer programs leading to the Master of Science in Education degree. There have been over 17,000 graduate degrees awarded through 2015, and enrollment growth and ongoing development of graduate programs of distinction are key strategic initiatives of the university.

It is the mission of The Graduate School to support, facilitate and promote excellence in lifelong education through graduate programs of distinction, innovative outreach programs and a diverse student body.

The Graduate School at James Madison University is a leading institution for graduate study that is recognized for innovative advanced degree programs, distinguished faculty, collaborative student-centered research and applied learning. The Graduate School is responsible for administering over 52 different graduate programs offering master and doctoral degrees across seven academic colleges. Currently, more than 1,800 students from all areas of the world are enrolled and pursuing post-baccalaureate studies through JMU.

The Graduate School is authorized to offer graduate programs leading to master’s, Educational Specialist, Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Psychology, Doctor of Musical Arts and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees. Many graduate programs also offer concentration areas. Refer to the Graduate Catalog or the graduate school website for details.

The Graduate School offers the following programs and degrees:

- Accounting (M.S.)
- Adult Education/Human Resource Development (M.S.Ed.)
• Art Education (M.A.)
• Assessment and Measurement (Ph.D.)
• Biology (M.S.)
• Business Administration (M.B.A.)
• Business Administration – (Northern Virginia) (M.B.A.)
• Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A./Ed.S.)
• College Student Personnel Administration (M.Ed.)
• Combined – Integrated Clinical and School Psychology (Psy.D.)
• Communication and Advocacy (M.A.)
• Communication Sciences and Disorders (Clinical Audiology) (Au.D.)
• Communication Sciences and Disorders (M.S.; Ph.D.)
• Computer Science (M.S.)
• Counseling and Supervision (Ph.D.)
• Education – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
• Education (M.A.T.; M.Ed.)
• Education, Special – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
• Education, Special (M.A.T.; M.Ed.)
• English (M.A.)
• Health Sciences (M.S.)
• History (M.A.)
• Integrated Science and Technology – (Malta) (M.S.)
• Kinesiology – Fifth year format (M.A.T.)
• Kinesiology (M.S.)
• Mathematics (M.Ed.)
• Music (M.M.)
• Nursing (M.S.N.; D.N.P.)
• Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
• Performance/Conducting, Pedagogy, Literature (D.M.A.)
• Physician Assistant Studies (M.P.A.S.)
• Political Science – European Union Policy Studies (M.A.)
• Psychological Sciences (M.A.)
• Public Administration – Fifth year format (M.P.A.)
• Public Administration (M.P.A.)
• School Counseling (M.Ed.)
• School Psychology (M.A.; Ed.S.)
• Speech Pathology (Clinical) (M.S.)
• Speech Pathology (Distance Learning in Virginia) (M.S.)
• Strategic Leadership (Ph.D.)
• Studio Art (M.A.; M.F.A.)
• Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication (M.A.; M.S.)