



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Transfer Chronicle

July 2007

Hi Transfer Students,

Hope you all are enjoying your summers. Here is the July edition of the Transfer Chronicle. Similar to the last issue, this chronicle highlights important dates and also includes tons of great information about fun things to do on James Madison University's campus.

Don't forget to email your ANTS if you have any questions throughout the summer. We want each of you to have a positive and successful transition into James Madison University. You all can also check out the rest of the ANTS staff and see their profiles online at <http://www.jmu.edu/orientation/staff/ANTS.shtml>. Feel free to email any of the ANTS with your questions. To access the rest of the team's emails, go to www.jmu.edu and under the "Current Students" tab, click "Find JMU People."

Enjoy your summer and look for the last issue of the Transfer Chronicle in August!! It will include all of the Transfer 1787 details!!

Sincerely,

Your ANTs

Important Reminders

Need to adjust your class schedule?

Remember you can adjust your schedule by adding, dropping or swapping classes when the e-campus registration website is live on Monday, July 23rd. You can access e-campus by logging onto www.jmu.edu. Under the "Current Students" link you will find another link which will direct you to e-campus. You may also want to have your undergraduate catalog with you to help you determine which classes you need or want to take. If you do not have a course catalog just access it online at www.jmu.edu/catalog.

Need to sign up for a meal plan?

Remember that even if you are living off campus JMU still offers a meal plan that is right for you! Studying for classes can take up a better part of your day making it difficult to find time to eat and see friends. A meal plan makes it easy to eat right and visit with your friends at the same time! You can sign up for a meal plan by visiting Card Services on the 3rd floor of Warren Hall or just go to www.jmu.edu/dining and sign up online. Now you can eat well all semester!!

Did you leave your JACard at JMU?

If you did not have a picture taken or did not pick up your JACard before leaving orientation you can go to the Card Services office on the 3rd floor of Warren Hall to get your card or get your picture taken when you come back in August.

Are you still looking for a place to live?

If you didn't get a chance to check out housing options off campus while you were here for orientation, or if you did and you're still looking for a place to live then the Off-Campus Life website is for you! Just log on to web.jmu.edu/ocl to find available housing. You can even post information on message boards in order to help find additional roommates if you have rooms to fill, or to find a place for yourself! Time is running out so log on today!

Are you bringing your car to campus?? Well then you'll need a parking pass.

Parking at JMU can be difficult due to the high number of students commuting to campus. To find out more information and to obtain a parking permit, visit the Parking Services website at www.jmu.edu/parking or go to their office located on the lower level of the Champions Drive Parking Deck. There are many different passes to choose from so you're sure to find one that's right for you. Once you have a permit, pay attention to the parking signs located at the entrance of each lot; you don't want to get a ticket.

Not bringing your car to campus? No problem!

Harrisonburg has a GREAT public transportation system that is free for all students!! Check out www.hdpt.com within the next couple of weeks to look at a bus schedule and start mapping out your route today!! It sure beats fighting for a parking spot in the rain or on a cold day.

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Save these Dates!

1787 begins Friday August 24th!!! Here's a quick glance at the schedule. Plan to come back in time to attend all the activities!

Friday August 24th

- ❖ Check in at 12:30 p.m.
- ❖ Ice Cream Social / Add, drop session
- ❖ JMU Job Presentation
- ❖ 1787 Picnic
- ❖ Hypnotist Michael C. Anthony

Saturday August 25th

- ❖ Transfer Picnic
- ❖ Campus / UREC Tours
- ❖ International Programs Presentation
- ❖ Jimmy's Mad Jam

Sunday August 26th

- ❖ Transfer Convocation and Brunch

Visit www.jmu.edu/orientation/transfer/1787.shtml at the beginning of August for all the details.

JMU ROTC

A great way to make friends and meet new people at JMU is to take MSCI 100 and 201. In these fun electives you will learn great leadership skills, work as a team, and gain confidence in yourself.

Army ROTC Scholarships are still available for students interested in serving as an Officer in the US Army, Reserves, or National Guard after graduation.

2- and 3- year scholarships are available based on time remaining to complete your degree. Scholarships are FULL TUITION, \$450 per semester to pay for books, and a monthly allowance of \$350-500.

For more information, contact **CPT Lesley Kipling** at Kiplinle@jmu.edu or (540) 568-3633.

JMU JARGON

Now that you're an official JMU Duke Dog you should know a couple things about campus...we use acronyms for EVERYTHING!! Below are a few examples of some of the terms used on campus to help you. We wouldn't want you feeling left out because you didn't know JMU Lingo!

- ❖ **ANTS** - Are **A**ssisting **N**ew **T**ransfer **S**tudent peers that will give you the scoop on what it's like to transfer to JMU.
- ❖ **D-Hall** - One of the main dining areas within Gibbons Hall, which contains an all you can eat buffet style food court, Market One, Chick-Fil-A, and Let's Go.
- ❖ **UREC** - Is the **U**niversity **R**ecreation **C**enter, which has two rooms for aerobics classes, a cardio room, two weight rooms, various sports courts, a climbing wall, an indoor track, a junior Olympic size pool, an awesome Adventure Center and even a smoothie bar.
- ❖ **Duke Dog Alley** - Is a tunnel under I-81 that allows you to easily get from the west side of campus to UREC, the Convo and Modular Building.
- ❖ **The Commons** - The area in front of D-Hall, usually where organizations set up tables when they are promoting who they are.
- ❖ **JAC** - Is your **J**MU **A**ccess **C**ard
- ❖ **TDU** - Is **T**aylor **D**own **U**nder, our on-campus coffee shop and great place to hang out.

