

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

## COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM APRIL 2025



### UPCOMING WEBINAR: A YEAR IN REVIEW WEDNESDAY, MAY 14TH 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us on Wednesday, May 14th, for the final Counselor Education Program webinar for the 2024-2025 academic year! Melinda Wood, Vice President of Enrollment Management, and Roger Burke, Interim Director of Admissions, will share information on our incoming first-year class, final numbers for this admissions cycle, and more.

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## ADMITTED STUDENTS NEXT STEPS

### **Decision made, deposit paid**

Is your student ready to commit to JMU? While all admitted students have until the deposit deadline of May 1st, students are encouraged to pay their deposit now.

If your students have financial need or are unable to pay the \$400 amount, have them reach out to their regional counselor. We will work with students to secure a partial or full deposit waiver.

Instructions on paying the admission deposit can be found here.

### **Defer Admission - Gap Year Policy**

If you have students that have expressed a desire to defer their admission, please refer them to our Gap Year Policy website for details and submission instructions.

The deadline to submit a gap year request is June 15.

### **Decide not to attend JMU?**

Please encourage students who have made the decision not to accept our offer of admission to fill out the application withdrawal form. This will notify us of their intent to enroll elsewhere and stop all communication from our office and our campus partners.



## JMU ORIENTATION

For your students that have paid their deposit to JMU, we are excited to officially welcome them into the JMU Community! The next step is for matriculated students to work through our three-phase orientation process.

### **The One Book**

The One Book is a one-stop-shop that contains all of the important steps, details, and information students need to begin the transition to JMU. The One Book and its companion website will guide students through a series of tasks to complete in preparation for Summer Orientation and their arrival to campus in August.

Some of the steps on the to-do list include:

- Creating a JMU student email account
- Emergency notification and contact information
- Preparing for class enrollment
  - confirming or changing major
- Math Assessment & Foreign Language Placement Exam
- First Year Housing
  - finding roommate and suitemates
  - signing housing contract
  - room selection
- JMU Access Card (student ID card)
- Immunization Forms
- And more!



### **Summer Orientation**

This is a one-day summer orientation program that provides each student with the opportunity to meet with their academic advisor, connect with other students, and engage with their Orientation Peer Advisor (OPA). This is a required step and there will be both in-person and virtual options for students and families to attend.

### **Weeks of Welcome**

This is the official beginning of each student's JMU experience...students will move into their residence hall, reconnect with their OPA, meet their First year Orientation Guides (FROGs), and be immersed in several academic and social programs throughout the first few weeks to help them become acclimated to campus.

**As your students have questions about this process, please direct them to the Office of Orientation and Transition at 540.568.1787 or [orientation@jmu.edu](mailto:orientation@jmu.edu).**

## DUKE FOR A DAY

Be a Duke for a Day! If you're looking for a smaller, low-key visit to campus, Duke for a Day is for you! This on-campus experience is personalized just for admitted students. Bring your questions, navigate your next steps and get to know JMU! Your day will include:

- An information session about next steps
- Q&A with current JMU students
- A guided activity around campus with a Student Ambassador
- Lunch at one of our top-rated dining halls
- Time to visit student support offices to get your questions answered

More information and the link to register can be found [here](#).

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## NEWS @ JMU

### Summer Bridge Program for First-Generation College Students

Take part in a five-day residential program, designed **exclusively for first-generation business students** through which you'll gain confidence, build a strong support network and prepare for success in your first year at JMU.

Through interactive workshops, mentorship and hands-on experiences, you'll strengthen your academic skills, explore career pathways and get to know the faculty, staff and peers who are ready to support your journey. You'll also participate in fun social activities and become familiar with key campus resources—all before your first semester even begins!

Join us and start your Madison Experience with the tools, connections and confidence you need to thrive in the College of Business.

Find more details and application page [here](#)



## NEWS @ JMU



## JMU Announces Seventh President

James Madison University has announced that Dr. James C. Schmidt will serve as the university's next president.

Schmidt has over 30 years of experience working in higher education and currently serves as the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; he has been in this role since 2013.

Schmidt's appointment will begin July 1, 2025.

"I am honored to serve as the next president of James Madison University," said Schmidt. "Over three decades in public higher education has prepared me to lead this great institution into the future, and I am committed to leading JMU's vision and strategic direction, enhancing academic excellence and research, and ensuring an exceptional student experience," added Schmidt.

Read the full article [here](#)

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## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Check out our updated [counselor website](#), including the [downloadable resources section](#). This is a great place to find additional information on various academic programs, our admissions process, and other topics of interest.

We invite you and your students to follow us on Instagram [@JMUadmissions](#), too. If you have not already, please consider joining our counselor [mailing list](#) to stay up to date on all things JMU!



## HAVE WE MISSED ANYTHING?

Do you have ideas for new content, questions, or concerns?

Please let us know!

We are always looking for ways to improve and to provide the most current and helpful information possible.

Your opinions and ideas are valuable to us.

Please feel free to email the Counselor Education Program at [counselored@jmu.edu](mailto:counselored@jmu.edu) or reach out to your [regional admissions counselor](#) with any questions or concerns.