



# First Destination Career Outcomes Report

## Class of 2021

### College of Arts and Letters

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#### Part 1: Data on Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Sorted by Major	Total in Major	Knowledge Rate	Employed	Military	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
Anthropology	30	63.3%	68.4%	0.0%	15.8%	15.8%	0%
Communication Studies	236	77.5%	85.8%	1.1%	10.9%	1.6%	0.6%
English - BA	50	76.0%	47.4%	2.6%	42.1%	2.6%	5.3%
History - BA	60	65.0%	28.2%	2.6%	64.1%	5.1%	0%
International Affairs - BA	78	76.9%	73.4%	5.0%	18.3%	3.3%	0%
Justice Studies	86	66.3%	71.9%	3.5%	22.8%	1.8%	0%
Media Arts and Design	174	82.2%	88.8%	0.7%	5.6%	4.2%	0.7%
Modern Foreign Languages	19	63.2%	83.3%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0%
Philosophy and Religion	13	53.8%	71.4%	0.0%	28.6%	0.0%	0%
Political Science - BA	111	76.6%	63.5%	4.7%	27.1%	4.7%	0%
Public Policy & Admin - BS	54	77.8%	76.2%	2.4%	19.0%	2.4%	0%
Sociology	52	73.1%	79.0%	2.6%	10.5%	5.3%	2.6%
Writing, Rhetoric & Tech Comm	42	69.0%	86.2%	0.0%	6.9%	6.9%	0%
<b>CAL Overall (Bachelor's Degrees)</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>74.9%</b>	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>

Highlights	Highest		Lowest		Largest: Communication Studies (236)		
Knowledge Rate	82.2%, Media Arts & Design (174)		53.8%, Philosophy & Religion (13)		77.5%		
Employed	88.1%, Media Arts & Design (174)		28.2%, History (60)		85.8%		
Continuing Education	64.1%, History (60)		5.6%, Media Arts & Design (174)		10.9%		
Relative to other Colleges (based on primary major)	Total in College	Knowledge Rate	Employed	Military	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
<b>Arts and Letters</b>	<b>1,005</b>	<b>74.9%</b>	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
Health & Behavioral Studies	1,394	64.9%	62.5%	1.6%	32.8%	2.9%	0.2%
Integrated Science & Engineering	418	78.0%	87.4%	3.7%	4.3%	4.6%	0%
Business	1097	84.0%	82.3%	1.1%	10.8%	5.4%	0.4%
Education	267	83.9%	25.0%	0.9%	72.8%	1.3%	0%
Science & Math	358	67.3%	65.6%	0%	29.1%	4.1%	1.2%
Visual & Performing Arts	251	65.3%	79.3%	0%	15.8%	4.9%	0%
<b>JMU Overall</b>	<b>4,790</b>	<b>73.8%</b>	<b>71.4%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

## Part 2: Data on Advanced Degree Recipients

Sorted by Advanced Degree Program	Total in Program	Knowledge Rate	Employed	Military	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
Communication and Advocacy - MA	13	84.6%	81.8%	0%	9.1%	9.1%	0%
English - MA	4	100%	75.0%	0%	25.0%	0%	0%
History - MA	7	71.4%	60.0%	0%	40.0%	0%	0%
Political Science - MA	11	36.4%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Public Admin 5th Yr - MPA	4	75.0%	66.7%	0%	0%	33.3%	0%
Public Administration - MPA	15	86.7%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Writing Rhet & Tech Comm-MA	4	100%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>CAL Overall (Advanced Degrees)</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>75.9%</b>	<b>86.4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>0%</b>

Relative to other Colleges	Total in College	Knowledge Rate	Employed	Military	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
<b>Arts and Letters</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>75.9%</b>	<b>86.4%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>0%</b>
Health & Behavioral Studies	216	74.1%	88.7%	0%	9.4%	1.9%	0%
Integrated Science & Engineering	11	72.7%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Business	113	91.2%	95.2%	0%	1.9%	2.9%	0%
Education	323	65.3%	98.1%	0%	1.4%	0.5%	0%
Science & Math	8	62.5%	60.0%	0%	20.0 %	20.0%	0%
Visual & Performing Arts	17	47.1%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>JMU Overall</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>72.3%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Part 3: Executive Summary

Guided by National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) standards, the University Career Center (UCC) compiles data on the post-graduation pursuits of JMU graduates. For the Class of 2021, the UCC collected results from 73.8% of undergraduates and 72.3% of graduate students.

For bachelor's degree recipients in the class of 2021, 95.6% of undergraduates achieved a career outcome. Of these, 72.9% went to work full time or part time, 22.9% continued their education. For those without an outcome, 4.0% were still seeking employment or education, and the remaining 0.2% were not engaged or not seeking. The most popular areas for undergraduates working included Virginia, Washington D.C., Maryland, and New York. For those undergraduates working in Virginia, 48.4% were working in Northern Virginia, 22.2% were in Central Virginia, and 17.6% were working in the Shenandoah Valley. Education, business, and occupational/physical therapy were the most popular continuing education programs pursued.

For advanced degree recipients in the class of 2021, 98.1% achieved a career outcome. Of these, 93.5% were working full time or part time and 4.6% pursued additional education. For the 1.9% without a career outcome, they were still seeking. Virginia, Washington DC, and Maryland were the most popular areas for advanced degree candidates to work. Of those working in Virginia, 32.2% worked in the in Northern Virginia, 31.0% worked in the Shenandoah Valley and 23.3% worked in Central Virginia.

The full career outcomes report is available at [www.jmu.edu/career](http://www.jmu.edu/career).