For more JMU Jargon visit our website at www.jmu.edu/madisontransfer/jargon.shtml



Transfer Spotlight

To help you in your transition to JMU, every Transfer Chronicle will focus a spotlight on four ANTs. Each issue, the ANTs will provide you with an insight into their personal experiences at JMU.

Question:

What is one thing you still want to get involved in on campus?

Answers:



Gale Feather:

I would love to still get involved in an intramural sport or a religious organization on campus. Those are both things I have thought about each year but have not yet accomplished.



Lindsey Norment:

I would really like to be more involved in all the activities that UREC has to offer. I love being outdoors and playing sports but it's hard to find time to do these things. UREC offers a lot of different programs including intramurals, fitness classes and outdoor trips. I've always wanted to sign up for a horseback riding trip or learn more about rock climbing but I haven't actually done it. Also, they rent out camping equipment and other stuff for any activity you want to do. I know I should take advantage of all these opportunities while I'm still at JMU.



Kristen Johnson:

The one thing I still want to get involved in is Student Ambassadors. It would be so much fun to help out with the planning of homecoming, or help out with tours around campus. They seem like a group that gets their hands into everything at JMU and I want to be part of that.



Victor Gyamfi:

Exemplified from being a member of the ANTs 2k7 Team, along with many other organizations including Centennial Scholars, Alpha Epsilon Delta, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and a member of the Residential Staff, I still want to get involved in Student Government Association if time will permit. I believe in something I call "Reality with our Youth." I believe that students of this generation are given the opportunity to lead, and to make a positive change in the institution they find themselves. JMU goes to the extreme in making this opportunity available for students. I will make a change in my JMU involvements.

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MADISON TRANSFER

While you were here for orientation you may have heard your ANTS mention Madison Transfer. You may also be wondering what they were talking about. Below is some information on Madison Transfer and what it can do for you!!

Purpose: Madison Transfer is a resource area dedicated to serving JMU's prospective, incoming and currently enrolled transfer students. This resource area is staffed by students who have also transferred to JMU making them the 'resident experts' on the transfer process.

History: Madison Transfer was opened in October 2006 in response to the increase in the JMU transfer student population. Recognizing that transfer students have different needs and concerns than first-year students, the university saw the need to offer programs and services specific to this population.

ANTS Double-Meaning: Assisting New Transfer Students...it's what we do and it's who we are!! The ANTS logo gives an identity to what we do and our student staff. Thus, the ANTS logo has a double-meaning. On a daily basis Madison Transfer, collaborates with other departments across campus, striving to make the transfer experience a smooth and seamless process. In addition to what we do here, the Orientation Office also hires ANTS, the students you met during orientation. The ANTS staff is a great resource for you and your families because all of the staff members have also transferred to JMU!!

Did you enjoy what you saw at Orientation?? Are you interested in becoming an ANT? To learn more about the ANTS position, and other ways to get involved with the Transfer Experience, you can visit our link at <http://www.jmu.edu/madisontransfer/work.shtml> or just ask your own ANTS.

Get Involved On Campus!!

Are you wondering how you can get involved on campus at JMU? Well one of the first things you should know about James Madison University is how easy it is to become part of an organization or club. JMU has over 300 student organizations to choose from. Many majors have clubs affiliated with them along with student government organizations, intramural sports teams and community service projects, to name a few. The best place to find a list of all of the clubs and their contact information is the Student Organization Services website found at www.jmu.edu/ucenter/sos. If you don't find a club that interests you then you can even start your own. Steps on how to go about this process are also on the above mentioned website. Don't forget to check out [Student Organization Night on September 3rd at the Convocation Center](#). Representatives from many clubs will be present to answer all of your questions!!

Below are some additional websites to help you find something that is just right for you here at Madison.

Greek Life Website:

www.jmu.edu/ucenter/sos/fratsorlife/fratsorlife2.htm

Intramural Sports Website:

www.jmu.edu/recreation/programs/intramuralsports/fall_sports.htm

Thinking of Studying Abroad?

Ever thought of spending a semester in Antwerp, Beijing, Florence, London, or even Salamanca? The Office of International Programs can help you do just that! oIP oversees all JMU and non-JMU study abroad programs. They offer semester abroad programs throughout the academic year as well as marketing and business minors during Antwerp and Beijing summer sessions. oIP also offers summer programs in Ghana, Ireland, Honduras, Malta, Martinique, Rome, Scotland, Argentina and many other locations each year.

Below are some frequently asked questions about studying abroad to hopefully help answer some of your questions and to get you a little closer to planning your semester abroad!

What is the average cost to study abroad? Students pay their regular semester's tuition plus (roughly) \$4,000 program fee that covers books, most meals, and group excursions to shows, museums, and other sites.

Can I get a scholarship or financial aid to help with costs? There are several scholarships available to students of merit and/or need, including the Universal Scholarship. Financial Aid packages may be applied as well, but students should talk with an advisor in the Financial Aid office for more specific details.

Can I get course credit to study abroad? Of course!! Study Abroad is an excellent way to get credit for coursework while experiencing an incredible new city!

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