

To: All Students and Families

From: Office of the Provost

Date: July 21, 2020

Subject: Important Message to Students Regarding Fall 2020 Course Schedule

On July 21st, you will have access to your course schedule for Fall 2020. Please preview your schedule by logging into [MyMadison](#).

I want you to know that our team of faculty and staff have worked tirelessly over the past several months, leveraging their expertise to create a dynamic and successful fall semester with their primary goal of facilitating the learning process and helping you stay on track as you progress towards graduation. Their efforts truly demonstrate how much they have your interests at the core of their preparation.

Faculty have designed a collection of in-person, hybrid, and online courses so your academic needs can be met in the safest manner possible. Your academic schedule likely includes a combination of face-to-face and online courses. We recognize that you may be taking a course remotely that you wish could be face-to-face or perhaps you may need to meet face-to-face when you'd prefer to be remote. This is the result of the complex array of decisions that we have had to make this summer.

If you have questions about your schedule, now is the time to reach out. The best way to get the answer you need is by contacting your academic advisor, the department head or program coordinator. All of us are committed to working with you between now and the first day of classes to help you understand our reasoning behind the mode of delivery for every course and determine what options may be available for you. Your academic advisor's name and contact information can be found in [MyMadison](#). The department for a course can be found by searching for the department name and accessing the list of faculty/staff for that department. If you have a disability for which you need to request accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS) at disability-svcs@jmu.edu to make your request. If you are new to ODS, please follow the instructions found at "Getting Started with ODS" located here: <https://www.jmu.edu/ods/getting-started.shtml>.

We invite you to be open to changes at JMU this fall, and to trust that the course structure for the fall is driven by our efforts to provide you with a high-quality educational experience while attending to the health and safety of our entire community. The success of the fall semester depends on each of us doing our part. What makes JMU great is the way our students step up to be the drivers of their education – now more than ever, we need your partnership and your commitment.

We can't wait to see you back on campus in just a few weeks!

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