

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

## COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM APRIL 2022



### ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ACCEPT THE WAITLIST OFFER

Should we be able to go to the waitlist, we are only able to consider students who have accepted their waitlist offer. Students simply need to log-in to their MyMadison portal to accept or decline this invitation to join the waitlist.

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## ADMITTED STUDENT PROGRAMMING

We were so excited to host nearly ten thousand admitted students and guests for our CHOICES admitted student open house days earlier this spring. If your students were unable to attend those events or if they are interested in learning more about JMU before making their final college decision, we have two great opportunities you can share with them. Registration is available on our [website](#).

### **Duke for a Day:**

If your students are looking for a smaller, low-key visit to campus, Duke for a Day is for them!

The student schedule will include the following:

- An information session about next steps for admitted students
- Q&A with current JMU students
- A guided activity around campus with a Student Ambassador
- Lunch at one of our top-rated dining halls (registered students will receive one meal voucher)
- Time to visit student support offices to get questions answered

### **JMU 101 Virtual Webinar Series:**

JMU 101 is an online webinar series that breaks down topics most important to admitted students. Sessions are conducted by various departments across campus and will include staff and current students who are excited to help you get to know more about JMU.

Each webinar will last one hour, which includes plenty of time for questions and answers. Topics include:

- All Are Welcome: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at JMU
- Financial Aid
- Health and Wellness
- Life at JMU
- Student Success
- Student Transition & Next Steps
- Study Abroad



## ADMITTED STUDENT 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. Selection slots for choosing first-year residence halls is determined by when students pay their JMU admission deposit.

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.



## ORIENTATION 101

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 Springboard 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 Springboard**

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.

### **1787 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 Orientation Office at 540.568.1787 or [orientation@jmu.edu](mailto:orientation@jmu.edu).**

## EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT

### Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB):

- Students seeking to earn college credit for AP or IB classes must earn a qualifying score on the applicable examination and submit that to JMU directly from the testing agency.

AP Score Guide

IB Score Guide

### Dual Enrollment (DE):

- Students seeking to earn college credit for DE classes must send an official college transcript directly from the awarding institution to the JMU Office of the Registrar. The Registrar will then complete a transfer credit evaluation which posts to the student's MyMadison portal for review.

*\*Students will earn credit for all transferable courses in which they have earned a grade of "C" or better, but their grade point average for those courses does not transfer to their JMU record.*

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## BRIDGE TO MADISON PROGRAM

The BRidge to Madison (Bridge) program is an **invitation-only program** designed for a select group of prospective JMU students who begin their academic studies at Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC) while living and engaging as a JMU Duke at James Madison University. The collaboration between JMU and BRCC allows students to make academic progress in their first-year general education courses and, upon successful completion, transition to JMU courses at the start of the second academic year culminating in a JMU degree.

Invited students have been deemed by the JMU Admissions Office as showing academic promise as degree-seeking JMU students after successful completion of appropriate BRCC coursework. Bridge students have the opportunity to experience many of the activities and privileges of attending JMU while taking advantage of the excellent academic offering and often smaller class sizes at BRCC. Students must complete the Bridge Transition requirement of the program in order to transition to degree-seeking at JMU.

Our JMU and BRCC staff are excited about this new partnership and its opportunities for future Dukes!



## UPCOMING EVENTS: VISITING COUNSELOR DAY

Thursday, April 21st, 10 AM - 2:30 PM

Join us for the return of our in-person Visiting Counselor Day on Thursday, April 21! The program runs from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM and includes the opportunity to meet admissions representatives, learn what's new at JMU, participate in a mock admissions committee experience, enjoy lunch at one of our dining halls, tour campus, and get your questions answered. Registration required.

[Register 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!

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.

### 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.