



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Exchange at James Madison University

James Madison University is proud to offer exchange opportunities to students who attend our partner universities. Our exchange program allows students to study one or two semesters at our campus. Incoming exchange students will be able to take courses within many of the majors that are offered here. Credits earned during the exchange period will be transferred back to your academic institution.

JMU has a strong support staff that will be able to assist you throughout your Exchange experience. From starting your application, to course enrollment, to orientation, we are here to assist you! Our team within the JMU Center for Global Engagement will do our best to make sure you have a rewarding experience while at JMU.

At James Madison University, there are many free resources available for our international students. The English Language Learning Center offers free tutoring, English proficiency programs, and assistance with academic and cultural transitions. Many students get involved with our over 350 student clubs and organizations. Our office, the Center for Global Engagement, offers many programs and activities throughout the year such as Culture Nights, International Week, career workshops, and many other cultural and social programs!

Set in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, JMU is a tight-knit community of 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students and 4,000 faculty and staff who come from across the country and around the world. Only two hours from Washington D.C., JMU is fast becoming one of the nation's leading lights in higher education. That's because students enjoy unusually engaged relationships with world-class faculty who are at JMU because they want to pursue knowledge and teach talented students. JMU students, faculty and alumni are using equal parts intellect and action to succeed in every sort of pursuit: they're boosting innovation and discovery, leading in business, advancing culture, improving health care, reforming education, renewing civil society, competing in athletics — they're *Being the Change*® in every imaginable way!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of University	James Madison University
Exchange Program Office	The Center for Global Engagement
Mailing address	The Center for Global Engagement James Madison University MSC 5731 100 E. Grace Street Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807
Contact Information	Office Location: 2 nd Floor, Holland Yates Hall Office Phone: +1-540-568-5209 Fax: +1-540-568-3301 Email: InternationalExchange@jmu.edu Website: www.jmu.edu/global
Exchange Coordinators	Ms. Marlee Meikrantz Sharp - Inbound Email: meikramk@jmu.edu Phone: +1-540-568-7172 Ms. Donna Sharpes - Outbound Email: sharpedv@jmu.edu Phone: +1-540-568-3740
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Exchange website	http://bit.ly/jmu-inbound-exchange



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester dates	Mid-August until mid-December (Includes orientation & exam week)
Spring Semester dates	Mid-January until mid-May (Includes exam week)
Academic Calendar Website	http://www.jmu.edu/registrar/academiccalendars.shtml

ACADEMICS

Course Selection	When applying, the student will be able to select a list of preferred courses they would like to take. The collected information will be used to enroll you in courses. <i>Please note that all preferred courses are not guaranteed.</i>
Areas of Study	https://www.jmu.edu/academics/undergraduate/majors/index.shtml
Restricted Areas of Study	Nursing, Medicine, Hospitality/tourism management, College of Business (including economics, finance, accounting, administration, management, marketing, etc.) <i>These areas are not open to exchange students.</i>
Course Descriptions	http://www.jmu.edu/catalog
Credits Required	Students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits per semester to be considered full-time.

APPLICATION & ADMISSION

Application Procedure:	All interested students must first be nominated by their home institution. Once the home university has notified JMU of their nominated students, the exchange program coordinator at JMU will provide access to the online JMU application. Once the JMU application has been completed, the student will receive their official acceptance via email and also an acceptance packet via post mail. This packet will include information regarding attaining your visa.			
Important Application Dates	Nomination Deadline (Fall & Academic Year): <i>*Spring semester only by special request</i>	March 1 – University Exchange Coordinators, please complete the nomination form online. The following information is needed for each student nomination: name, as found on passport; date, city, and country of birth; country of citizenship and legal permanent residence; physical and email address; phone number; exchange term requested; and major/area of study.		
	Application Deadline:	April 1		
	Admission announced:	May 1		
Supporting Application Documents	1. Personal Statement 2. Official Transcript 3. Proof of Financial Evidence 4. Proof of English Language Proficiency 5. Passport Identity Page – Copy 6. Ten (10) course preferences			
English Language Requirements (see other test methods considered)	TOEFL	• 550 paper-based TOEFL • 81 Internet-based TOEFL	Duolingo	• Minimum score of 120
			IELTS	• 6.5 – 7

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Visa	Visa paperwork with instructions will be emailed to the student's JMU email account upon acceptance.
Health Insurance	Health Insurance is mandatory to purchase. This can be waived if covered by another health insurance plan for abroad and is proven to be equal in coverage. This process can be done upon the student's arrival.
Cost of Attendance	Please visit our website for the most up-to-date fees that exchange students are required to pay: http://bit.ly/jmu-inbound-exchange
Orientation	For Fall semester, students will attend an orientation the week prior to classes. <i>(Those with special permission to enter Spring semester will have a one-day orientation before classes begin.)</i> Specific dates will be provided within acceptance packet.
Airport Transportation	Information will be provided on transportation from the Dulles International Airport, in Washington DC, to Harrisonburg, VA. Transportation dates and times will be included in the student's acceptance packet.