

Registrar News

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Spring 2010

May Commencement 2010

The May commencement format will be different than past years. Commencement activities will begin on Thursday evening and conclude on Saturday.

A Senior Convocation will occur on Thursday, May 6 at the Convocation Center. The guest speaker is Mr. Blake Mycoskie, Founder and Chief Shoe Giver of TOMS Shoes, Inc. This convocation is for students only and will start at 7:00 p.m.

The commencement ceremony for graduate students will be Friday, May 7 in the Convocation Center. Graduates must be in processional line by 6:30 p.m. and the ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The commencement ceremony for undergraduate students will be held Saturday, May 8 at college assigned locations (*see below*.) Undergraduates must be at their college location by 8:30 a.m. and the ceremonies will begin at 9:00 a.m. To learn more about what to expect at your college ceremony go to <http://www.jmu.edu/commencement>.

College	Location
College of Arts & Letters	The Quad
College of Business	Convocation Center
College of Education & University Studies	Godwin Hall
College of Integrated Science & Technology	Soccer/Lacrosse Complex
College of Science & Mathematics	East Campus Library Lawn
College of Visual & Performing Arts	Duke Lawn

If it becomes necessary to implement the inclement weather plan, ceremonies will occur throughout the day at various indoor locations on campus. Go to the commencement website to see what the alternate time and location is for your discipline.

Transferring Credit Over the Summer

Students (excluding those on academic suspension) have the opportunity to take a course at another school during the summer and transfer the credit to JMU. You must first apply for transfer credit through the Registrar's Office. The "Permission to Take Courses for Transfer Credit" form may be printed from www.jmu.edu/registrar or picked up at either Registrar's Office location in Warren Hall. After completing your portion of the form, take it to the appropriate campus offices for approval signatures.

Virginia Community College System (VCCS) course equivalents are listed alphabetically by discipline at <http://www.jmu.edu/admissions/transfer/guide/VCCS/>. If you plan to complete a course that is included on the VCCS list, you must complete the permission form and indicate the JMU course equivalent. If you plan to complete a course outside the VCCS, you must submit a course description with your permission form.

The General Education Program must approve any transfer credit that fulfills cluster requirements. Visit the General Education office in Maury Hall (Room 110) to obtain approval signatures.

You may choose courses not listed in the VCCS guide to fulfill major or minor requirements. However, these must be approved by the academic unit where the equivalent is taught.

Once you have obtained all necessary signatures, submit the form to the Registrar's Office. A copy of the permission form will be mailed to you. You can then enroll and complete the course at the other school.

If you earn a grade of "C" or better, have an official transcript sent from the other school directly to the JMU Registrar's Office. After the transcript is received, our office will post the transfer credit on your JMU transcript within two to three business days.

Did you know...

Only final grades are printed on a transcript.

Degree Spotlight:

The Bachelor of Science



JMU offers eight different undergraduate degrees. Two of these, the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Science, encompass many majors and are traditional degrees for a liberal arts foundation. As such, both are awarded more often than the other more specialized degrees; however, more JMU graduates (by far) earn a Bachelor of Science degree over any other. This article spotlights the Bachelor of Science or B.S. degree.

The Bachelor of Science degree has a science and math focus. The required courses motivate mathematical reasoning and enhance understanding of scientific analysis, experimentation, and problem solving in natural or social sciences.

All students must complete at least 120 credit hours to graduate. Forty-one of those credit hours complete the general education requirement; how the remaining credit hours are cast is determined by the major and/or degree. Students seeking a B.S. degree must complete a quantitative requirement (3 credit hours) and Scientific Literacy requirement (3-4 credit hours), as well as major concentration requirements and electives. The number of elective courses a student may take depends on how many of the 72-77 remaining credit hours the major concentration courses require. For a list of the courses that may be taken to fulfill the scientific literacy and the quantitative requirements, go to our website; on the For Students page, click on [Graduation](#), then on the [BS/BA Degree Requirements](#) link.

Thirty-one majors exist under the umbrella of the B.S. degree. Fifteen of those majors belong to the B.S. only, but for the other sixteen majors a student may select the B.S. or a different degree.

Students who seek a degree in the following majors will earn a B.S. degree:

Athletic Training	Biotechnology
Chemistry	Computer Science
Dietetics	Engineering
Geology	Health Sciences
Health Services Administration	Information Analysis
Integrated Science and Technology	Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies
Public Policy and Administration	Quantitative Finance
Statistics	

Students who seek a degree in the following majors may choose the B.S. degree:

Anthropology	Studio Art
Biology	Communication Sciences and Disorders
Communication Studies	Economics
Geographic Science	Individualized Study
Justice Studies	Kinesiology
Mathematics	Media Arts and Design
Physics	Psychology
Sociology	Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

The Bachelor of Business Administration degree will be featured in a future issue.

Mark Your Calendar:

Friday, March 19

Last day to withdraw with "W" grade from or change course credit option for a semester course

Monday, March 22

-Last day to add or drop without a "W" for a second block course

-Advance registration begins for 2010 summer sessions begin

Monday, March 29

Summer registration begins for non-degree seeking students

Tuesday, March 30

Schedule of classes for Fall 2010 released on e-campus

Wednesday, March 31

Last day to add second block class with Instructor and Department Head Signatures

Thursday, April 1

Last day to submit "Intent to Enroll" for students returning to JMU for the summer 2010 semester

Tuesday, April 6

Registration begins for 2010 fall semester

Tuesday, April 13

Last day to withdraw with "W" grade from or change course credit option for a second block course

Friday, April 16

Last day to complete Fall 2009 semester "incomplete" (I) work and turn in to instructor

Friday, April 30

-Semester and second block courses end
-Last day for faculty to turn in removal of "incomplete" grades for 2009 fall semester to Registrar

Monday-Friday, May 3-7

Final Examinations

Thursday, May 6

7:00 p.m. - Senior Convocation at the Convocation Center

Friday, May 7

-Deadline for completion of course work for May graduation
-Graduate student Commencement
6:30 p.m. - graduates at location
7:00 p.m. - ceremony begins

Saturday, May 8

Undergraduate student Commencement
8:30 a.m. - graduates at location
9:00 a.m. - ceremony begins

Tuesday, May 11

Final grades due to Registrar

Monday, May 17

First day of Class for Summer Sessions:

- Graduate Twelve-Week Term
- Graduate First Six-Week Term
- Graduate First Four-Week Term
- Undergraduate Ten-Week Term
- Undergraduate Eight-Week Term
- Undergraduate First Four-Week Term

Monday, May 31

Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, June 1

Degree Applications for December 2010 graduation due to First Major adviser