

Counselor Fast Facts 2024-25

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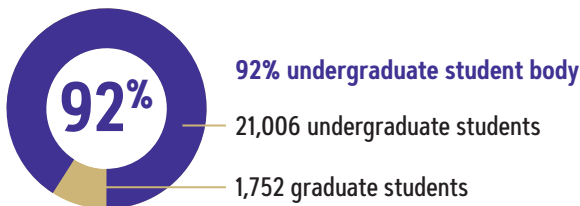
Top Public Schools -
National Universities
—U.S. News & World
Report 2024

Public, four-year institution in Harrisonburg, Virginia

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.

STUDENT BODY SNAPSHOT



- Students from 52 states and territories and 100+ countries
- 58% female / 42% male
- 23% students of color
- 1% international



**90% First-Year
Retention Rate**

2023-24 FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

69%

2023-24 First-Year
Acceptance Rate

Applications: **39,776**

Applicants accepted: **27,449**

Applicants enrolled: **4,750**

89%

of classes have
fewer than 50
students

Average
class size of

24

130+

Undergraduate
programs of study

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.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

To join the Counselor Education Program:
jmu.edu/counselored

For general information: jmu.edu/counselors

For downloadable resources: jmu.edu/downloadpubs

For hard copy materials: jmu.edu/materialsrequest

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Application Deadlines



First-Year

Nonbinding Early Action:

Nov. 1

Regular Decision: **Jan. 15**

Transfer

Spring: **Oct. 15**

Summer: **Feb. 1**

Fall: **March 1**

The First-Year Application

REQUIRED:

- **Online application:** jmu.edu/applynow
- **High school transcripts, including senior-year schedule**

OPTIONAL INFORMATION:

The following items will be considered in the application review process, if submitted.

Extracurricular Activities

What has the applicant done in clubs, organizations and athletics beyond just being a member? JMU is looking for quality involvement rather than quantity. Community service and part-time jobs count, too.

Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation will be accepted and must be requested by the applicant through the application. JMU will contact the recommender with instructions for submitting a letter.

Personal Essay

The personal essay on the application is the applicant's opportunity to tell us anything important we should know in 650 words or less.

Standardized Tests

JMU does not require submission of SAT/ACT scores. If the applicant chooses to submit a test score, official test results must be sent electronically from the testing agency and arrive by the application deadline. If test scores are not submitted, the applicant will not be penalized in the application, scholarship or Honors College review processes. (18% submitted scores in 2023-24)

- SAT mid-50% range: 1210-1370
- ACT mid-50% range: 26-31

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Earning college credit for advanced-level courses (AP, IB, DE, Cambridge International): jmu.edu/admissions/earncredit
- Some fine and performing arts areas require auditions, portfolio reviews and additional applications: jmu.edu/arts
- Scholarships: jmu.edu/admissions/scholarships
- Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: jmu.edu/financialaid

First-Year Admissions

JMU seeks to select the strongest candidates from a high quality applicant pool. Our application review focuses primarily on core academic courses, academic rigor and grades. These factors are the most consistent indicators of academic success in college. Each applicant's academic record is evaluated within the context of the applicant's school curriculum.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Competitive applicants should take rigorous course work within the core academic areas (English, foreign language, social studies, mathematics* and lab sciences). This typically means taking college-level courses that are offered, such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual Enrollment, Cambridge International, Governor's Schools, in addition to honors-level courses.

*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 counselored@jmu.edu

GRADES

JMU evaluates students' grades throughout their entire high school career in core academic courses only rather than a school-issued GPA. A competitive applicant is an A/B student in core academic course work.

Transfer Admissions

Competitive applicants should have completed or be in the process of completing at least 24 credit hours post-high school graduation with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in core college-level course work. Core areas include: mathematics, lab science, social science and language (English, foreign language, speech or communications).

More at jmu.edu/admissions/transfer

START YOUR TRANSFER JOURNEY WITH THE JMU NEXT PROGRAM

JMU Next is an academic advising program assisting 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

2023-24 TRANSFER APPLICANTS



Applications: **2,481**



Applicants accepted: **1,355**



Applicants enrolled: **869**