

Summer Springboard College of Arts and Letters

College of Arts and Letters

- Offers a broad liberal arts education that connects students with the community and the world and provides the tools for success in the 21st century workplace
- Develops oral and written communication, problem-solving, research, and creative thinking skills
- Blends a small liberal arts college experience with the diverse opportunities provided by a large comprehensive university—including hands-on mentoring from a faculty dedicated to teaching and advancing scholarship

Overview of the College

By the Numbers

3,500 students

265 faculty members

- 78% with a terminal degree
- 49% women/51% men
- 25% from underrepresented populations

10 academic departments

60+ minors

Two pre-professional programs: pre-law & pre-theology



Areas of Study

Anthropology and Sociology

Communication Studies

English

Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Justice Studies

History

Political Science, International Affairs, & Public Policy and Administration

Media Arts and Design

Philosophy and Religion

Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

Opportunities for Engaged Learning

Undergraduate Research Opportunities

Opportunities to work closely with faculty members on research projects

Nearly 20% of CAL majors present at local, regional, or national conferences, including the National Conference for Undergraduate Research

CAL supports the MadRush undergraduate research conference

The Networked Humanities: A Digital Humanities Initiative at JMU

Walking Tours: Historical Harrisonburg
By Professor Friss' Urban History Class

To listen to an audio podcast, mouse over the title and click Play. Open iTunes to download and subscribe to podcasts.

Description
The Harrisonburg Walking Tour Project provides audio podcasts of historical landmarks in Harrisonburg, Virginia, part of a course on Urban History at JMU taught by Professor Evan Friss. Undergraduate students selected historic sites, conducted archival research, and narrated these podcasts that can help guide you on a memorable tour of Harrisonburg.

Name	Description	Released	Price
1. LYNWORKS Sculpture	---	11/20/2010	Free
2. Anthony-Seeger Hall at JMU	Class of second grade	11/20/2010	Free
3. Ruby's Arcade	Located on S. Main St.	11/20/2010	Free
4. Willard House	A photo of the first gr...	10/13/2010	Free
5. Local Chop & Grill House...	If you want to know th...	10/13/2010	Free
6. Denton's Building	Denton's was...	10/13/2010	Free
7. Harrisonburg farmer's Ma...	By the side of the road...	10/13/2010	Free

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For more information about the project or to share comments or ask questions, please contact Professor Friss.

The Walking Tours Podcast

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Virginia Woolf
in time and space

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Implications of the 1908 London Olympics
03 Mar 2015 / Meghan Malloy

London, England — The 1908 Olympiad in London affected more than just the athletes competing in the games. These Olympic games held vast political implications...

National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies
04 Mar 2015 / Carren Gillens

February 1918 — Two leading groups majorly influenced the Women's Suffrage Movement in England: the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies (NUWSS) and the Women's...

Marie C. Stopes and the First Birth Control Clinic in London
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Marie C. Stopes was a feminist pioneer and a firm believer that women should be able to enjoy the privileges of sexual freedom and pleasure...

Innovative Courses



"Innovating the Archives"
ENG 302/GRAPH 392/HON 300/WRTC 328



"Community Innovations"
IPE 490 (Sec 3)/PPA 483/WRTC 328



"Hacking for Defense"
ENGR 498, POSC 361

Study Abroad & Internships



Student Clubs and Organizations

Student Media (Breeze, Bluestone, Gardy Loo)

Simulations (International Model African Union, Model European Union, Moot Court)

Debate and speech teams

Disciplinary Clubs (SMAD Club, Advertising Club, Rhetoric Society of America Society for Technical Communication, Public Relations Student Society of America, Public Affairs Student Organization)

Honorary fraternities



Student Clubs and Organizations

Honorary fraternities

- Phi Beta Kappa
- Phi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Tau Delta (English)
- Phi Sigma Iota, Sigma Delta Pi (Foreign Languages)
- Phi Alpha Theta (History)
- Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy)
- Theta Alpha Kappa (Religion)
- Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology)
- Lambda Alpha (Anthropology)



Liberal Arts in the Working World

○ JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY ○

Alumni Profile



- Sawyer Hackett ('14)
- Deputy national press secretary to 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Julián Castro
- Major: Political Science

Alumni Profile



- Sarah Delia ('12)
- Award-winning reporter and podcast host for "She Says" on WFAE, Charlotte, NC's NPR news source
- Major: English, Art History

