

Madison Online

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Here at Madison Online we continue to be excited about keeping the JMU community up to date with the latest online learning news. Whether you teach online or are just thinking of teaching online, or have some other role to play in managing or supporting online teaching and learning, there is something in each issue for you. If you have any feedback on any of our newsletters, or wish to suggest content you would like to see included, please let us know by contacting onlinelearning@jmu.edu or by clicking the feedback link in the footer below.

Around Campus

Easier Off-Campus Access to Library Resources

This summer, the libraries of JMU not only simplified their name to JMU Libraries but have implemented an easier way of accessing resources from off campus. Access to JMU Libraries' resources requires verifying your active status with JMU. There are now 3 options available:

- OpenAthens (new & in beta testing)
 - A majority of our resources are available with this option but there are a few that are still in process.
 - No software to install
 - Login with eID, password and Duo
 - Only provides access to library resources
 - Instructions: [Video Tutorial](#) – [Text Instructions](#)
 - Need Help? Contact [JMU Libraries](#) or [LET Support](#) (for Canvas-related questions)
- Pulse Secure (slight change)
 - Best option for accessing ALL JMU Libraries from off-campus.
 - Requires installation and configuration of VPN software.
 - Duo is now an additional step in the sign-in process via the secondary password request
 - Instructions: [Video Tutorial](#) – [Text Instructions](#)
 - Need Help? Contact [IT HelpDesk](#)
- JMU Libraries Proxy (no change)
 - Backup option if Pulse Secure does not work with your computer
 - Instructions: [Text Instructions](#)
 - Need Help? Contact [JMU Libraries](#)

Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference

JMU's annual event showcasing best practices for using technology to support student learning will take place, Monday, October 29, 2018. Educators and technologists from K-12 and Higher Education are encouraged to attend. Visit the [registration page](#) for more information.



Online Course Evaluation

2018-19 Evaluation Schedule

A large majority of our students -- 80% are now completing course evaluations through the "Blue" online course evaluation system. If your course evaluations are administered through [Blue](#), please review the [2018-2019 Online Evaluation schedule](#). The schedule includes dates you can add your own questions to the evaluation, when the evaluations will be available to your students, and when you can expect to see the results.

Maintain Good Online Response Rates

To maintain good response rates, consider the following methods: 1) [move "Course Evaluation Tasks" to your Canvas course navigation menu](#), and 2) use the Date and Time Control feature (for instructions, contact Donna Davis, the Evaluation Application Administrator at 568.7697 or davisdy@jmu.edu).

JMU Welcomes New Associates

ODS

Brittany Dioszeghy, M.A./Ed.S. was hired in August 2018 in the new Assistant Director position within the Office of Disability Services. She graduated with her Master of Arts and Educational Specialist degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from JMU.

JMU Libraries

Aaron Noland is the new Director of Assessment & Planning for JMU Libraries. Aaron joins the Libraries with a PhD in Strategic Leadership and years of experience teaching in the School of Communication Studies.

College of Education

Visiting Scholar: Dr. Yonghua Feng is joining us from College of Education at Henen University in China and working with our Instructional Design and Technology (IDT) team. Dr. Feng will study educational technology, curriculum and instruction, educational evaluation and assessment, and K-12 teacher education during the 2018-19 academic year.

Madison Online Website Resources

New JMU Website and Workgroup on State Authorization for Out-of-State Learning Activities

JMU must be compliant with federal and state regulations around offering and providing learning activities within the U.S. states and territories outside of Virginia. Toward that end, the Madison Online group has launched a State Authorization Compliance Workgroup and a [State Authorization website](#).

The State Authorization Compliance Workgroup was recently formed to help ensure that JMU is in compliance with state and federal regulations around out-of-state learning activities. Out-of-state learning activities include online learning for students located outside of Virginia, and experiential learning placements located outside of Virginia. In addition, any program designed to lead to professional licensure falls under these regulations, which require institutions to adequately inform students of state-related licensure issues. Members of the workgroup might be contacting your department for information.

The first phase of a new JMU State Authorization website was launched in late August. The purpose of this phase is to ensure that students who participate in JMU learning activities outside of Virginia (but within the U.S.) have easy access to important consumer protection information, complaint procedures, and procedures around professional licensure. The direct link to the Student Policies and Notifications site is <http://www.jmu.edu/online/state-authorization/student-policies/index.shtml>. Please feel free to review the content and share it with students who should be aware of the information.

Use JMU Public Search for Online Classes

To search for online classes without having to login to MyMadison, you can use JMU's public Class Search tool. Go to <http://www.jmu.edu/online/class-search.shtml> for instructions.

National News: National Distance Learning Week ~ November 5 - 9

The purpose of National Distance Learning Week (NDLW) is to generate greater awareness and appreciation for distance learning, including K-12, Higher Education, Corporate and Military, while recognizing leaders and best practices in the field. It is sponsored by the US Distance Learning Association, which has been in existence since 1987. For more information about National Distance Learning Week and USDLA, go to <https://www.usdla.org/2018-ndlw-2018/>. Several webinars and other events are scheduled throughout the week.

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