

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS



Visual and Performing Arts Highlights

- Our students learn a variety of **skills transferable to any and all careers**: critical thinking, discipline, team-building, communication, innovation, creativity, empathy, self-reflection and citizenship.
- All of our students work in state-of-the-art facilities. Our Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, the region's premier performing arts center in the Shenandoah Valley, houses **five beautiful venues specifically designed for student, faculty and guest performances**. Art exhibitions take place at a variety of galleries on campus, showcasing the work of freshmen through seasoned professionals.
- All **guest artists engage with our students in master classes** or other curricular activities. Recent visits include Pat Metheny, The King's Singers, Cory Band, The Milk Carton Kids, Moscow Festival Ballet, Alley II, Patti LuPone, Julian Sands, Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons and Xu Bing.
- Our **students are engaged in cross-disciplinary learning**. The Madison Art Collection and the Institute for Creative Inquiry offer internships and classes of interest to a variety of majors. Partnerships include engineers working with designers and entrepreneurs.



“JMU was just the right balance of academic training and learning through doing. My educational training prepared me to be a well-rounded collaborator in every context, from design to performance to technical execution.”

— ANNA-LEE CRAIG ('15)
2ND AUDIO, HAMILTON (BROADWAY)

Programs of Study

MAJORS

- Architectural Design
- Art History
- Art - Studio
- Dance
- Graphic Design
- Industrial Design
- Music, with concentrations in:
 - Composition*
 - Jazz*
 - Music Education*
 - Music Industry*
 - Performance*
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre

MINORS

- Art History
- Art - Studio
- Book Arts
- Dance
- Jazz Studies
- Music
- Music and Human Services
- Music Industry
- Theatre

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- Art Education - M.A.
- Art - Studio - M.A.
- Art - Studio - M.F.A.
- Music - M.M.
- Music - D.M.A.

For details visit jmu.edu/academics



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. These are examples 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 tops among the South's 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. Imagine yourself studying theater in London, art in Florence, opera in Germany or architectural design in Japan.

Program Overview

At JMU, our visual and performing arts feature traditional training and so much more.

Our graduates shine because they are trained as critical thinkers and problem-solvers. Students tell us that they are attracted to JMU because of our commitment to balancing a rigorous professional program of visual and performing arts study with a liberal-arts curriculum renowned for its academic excellence.

Visual and performing arts at JMU are all about expression, knowledge, creativity and the unique fulfillment that comes with a well-rounded academic adventure.

Entrepreneurial opportunities and student research projects are encouraged across all disciplines. Examples include the student-run Studio Theatre and ArtWorks gallery, student-produced music series in a local retirement community, and undergraduate research grants for cutting-edge projects.

Most majors within the College of Visual and Performing Arts have additional application requirements. These may include a portfolio review or audition, personal interview and letters of recommendation. Find details at jmu.edu/arts/admissions



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