JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY is a comprehensive university that is part of the statewide system of public higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is the only university in America named for James Madison. Established March 14, 1908, the university offers programs on the bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral levels with its primary emphasis on the undergraduate student. JMU provides a total education to students — one that has a broad range of the liberal arts as its foundation and encompasses an extensive variety of professional and pre-professional programs, augmented by a multitude of learning experiences outside the classroom. The university has been a coeducational institution since 1966.

JMU is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia along Interstate 81, approximately two hours from Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Va. The campus is easily accessible from I-81’s Exit 245. The nearest airport is Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport (SHD) in Weyers Cave, 20 minutes south of campus.

MISSION: We are a community committed to preparing students to be educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives.

MOTTO: Knowledge is liberty

SCHOOL COLORS: Purple and Gold

NICKNAME: Dukes

MASCOT: Duke Dog

ACADEMIC AFFILIATION: Colonial Academic Alliance

ATHLETIC AFFILIATION: NCAA Division I

APPLICANT DETAILS (Fall 2014)
First-Time Freshman Applicants 22,550
First-Time Freshmen Enrolled 4,325
Applicants Accepted 66%
Transfer Applicants 2,022
Transfer Enrolled 677
Transfer Applicants Accepted 56%
TOTAL APPLICANTS 24,572

PERCENT ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (Fall 2014)
Black or African American 4.24%
American Indian/Alaska Native 0.15%
Asian 4.37%
Hispanic 5.12%
White 79.13%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander 0.19%
NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS 495

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION (Fall 2014)
Undergraduate 19,144
Graduate 1,711
Full-Time 19,123
Part-Time 1,732
In-State 74%
Out-of-State 26%
Female 60%
Male 40%
TOTAL ENROLLMENT 20,855

FRESHMAN CLASS
Retention rate 92.4%
SAT mid-50 percent range 1060–1220
ACT mid-50 percent range 23–27

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO (Fall 2014) 16:1

DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED
Undergraduate 72
Master’s 40
Educational Specialist 2
Doctoral 8
TOTAL 122

DEGREES CONFERRED (2013–14)
Undergraduate 4,027
Graduate 859
TOTAL 4,886

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM: Jonathan R. Alger, president; A. Jerry Benson, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; Art Dean, special assistant to the president for diversity; Donna Harper, vice president for access and enrollment management; Charles King, senior vice president for administration and finance; Nick Langridge, vice president for university advancement; Mark Warner, senior vice president for student affairs and university planning; Susan Wheeler, university counsel and special assistant attorney general; Maggie Burkhart Evans, executive assistant to the president

ACADEMIC DIVISIONS: College of Arts and Letters; College of Business; College of Education; College of Health and Behavioral Studies; College of Integrated Science and Engineering; College of Science and Mathematics; College of Visual and Performing Arts; The Graduate School

FACULTY AND STAFF (Fall 2013)
Full-Time Instructional Faculty 960
Part-Time Instructional Faculty 430
Full-Time Classified Staff 1,262
TUITION AND FEES (2014–15)
Undergraduate (per year):
In-State $9,662
Out-of-State $24,522
Room and Board $8,828

GRADUATE (per credit hour):
In-State $434
Out-of-State $1,135

BUDGET (2014–15)
Total Operating Budget $499.9m

CAMPUS/BUILDINGS (721 acres)
Academic/Administrative 80
Support Facilities 34
Student Housing 34
TOTAL 148

James Madison University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, master's and doctorate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033–4097 or call (404) 679–4500 for questions about the accreditation of James Madison University. The Commission should only be contacted concerning an institution’s significant non-compliance with a requirement or standard. Normal inquiries about James Madison University (such as admission requirements, financial aid, education programs, etc.) should be directed to JMU, not the Commission’s office.

High graduation rates and low costs are among the factors landing JMU a place on Kiplinger’s Personal Finance’s top 100 “Best Values in Public Colleges” for 2015. JMU placed 21st on the list of four-year public schools that combine outstanding education with economic value.

JMU continues to hold a place in the Princeton Review’s annual book that recommends the colleges the education services company considers the nation’s best for academics, affordability and career prospects. “Colleges That Pay You Back: The 200 Best Value Colleges and What It Takes to Get In – 2015 Edition” is an expansion of the Princeton Review’s annual “Best Value Colleges” list and book. JMU has been listed in the books since 2009.

JMU’s Alternative Break Program was the Break Away National Program of the Year for 2010. The award, which JMU also earned in 1999, recognizes the university’s commitment to active citizenship.

JMU’s commitment to becoming a model steward of the natural world was recognized with a Governor’s Environmental Excellence Award silver medal in April 2014. JMU’s East Campus Hillside Naturalization Project was honored.

JMU is included in the 2015 edition of The Fiske Guide to Colleges, which features more than 300 of the country’s best and most interesting colleges and universities.

JMU is named one of the country’s most environmentally responsible colleges in The Princeton Review’s “Guide to 332 Green Colleges: 2014 Edition.” Factors considered in the rating system include green building certification programs, environmental literacy programs, formal sustainability committees, use of renewable energy resources and recycling and conservation programs. In 2012, JMU’s Wayland Hall became the first renovated residence hall in the country to receive the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design platinum award, the highest LEED certification status.

JMU’s College of Business is among the top 5 percent of business schools in the country in study-abroad participation, according to the Institute of International Education’s Open Doors 2013 report, which measured study abroad in 2011-12. JMU ranked second in the nation in participation in short-term programs and second in total number of students who studied abroad, with 1,071. In addition, JMU compared favorably with similar institutions in semester-long programs (7th)

and programs lasting a full academic year or longer (12th).

JMU ranks No. 188 on The Forbes Top Colleges list, released in 2014.

The U.S. News & World Report 2015 edition of its “Best Colleges” annual guidebook ranks the university No. 2 on the list of top public schools in the South. The university’s commitments to service learning and undergraduate research were also acknowledged by the U.S. News report. JMU was among 20 schools highlighted in the category for “required (or for-credit) volunteer work in the community is an instructional strategy in these programs.” The university was included in the “undergraduate research/creative projects” category, one of 32 schools. JMU consistently appears in the annual guide.

JMU earned a place on the 2013 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction for commitment to service and civic engagement on campus and in the nation. JMU has been on the honor roll, which is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, since the list was established in 2006.