

Honors College



Honors Scholars

JMU Honors is a community of scholars. These students participate in Honors study in any major offered, taking Honors-designated General Education courses, seminars, and option courses. Additionally, Honors students complete a Senior Honors Capstone Project. The Honors curriculum offers unique interdisciplinary courses and co-curricular experiences designed specifically to explore a range of complex and cutting-edge topics not otherwise covered in JMU's academic departments or majors. Honors scholars must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive recognition in the commencement program, on their transcripts and diplomas.

Benefits of the Honors Experience

- Capstone Project
- Co-Curricular experiences
- Faculty mentors
- Priority course registration
- Shenandoah Hall Living and Learning Community
- Study abroad opportunities

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Applying to Honors

A separate application is required for admission into the Honors College. There is no Honors College application fee.

After completing and submitting the JMU undergraduate admissions application, students will receive an email with a link to apply to the Honors College.

Honors College Freshman Application Deadlines:

- Early Action applicants: November 8
- Regular Decision applicants: January 22

Honors College Transfer Application Deadlines:

- Spring applicants: November 15
- Fall applicants: May 15

Application Evaluation

Regardless of whether a student applies for the Early Action or Regular Decision admissions process, all Honors applicants with complete files are given the same consideration by a committee of Honors College professors and administrators.

Admission to the Honors College is based on:

- Strength of application essays
- High school grades
- Leadership, service and work experience
- Extracurricular activities may be taken into consideration

Essays are evaluated for an understanding of the Honors College's purpose. Applicants are especially encouraged to submit essays that show creative endeavors, personal reflection and collaboration. Essays should show a passion for interdisciplinary learning.

For information on the selection criteria for transfer students and/or current JMU students, please contact the Honors College office at (540) 568-6953 or visit: jmu.edu/honors

Decisions

Honors application decisions can be found in the Applicant Center of MyMadison. If an Honors Early Action applicant is deferred by JMU Admissions, the Honors application will be deferred to the Honors College Regular Decision review process.

For more information, contact
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