



First Destination Career Outcomes Report Class of 2025

College of Arts and Letters

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Part 1: Data on Bachelor's Degree Recipients

Major	Total in Major	Knowledge Rate	Working	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
Anthropology	9	55.6%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Communication Studies	281	85.4%	92.5%	5.0%	2.1%	0.4%
English	40	87.5%	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%
History	61	75.4%	45.7%	50.0%	4.3%	0.0%
International Affairs	50	68.0%	70.6%	26.5%	2.9%	0.0%
Justice Studies	56	80.4%	77.7%	15.6%	6.7%	0.0%
Media Arts and Design	193	79.8%	88.4%	5.8%	5.8%	0.0%
Modern Foreign Lang	8	75.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Philosophy and Religion	8	37.5%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Science	116	69.8%	65.4%	30.9%	3.7%	0.0%
Public Administration	48	72.9%	65.7%	34.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Sociology	41	53.7%	81.8%	18.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Writing Rhet & Tech Comm	34	79.4%	92.6%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0%
CAL Total	945	77.6%	80.5%	16.1%	3.3%	0.1%

CAL Highlights	Highest	Lowest	Largest: Communication Studies (281)
Knowledge Rate	87.5%, English (40)	37.5%, Philosophy and Religion (8)	85.4%
Working	100.0%, Anthropology (9); Modern Foreign Lang (8)	33.3%, Philosophy and Religion (8)	92.5%
Continuing Education	66.7%, Philosophy and Religion (8)	0.0%, Anthropology (9); Modern Foreign Lang (8)	5.0%

College	Total in Major	Knowledge Rate	Working	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
Arts and Letters	945	77.6%	80.5%	16.1%	3.3%	0.1%
Health & Behavioral Studies	1386	69.2%	60.6%	37.4%	2.0%	0.0%
Integrated Science & Engineering	479	76.0%	79.1%	14.6%	6.3%	0.0%
Business	1180	91.4%	78.9%	12.9%	7.9%	0.3%
Education	208	72.6%	80.8%	14.6%	4.6%	0.0%
Science & Math	272	66.2%	65.6%	26.1%	8.3%	0.0%
Visual & Performing Arts	237	60.8%	70.2%	23.6%	6.2%	0.0%
Professional & Continuing Education	150	62.0%	80.6%	16.1%	2.2%	1.1%
University Studies	27	66.7%	77.8%	11.1%	11.1%	0.0%
JMU Undergraduate Overall	4884	76.2%	73.7%	21.2%	5.0%	0.1%

Part 2: Data on Advanced Degree Recipients

Major	Total in Major	Knowledge Rate	Working	Continuing Education	Still Seeking	Not Seeking
Communication and Advocacy	14	64.3%	88.9%	0.0%	11.1%	0.0%
English	7	42.9%	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%
History	10	60.0%	83.3%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Political Science	18	88.9%	87.6%	6.2%	6.2%	0.0%
Public Administration	12	91.7%	72.7%	27.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Writing Rhet & Tech Comm	12	91.7%	90.9%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%
CAL Total	73	76.7%	83.9%	10.7%	5.4%	0.0%

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Arts and Letters	73	76.7%	83.9%	10.7%	5.4%	0.0%
Health & Behavioral Studies	231	67.1%	86.5%	11.6%	1.9%	0.0%
Integrated Science & Engineering	18	72.2%	84.6%	7.7%	7.7%	0.0%
Business	146	89.0%	77.7%	22.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Education	153	77.8%	81.5%	18.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Science & Math	19	89.5%	88.2%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%
Visual & Performing Arts	15	53.3%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
JMU Graduate Overall	655	76.0%	82.9%	15.7%	1.4%	0.0%

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 2025, the UCC collected data on 76.2% of bachelor's-degree recipients and 76.0% of advanced-degree recipients.

Of bachelor's-degree recipients in the Class of 2025, 94.9% achieved a career outcome. 73.7% of these graduates went to work, while 21.2% continued their education. For those without a career outcome, 5.0% were still seeking employment or education, and the remaining 0.1% were not engaged or not seeking. The most popular areas for work included Virginia, Washington, D.C., New York, New Jersey and Maryland. Of those graduates working in Virginia, 41.8% were working in Northern Virginia, 27.5% were in Central Virginia, and 17.6% were working in the Shenandoah Valley. Health professions, business/management, education, psychology and public administration were the most popular pursuits in continuing education programs.

For advanced-degree recipients in the Class of 2025, 98.6% achieved a career outcome. Of these, 82.9% were working and 15.7% were pursuing additional education. Of the 1.4% without a career outcome, all 1.4% were still seeking. Virginia, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, New York and Pennsylvania were the most popular areas for advanced-degree recipients to work. Of those working in Virginia, 38.0% work in the Shenandoah Valley, 30.0% work in Northern Virginia and 21.7% work in Central Virginia.

The full career outcome report is available at www.jmu.edu/career.