School of School

Arts for the real world



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY



WAYLAND HALL ARTS LEARNING COMMUNITY

Sponsored by JMU's College of Visual and Performing Arts, Wayland Hall is home to a thriving arts living-learning community that embodies an ethic of interdisciplinary collaboration. Designed as a flexible space for performance and practice, the residence features many dynamic areas, including a main performance space that accommodates up to 90 people. As a member of the Arts Learning Community, students participate in a one-credit seminar class

that emphasizes artists as citizen leaders.

- Classic bluestone, renovated in 2011
- Arts community for first year students
- A variety of flexible spaces, including:
 - One, two and three-bedroom dorms
 - Individual music practice rooms
 - Performance and exhibition space
 - Student art gallery and studio
 - Study and recreation spaces
- Nation's first renovated residence hall to achieve LEED Platinum certification for sustainable design







FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

As the premier destination for the arts in the Shenandoah Valley, the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts serves students by providing them with access to first-class venues for curricular and educational purposes. Students have opportunities to work with nationally-recognized guest artists, and award-winning faculty, students and alumni. The Forbes Center was designed to encourage creative synergy between faculty and students. Please visit jmuforbescenter.com to see a list of shows for the upcoming school year.

- 175,000-square-foot facility in the heart of JMU's campus
- Over 250 student performances each school year
- 5 state-of-the-art performance venues:
 - 600-seat Concert Hall
 - 196-seat Recital Hall
 - 450-seat Mainstage Theatre
 - 200-seat Earlynn J. Miller Dance Theatre
 - 200-seat flexible, black box Studio Theatre





TOP 20 MUSIC PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. - COLLEGEFACTUAL.COM

TOP 25 MOST AMAZING CAMPUS ARTS CENTERS

91%
FRESHMAN
RETENTION RATE

ur graduates are equipped with all the tools they need to transform the power of their knowledge into action. That action—teaching, performing, leading, researching, creating—makes a direct impact on the world every day.

Join us and experience the power of the JMU School of Music.

The School of Music offers a comprehensive program that strives for the highest quality in music performance, education and academic study. The curriculum includes music theory, music history, applied study, ensemble participation and concentration-specific courses. Many of our professors are widely known as concert performers, researchers, pedagogues, composers and conductors. Additionally, the School of Music seeks to provide cultural benefits for the surrounding community. The School of Music is accredited by NASM.

Each year, JMU music students have the opportunity to work with numerous master class professionals. Recent guest artists include Pat Metheny, Chick Corea, Denyce Graves, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and The King's Singers. Our Music Education program is one of the largest in Virginia, and many of the state's music teachers are JMU alumni.





SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

25 STUDENT MUSIC CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

16:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO





ENSEMBLES

30 large and small ensembles, including:

- Brass Band
- Collegium Musicum
- Jazz Ensembles and Combos
- Madison Singers and Chorale
- Marching Royal Dukes
- Monticello Strings
- Opera Theater
- Percussion Ensemble
- Symphony Orchestra
- Wind Symphony

PERFORMANCE

Nationally-recognized faculty, small class sizes, and state-of-the art facilities give our performance majors the tools they need to be versatile and successful graduates.

- Private lessons with professors in all disciplines
- Music performance areas of study:
 - Brass
- Strings
- Percussion
- Voice
- Piano
- Woodwinds







COMPOSITION

The Composition program stresses form, harmony, counterpoint and orchestration, but also emphasizes developing a personal creative style. Students learn from recognized composers in the Contemporary Music Festival, and get to have their work performed by the Madison Modern Music Ensemble, a student-faculty group dedicated to new works.

MUSIC EDUCATION

The Music Education program offers both instrumental and vocal concentrations. The program is a state-approved licensure program for K-12 music educators.

- Primary, secondary and broad-based instrumental and vocal training
- Full semester of student teaching
- Specialized teaching certifications
- Music and Human Services minor







JAZZ

The JMU Jazz program offers a comprehensive curriculum, including courses in improvisation, jazz theory and history, arranging and composition, and private lesson instruction.

Highlights of the program include:

- Study abroad program in Montreal
- Regular, local gig opportunities
- Annual JMU George West Jazz Festival
- Opportunities in both big band and jazz combo

MUSIC INDUSTRY

The Music Industry program offers a broad course of study suiting the needs of a diverse profession.

Program graduates land a wide variety of jobs in music businesses including:

- Concert production companies
- Major and independent record labels
- Radio and television stations
- Music copyright firms
- Music business entrepreneurs

