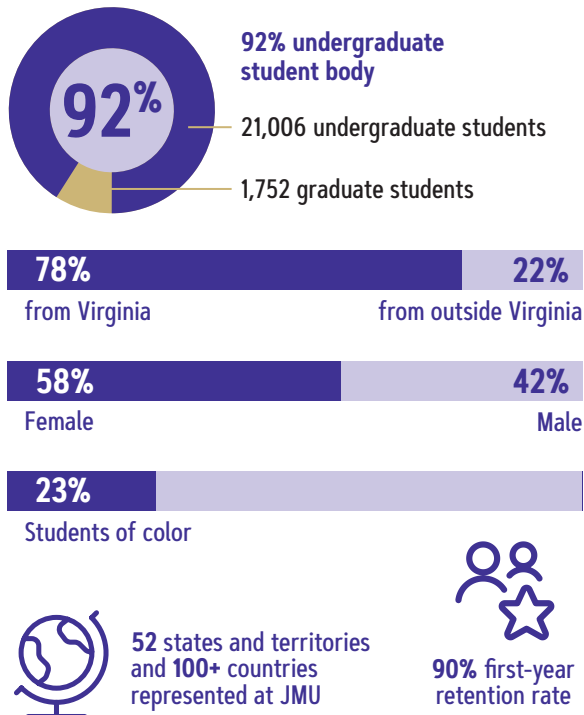# JMU Snapshot

2024-25

Harrisonburg, Virginia Public, four-year institution

A state university founded in 1908, James Madison University offers programs on the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels with its primary emphasis on the undergraduate student. JMU provides a total education to students—one that has a broad range of the liberal arts as its foundation and encompasses an extensive variety of professional and pre-professional programs, supplemented by a multitude of learning experiences outside the classroom.
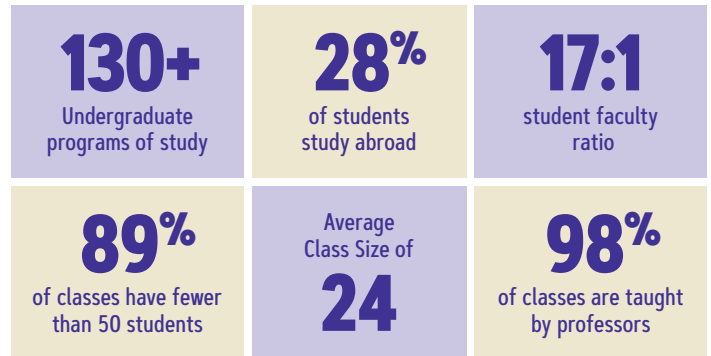
Located in the heart of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley along Interstate 81, approximately two hours from Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Virginia, the campus is easily accessible from I-81 at Exit 245. The nearest airport is Shenandoah Valley Regional Airport, 20 minutes south of campus.

Get to Know JMU

Enrollment

92%

92% undergraduate student body

21,006 undergraduate students

1,752 graduate students

78%	**22%**
from Virginia	from outside Virginia

58%	**42%**
Female	Male

23%
Students of color

52 states and territories and **100+** countries represented at JMU

90% first-year retention rate

Academics

130+
Undergraduate programs of study

28%
of students study abroad

17:1
student faculty ratio

89%
of classes have fewer than 50 students

Average Class Size of **24**

98%
of classes are taught by professors

Student Life

- 400+ clubs and organizations
- 28 different places to eat on campus
- 45 greek-letterd organizations
- University Recreation Center, aka UREC: 278,515 square foot fitness and wellness center
- 7 residential living areas
  - 30 residence halls

JMU JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

2023-24 First-Year Applicants

Applications: **39,776**

Applicants accepted: **27,449**

Applicants enrolled: **4,750**

First-Year Application Deadlines

Nonbinding Early Action: **Nov. 1**
Regular Decision: **Jan. 15**

First-Year Admissions

Two Required Steps

1 **Application** - Apply online at **jmu.edu/applynow**

2 **Transcripts** - Official high school transcripts and senior year schedule must be sent by the application deadline.

Optional Information
- One letter of recommendation
- Personal essay
- Standardized test scores
  (18% of applicants submitted in 2023-24)
  - SAT mid-50% range: 1210-1370
  - ACT mid-50% range: 26-31

What We Look For

Admission to JMU is competitive and strong applicants are selected based on the following criteria:

- **Core academic courses:** English, social science, foreign language, lab science and mathematics*
- **Grades:** Mostly A's and B's in core academic classes
- **Rigor of course work:** Honors, AP, IB, Dual Enrollment and Cambridge International

Other things considered include involvement in extracurricular activities and additional information found in the letter of recommendation and in the personal essay.

Students can earn college credit for AP, IB, DE and CI courses taken in high school.
More info: **jmu.edu/admissions/earncredit**

*Mathematics requirement: One full year beyond Algebra II in a course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite. If you have questions, please contact us at admissions@jmu.edu

Fine and Performing Arts Requirements

Most fine and performing arts areas require an additional application, audition or portfolio review.

For details, visit **jmu.edu/arts/admissions**

2023-24 Transfer Applicants

Applications: **2,489**

Applicants accepted: **1,388**

Applicants enrolled: **899**

Transfer Application Deadlines

Spring: **Oct. 15**
Summer: **Feb. 1**
Fall: **March 1**

Transfer Admissions

Two Required Steps

1 **Application** - Apply online at **jmu.edu/applynow**

2 **Transcripts** - All official college and high school transcripts must be sent by the application deadline.

What We Look For
- A completed college class in each core area: English, mathematics, lab science, social science
- Grades: Mostly A's and B's earned in core academic classes

Learn more: **jmu.edu/admissions/transfer**

JMU Next

This academic advising program assists transfer students with course selection and scheduling, prior to applying to JMU, to ensure application and academic program requirements are met.

Learn more: **jmu.edu/transfer/next**

2024-25 Tuition and Fees (full-time students per year)

	In-State	Out-of-State
Tuition and Fees*	$14,242	$31,588
Housing and Food	$12,916	$12,916
Total	**$27,158**	**$44,504**

*Courses within the College of Business and School of Nursing have additional course fees.

Financial Aid

To determine eligibility for assistance, students should complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**.

FAFSA Open date: **October 1**
Priority filing date: **March 1**
JMU's Federal School Code: 003721

More at: **jmu.edu/financialaid**

Additional Resources
- Scholarships: **jmu.edu/admissions/scholarships**
- Financial Aid Options: **jmu.edu/financialaid/learn**