



INFORMATION ON JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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James Madison University is a comprehensive co-educational institution of higher learning in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Founded in 1908 as a state school for women, JMU has grown to a current student body of 17,393 on a campus 655 acres. The university comprises the College of Arts and Letters, College of Business, College of Education, College of Integrated Science and Technology, College of Science and Mathematics, the College of Graduate and Outreach Programs, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts. JMU offers 67 undergraduate degree programs, as well as 29 master's, 2 educational specialists, and 5 doctoral programs.

JMU is dedicated to the belief that an enduring and meaningful educational experience must be future-oriented, grounded in knowledge of one's cultural heritage learned from study in the liberal arts and sciences. The goal of the university is to become the finest undergraduate institution in the country, and it has been cited in numerous national publications, including *U.S. News and World Report*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, *Money*, *Changing Times*, *The Guide to 101 Best Values in America's Colleges and Universities*, *The Black Students' Guide to College*, *U.S.A. Today*, *The New York Times and Barron's*, *Peterson's* and *Yale Daily News* college guides as one of the nation's best choices among undergraduate public universities.

Drawing 29 percent of its undergraduate students from other states, JMU serves a diverse student body. In FY 2006, of the 19,719 students including transfers whom applied, 3,748 freshmen and 702 transfers were enrolled. The average SAT score was 1140 for Fall 2006. JMU has a 11% minority enrollment, and the student body has about a 39:61 male/female ratio. Of its 87,410 baccalaureate alumni, 58 percent live and work in Virginia and 42 percent reside throughout the 50 states and in 22 foreign countries.

The university provides and supports computing and electronic communication services for all of its students, faculty and staff through the Information Technology department and the Libraries & Educational Technologies department. A high-speed data network provides internal communication and access to the Internet. This network reaches all locations on campus, including residence halls and is being supplemented by the deployment of wireless products in many locations. Both Windows and Macintosh computers are supported along with web browsers, e-mail, anti-virus software and the Microsoft Office suite of products. The Center for Instructional Technology is a key resource for faculty and staff to develop multimedia instructional technologies. To become acquainted with the variety and depth of information technology resources available, visit online at

<http://www.jmu.edu/computing>
<http://www.lib.jmu.edu/>

Dr. Linwood H. Rose was appointed JMU's fifth University President in the fall of 1998, after having established a long-standing relationship with both JMU and the surrounding community. Dr. Rose is dedicated to enhancing the quality of JMU's educational experience and will concentrate on this effort. As planned, JMU reached enrollment projections of 15,000 students in 2001 and is now stable. In addition, Dr. Rose is planning for JMU's centennial in 2008 by appointing a Centennial Commission to determine University goals.

JMU Libraries, including Carrier Library, CISAT Library, and the Music Library, house a total collection of more than 629,284 print volumes, 1,050,660 microforms, 11,678 current periodical titles, 32,000 audio-visual titles, and over 540,348 government documents in various formats. JMU is a member of VIVA, the Virtual Library of Virginia. JMU's current full-time instructional faculty totals 831, with 79 percent holding terminal degrees. The University's programs are accredited by 28 local and national associations.

It may be appropriate for you to also include similar information on your department or academic area. For instance, if pertinent and applicable, you might present such facts as:

- Accreditation
- General range of the curriculum offered
- Total enrollment in the major(s) offered by your department
- Number of faculty, number of full- and part-time faculty, percentage of doctoral faculty
- Number of graduate students and graduate assistants
- Special programs, facilities and equipment, goals or characteristics of the department compared to those at peer schools
- Special entrance requirements of the department
- In the sciences, some funding agencies look with special favor upon departments that have a good representation of females or minorities, so if either or both of these numbers for your department are high, you may want to cite these statistics.