

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

## COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM OCTOBER 2024



### EARLY ACTION DEADLINE REMINDER

The Early Action deadline is November 1st. Students who wish to be considered for Early Action must have their application submitted and documents requested no later than November 1st. Early Action applicants will be notified of their admissions decision in mid to late January.

If you or your students have any questions or need any assistance while working through the application process, please reach out to your school's regional admissions counselor.

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## ADMISSIONS INSIGHT

### Recognizing Competitive Applicants:

Our primary considerations in our evaluation process both relate to academic performance.

- Taking a rigorous course curriculum (defined within the context of each high school) such as:
  - College-level courses (Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual Enrollment, Cambridge International, Governor's Schools)
  - Honors, advanced, or college preparatory courses
- Earning As and Bs in core academic classes (English, foreign language\*, social studies, mathematics\*\* and lab sciences).
  - \*Foreign language requirement: either two years of 2 languages or three years of 1 language.
  - \*\*Mathematics requirement: One full year beyond Algebra II in a course for which Algebra II is the prerequisite.

At a school that offers college-level and honors-level courses, competitive applicants will take advantage of these opportunities. We expect to see a nice sampling of both college-level and honors-level classes on an applicant's transcript, as that demonstrates to us that the applicant is prepared for the academic rigor of JMU.

At a school that does not offer college or honors-level curriculum, competitive applicants will challenge themselves with advanced core subjects or additional core classes than required for graduation. For example, students can take a fourth year of a foreign language or physics as their lab science.

Students who take both a rigorous course curriculum and earn strong grades will be competitive for admission.

### Optional Application Components:

Students are not advantaged or disadvantaged by electing to send in optional components in the application, scholarship, or Honors College review processes.

The following items are optional:

- Extracurricular Activities
- Letter of Recommendation
- Common App Essay / Personal Statement
- Standardized Tests

\*Submission of optional materials is most beneficial to an applicant when it provides context and insight into a student's academic performance.

Read more about our application and evaluation processes [here](#).

## NEW @ JMU

## CENSUS DATA FOR FALL 2024

Total # of First-Year Students: **5,003**

Students from Virginia: **3,579**

Students from Out-of-State: **1,424**

Total # of Transfer Students: **791**

Total Undergrad Enrollment: **21,139**

## NEW @ JMU, CONT.

JMU is making a difference! Check out these stats:

- **No. 70 of 500 Best College in the US** (Wall Street Journal's 2025 Best Colleges in the United States)
- **No. 10 Best College Campus in America** (Niche)
- **No. 8 Best Campus Food** (Princeton Review 2025, selected by students)
- **No. 78 Top Public School** (U.S. News & World Report)



## SPORTS ROUND-UP



The JMU Football team continues their winning streak beating Gardner-Webb & UNC-Chapel Hill in a close 13-6 and 70-50 finish. The Dukes are currently 3-0!

Go Dukes!!!



JMU's Men's soccer team has jumped to the No. 10 spot in the United Soccer Coaches National Rankings for D1! This puts them up 11 spots from last week.

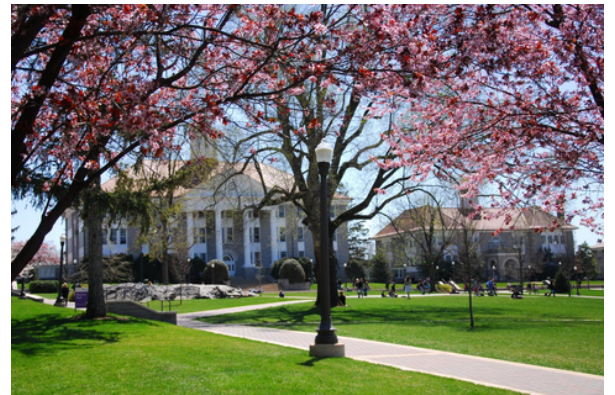
Great job Dukes!

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## UPCOMING WEBINAR: GET TO KNOW JMU!

Wednesday, October 30th, 10-11 AM

Join Mahaley Broughman, Assistant Director for Daily Visitation, and JMU alum, as she shares information about James Madison University - including information about majors/minors, the Honors College, clubs, study abroad programs, and undergraduate research. If you wanted to get to know more about JMU, this is a great way to learn about what we offer! [Register Here](#) if you want to attend.



## 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.

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## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED



**November 16th**, will be having our second and last [Explore JMU: Academic Open Houses](#). This is a great opportunity to get a first-hand look at what makes the Madison Experience so special! Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about our academic programs, the Honors College, Student Services, and Study Abroad Programs. [Click here](#) for the links to register.

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.

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.



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