Alumni Profile



- Nanfei Liu ('17)
- Social Media Manager at James Madison University
- Major: Communication Studies (Public Relations)

Alumni Engagement

CAL Career Conference

Disciplinary specific career
engagement

- SMAD Day
- Political Science Alumni Day

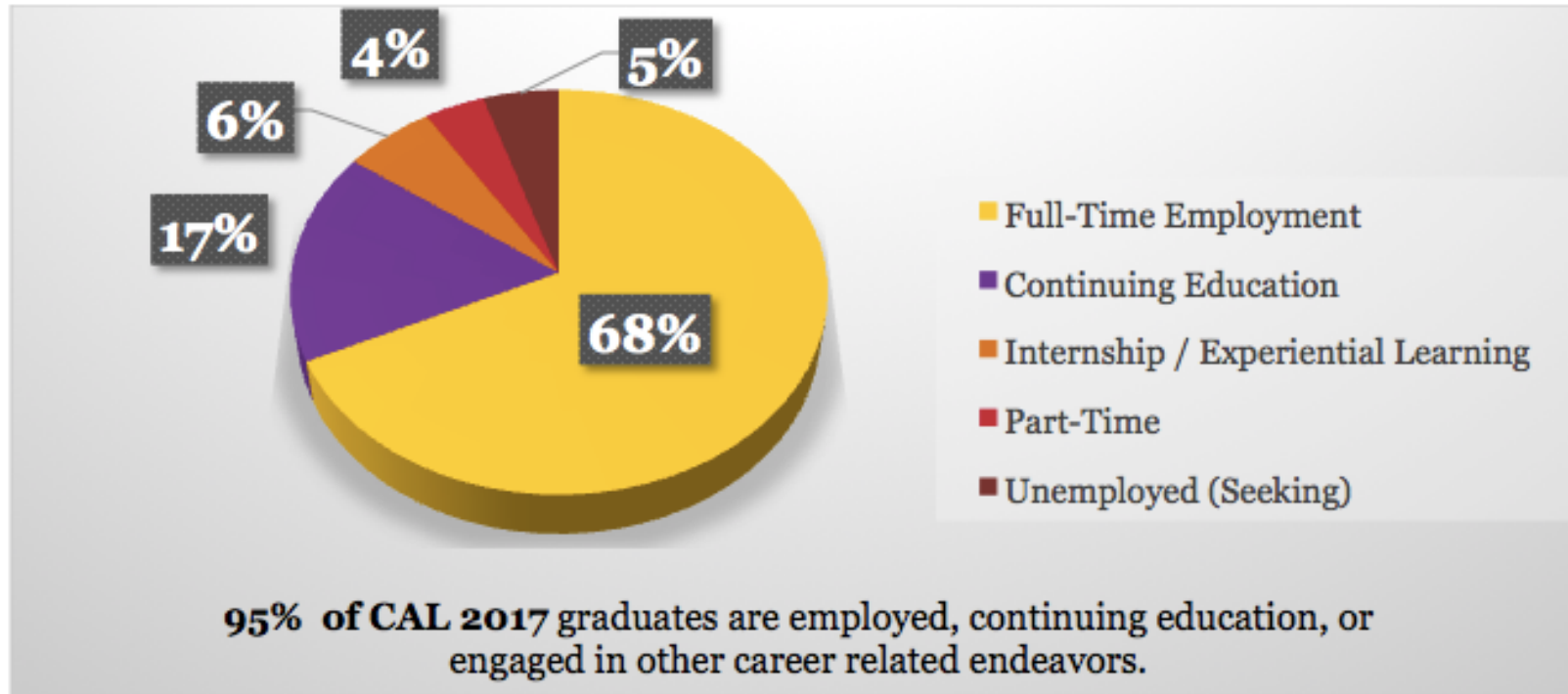


Skills that Matter

Forbes recently ran the following list of most important job skills for students heading in to the work force. The 10 skills employers say they seek, in order of importance:

1. Ability to work in a team
2. Ability to make decisions and solve problems
3. Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
4. Ability to communicate verbally with people inside and outside an organization
5. Ability to obtain and process information
6. Ability to analyze quantitative data
7. Technical knowledge related to the job
8. Proficiency with computer software programs
9. Ability to create and/or edit written reports
10. Ability to sell and influence others

Career Outcomes



**Source: JMU's Registrar's Office, includes Aug / Dec 2016 and May 2017 graduates*

Welcome to the College on the Quad!

Questions?