

Honors College



Honors Scholars

The Honors College is an environment promoting new ideas that enrich all members of the JMU community. The Honors College intentionally mixes students from disciplines and majors across the entire campus. Honors classes encourage students to explore the world's problems creatively, tend to emphasize discussion and challenge students to engage in rigorous, imaginative thinking.

The requirements of the Honors College are flexible. Many Honors courses also satisfy other university or major requirements. Students may choose an area of emphasis to expand their experience in the Honors College.

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 mentorship
- Priority course registration
- Shenandoah Hall Living and Learning Community
- Study abroad opportunities

Visit jmu.edu/honors to learn more about the Honors College including curriculum, application information and opportunities to get involved.

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 First-Year 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

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/College academic performance
- 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 more information on the selection criteria, 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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