

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Humanities and Social Sciences Highlights

■ Open to all JMU majors, **the Washington Semester program** allows students to explore the wealth of political and cultural opportunities available in the Washington, D.C., area.

■ JMU hosts chapters of **two highly prestigious honor societies**, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, along with national honorary and professional societies for economics, history, philosophy, psychology and more.

■ Psychology majors Caroline Cole and Matthew Best each earned **Senior Award for Achievement in Research** honors in 2017. Cole's project chronicled deafness and Best's delved into the psychology of performance in elite youth soccer.

■ All writing, rhetoric and technical communication students complete a **150-hour professional internship prior to graduation.**



"JMU gives you the opportunity to completely focus in on your academic area, and it is well-rounded—great academics, great people, hundreds of clubs to join, great ways to help out the community and learn leadership skills. Overall, JMU just gives you a great way to explore yourself."

— SERGIO MENDOZA ('12)
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Programs of Study

MAJORS

- Anthropology
- Economics
- English
- History
- International Affairs
- Justice Studies
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Philosophy and Religion
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy and Administration
- Sociology
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

MINORS

- Africana Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- British Communication and Media
- Creative Writing
- Classical Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Disability Services
- English
- Historical Archaeology
- History
- Humanitarian Studies
- Logic and Reasoning
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations
- Modern European Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Communication
- Political Science
- Public Policy and Administration
- Religion
- Russian Studies
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Studies
- Women's and Gender Studies
- World Literature
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

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The Madison Experience

ACCESS TO FACULTY

Our professors make teaching their No. 1 priority. That's rare at a school our size. Small classes. Attention from professors. Big-school opportunities, yet a small-school feel.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

80 percent of our undergrads do research, a practicum, an internship or student teach. Many JMU students do more than one of these. Another example of how learning happens beyond the classroom at JMU.

A GREAT VALUE

For more than two decades, *U.S. News & World Report* has placed JMU among the South's top public master's-level schools. *MONEY* magazine ranks JMU 25th in its Best Public Colleges in the nation category. Superb education. Excellent return on investment. A bright future for you.

STUDY ABROAD

A recent *Chronicle of Higher Education* survey ranked JMU No. 2 in the country among master's-level schools for the number of students studying abroad.

Program Overview

The teachings of Plato and Aristotle, how our nation's world view affects our consequent actions, how international politics ripple through our daily lives and which factors affect life choices are just a few subjects the Humanities and Social Sciences programs explore.

Our Humanities and Social Sciences programs launch students on a constant search for knowledge and the keys to understanding the human condition.

Along the way, our students develop critical thinking, communication, research and interpersonal skills that make JMU graduates highly prized in the job market.

The combination of skills and knowledge our students acquire leads to jobs and post-graduate educational choices.

Programs that fall under this umbrella give students significant latitude in designing their academic curriculums. We find that this flexibility tends to foster discovery for a special passion of learning that helps our students grow and gain confidence in their intellects.



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