Outreach and Engagement

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Outreach and Engagement is part of the Division of Research and Public Service. Outreach and Engagement offers credit and non-credit programs as well as targeted one-time courses, certificate programs, and complete degree programs at a distance. The mission of Outreach and Engagement is to extend the resources of JMU's campus by encouraging the creation and implementation of innovative educational opportunities. The office fosters partnerships while encouraging and engaging individuals and communities to reach and exceed their personal and professional goals.

Outreach and Engagement works with faculty, academic units, students and community organizations to design, market and deliver a wide array of courses. Outreach and Engagement also oversees the enrollment of non-degree seeking students. Non-degree seeking students are individuals who enroll in offered credit courses but do not seek a degree.

Admission of Veterans

Outreach and Engagement encourages veterans to apply for admission as full- or part-time students. For information, contact:

Veterans Coordinator  
James Madison University  
Office of the Registrar, MSC 3528  
Harrisonburg, VA 22807  
(540) 568-6569  
http://www.jmu.edu/registrar

Certificate Program Admission

Individuals who wish to pursue any of the graduate certificate programs through JMU should apply through Outreach and Engagement and be approved before registering for classes.

Individuals must complete the Non-degree Seeking Student Application, select "Certificate" and select the program to which they are applying. Virginia residents must also complete the "Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates." A non-refundable $45 processing fee must accompany the application. Although certificate program students are considered non-degree seeking students, applicants for certificate programs need only complete the Non-degree Seeking Student Application once for the semester in which they wish to begin the program. Applications for certificate programs are forwarded to the appropriate academic unit for review, and applicants should check with the academic unit for additional application materials that may be required. A list of available certificate programs can be found at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach under "Certificate Programs."
Non-degree Seeking Student Admission

The non-degree seeking student classification includes adult non-degree students and teacher licensure students. An individual seeking enrollment as a non-degree seeking student must complete the "Non-degree Seeking Student Application." Virginia residents must also complete the "Application for Virginia In-state Tuition Rates." A non-refundable $15 processing fee must accompany the application. Non-degree seeking students must submit the application and processing fee each semester they enroll in a course. At the 600 level and above, courses require approval by the appropriate academic unit head. Non-degree seeking students can complete the Non-Degree Seeking Student Application and the in-state form by going to http://www.jmu.edu/outreach and clicking "Apply Online Now" or "Outreach Forms." Students should register online during the dates identified for non-degree seeking students following the instructions at http://www.jmu.edu/registrar and clicking "For Students" then "Registration Information Dates and Deadlines." Walk-in registration and course adjustments are also permitted for non-degree seeking students.

The courses taken in the non-degree seeking student category carry university credit, and they may be transferred into a graduate program, once admitted, at the discretion of the program. Taking courses as a non-degree seeking student does not constitute admission to a program or imply later applicability of these courses toward a degree. An individual who has been academically dismissed from another institution or denied regular admission to JMU shall be required to wait for at least one calendar year for admission as a non-degree seeking student.

Non-credit Courses

JMU coordinates all non-credit instructional programs through Outreach and Engagement. These programs are available for supplementing and updating knowledge, skills and abilities. Some non-credit courses and workshops award continuing education units as a uniform measure of professional development and to signify the student has completed the course or workshop. Information on CEUs is available online at www.jmu.edu/outreach/forms.shtml. Information on non-credit course offerings and registration is available at http://www.jmu.edu/outreach. Additional information about Outreach and Engagement as well as other registration information can be accessed on the Outreach and Engagement Web site.