

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

## COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM SEPTEMBER 2022



### VISIT REQUESTS

We have a new email address to share with you to request JMU's participation in a school visit, panel, or college fair. Please send all requests to [admissionstravel@jmu.edu](mailto:admissionstravel@jmu.edu). You are welcome to delete any other emails you have on file.

We hope to see you this year and can travel in person and virtually!

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## APPLICATION UPDATES:

After receiving feedback from you and your students last year, we are excited to share a few changes with you as we enter our second year on the Common Application. Please reach out to [counselored@jmu.edu](mailto:counselored@jmu.edu) or your assigned [regional admissions counselor](#) with any questions.



### **Common Application:**

- Personal Essay:
  - James Madison University now accepts the Common Application Personal Essay as our optional personal statement. Applicants can choose from any of the seven prompts and can write up to 650 words. When submitting their JMU application, students are presented the opportunity to decide whether they want JMU to receive their Personal Essay. We will also continue to accept responses submitted in the Additional Information and COVID-19 Impact sections.
- Activities:
  - We will now be accepting up to ten activities to be submitted as a part of a student's application. This change applies to both the Common Application and our own JMU ApplyWeb Application. Extra-curricular involvements remain an optional portion of a student's JMU application.

### **Discontinuation of Coalition Application Membership:**

With less than 2% of our applicants last year applying via the Coalition Application, JMU has discontinued our membership on that platform. We found that the overwhelming majority of our applicants applied via the Common Application (95%), and we also continue to offer our own JMU ApplyWeb Application as an alternative for interested students.

### **Counselor's Companion Discontinued:**

After fifteen years of service, James Madison University's Office of Admissions has discontinued our Counselor's Companion tool. With applicants having access to their Applicant Center account in MyMadison and bringing on the Common Application, we feel it is no longer necessary to continue with these services. Our process only requires two things: a completed application and an official high school transcript. If an application is incomplete, it is the high school transcript that is missing. Please feel free to email us at [applicationprocessing@jmu.edu](mailto:applicationprocessing@jmu.edu) with any questions or concerns.



## CLASS OF 2026 SNAPSHOT:

**Applications Received:**

31,755

**Applicants Accepted:**

23,952

**Class Size Enrolled:**

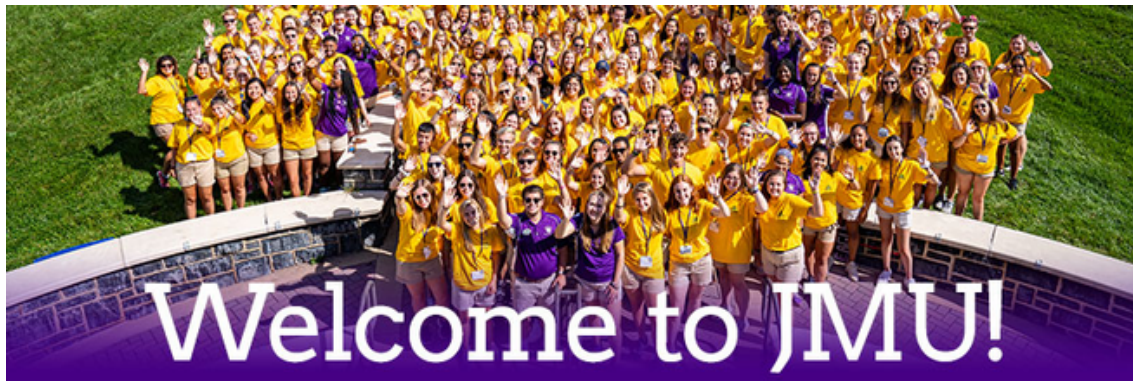
4,750

**Demographics:**

- 41 States / 70 Countries
- 73% In-State / 27% Out-of-State
- 56% Female / 44% Male
- Under-represented Minorities: 23%
- First-Generation: 14%

**Most Popular Majors:**

Undeclared, Psychology, Nursing, Biology, and Marketing



Thank you for all of your help getting us this amazing class of new Dukes!

## MATERIALS REQUEST FORM:

In an effort to be more sustainable, we have opted against sending our annual packet with our hard copy materials. We have a new centralized materials request form for those still interested in obtaining hard copies of our literature, pennants, or other items. The form can be accessed [here](#).

We continue to host a digital publications library on our counselor webpage, and we encourage you to check out this year's publications posted [here](#).



## NEW @ JMU



### New Carnegie Classification:

JMU's world-class academic excellence and national prominence were validated with a new Carnegie Classification status of **R2 Doctoral University** with high research activity through the Carnegie Commission.

You can read more [here](#).



### Sun Belt Conference:

We received and accepted an invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference, moving JMU to the Football Bowl Subdivision and the highest level in D-1 athletics. Ahead of our first contest (September 3rd) as a member of the Sun Belt Conference, James Madison Athletics had surpassed its previous football season ticket record with 7,582 tickets sold and counting.

You can read more [here](#).

## CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

### Carrier Library:

- The Commonwealth of Virginia recently approved funding for a major renovation and expansion of Carrier Library. This support will help us create a more welcoming, safe, inclusive campus library with modernized systems, re-envisioned services, and inspiring spaces for teaching, learning, research, and expert consultation. The renovated building will also include space for the Furious Flower Poetry Center!
- Construction will begin in summer 2023. Carrier Library will remain open for the 2022-23 academic year. You might see some changes in the building this year, such as new locations for furniture or collections, as we prepare for renovation. The building will then close for construction, which will likely begin soon after graduation festivities in May 2023.
- Carrier Library is anticipated to re-open in Fall 2026, following the successful completion of this major renovation and expansion.

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### The Convocation Center:

- Construction began in March on a renovation of the JMU Convocation Center. Previously the home of JMU basketball, the building will be transformed into a competition venue for volleyball; enhanced indoor training space for track & field; and locker rooms, offices, sports medicine and more for multiple other sport programs.

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### Sentara Park:

- James Madison Athletics has recently completed construction on an expansion at Sentara Park, the home of JMU lacrosse, men's soccer, women's soccer, track and field and cross country.
- The project features construction of a pair of stand-alone buildings bookending the main grandstand. Building one encompasses 2,400 square feet and includes a visiting team locker room, showers and restroom as well as a concessions area for guests and needed storage space for Athletics. Building two includes a locker room, coaches meeting room, showers and restroom for the home team as well as a sports medicine suite.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: ADMISSIONS 101

Tuesday, September 20th, 10 AM - 11:00 AM

Join us for our Admissions 101 webinar with Chris Carlberg (he/him/his), a Senior Assistant Director of Admissions at James Madison University. This session will provide specific details about our application and evaluation processes here at JMU. There will be time allocated to answer any questions you have as we embark on this new year.

[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!

### EXPLORE JMU: ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSES

We have two great opportunities for your students to get a first-hand look at what makes the Madison Experience so special. Students will be able to learn more about our academic programs, admissions process, student services, and much more! Campus tours will also be running.

Our Explore JMU: Academic Open Houses are scheduled for September 24th and November 12th.

### 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.