University Studies

Why do you need a Dean’s Office?

Role of the Office

• Dean’s List
• Transferring Credits
• Answering Questions
Undeclared Students

About 13% of all incoming first year students

Declare a major anytime between NOW and ....the third Friday of your sophomore year

Discuss interests with advisor
Graduation Requirements

Credits

- General Education Program: 41
- Major/Pre-professional program: 33-84
- Elective or Minor
- Degree Requirements
Academic Expectations

• Strong commitment to a foundational *liberal arts* education - 41 Credits (General Education)

• Strong commitment to *engagement* and *applying learning in the real world*
JMU Majors

33-84 credit hours: Great amount of variation between majors and in the number of credits required

- Second Major
- Minor(s)
- Electives
Major Snapshots

JMU Major

• Description of Major
• Degree(s) Offered
• Concentrations
• Minors
• Declaring Major
• Progressing in the Major

Important Links

• Homepage
• Catalog Requirements
• Careers

http://www.jmu.edu/advising/majors/major-snapshots.shtml
Accounting
Anthropology
Architectural Design
Art History
Biology
Biophysical Chemistry
Biotechnology
Chemistry
Communication Sciences and Disorders
Communication Studies
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Dietetics
Earth Science
Economics

Engineering
Elementary Education
English
Finance
Geographic Science
Geology
Graphic Design
Health Sciences
Health Services Administration
History
Hospitality Management
Inclusive Early Childhood Education
Industrial Design
Independent Scholars
Integrated Science and Technology
Intelligence Analysis
Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies
International Affairs
International Business
Justice Studies
Kinesiology
Management
Marketing
Mathematics
Media Arts and Design
Middle Education
Modern Foreign Languages
Music
Nursing
Philosophy and Religion

Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Public Policy and Administration
Quantitative Finance
Secondary Education
Social Work
Sociology
Sport and Recreation Management
Statistics
Studio Art
Theatre and Dance
Undeclared
Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication
Minors and concentrations

- Majors often have multiple *tracks* or *concentrations*, each with its own focus.

- JMU has nearly 90 different *minors*—these are a great way to broaden knowledge and add professional expertise.
Admission into a MAJOR

Open Major
- Good academic standing

Talent based programs
- Audition / Portfolio

Progression Standards
- Prerequisite Courses
- GPA requirements

Absolute Size Limits
- Not guaranteed admission
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• Accept responsibility for your own learning and rise to academic challenges
  • Demonstrate intellectual curiosity
    • Ask questions
    • Come to class prepared
    • Attend office hours
    • Get to know your professors
    • Seek help (Learning Resource Centers)

• Many majors have specific performance expectations, for example, GPA requirements for core courses
  • Start strong!
  • Know you are prepared!
  • We expect you to be successful here!
Undeclared = Intentionally Exploring
Advising for Undeclared Students

• Assigned to a full-time, professional career and academic advisor
• You will stay with your advisor for most of your first year
• Emphasis on helping you make good decisions
• The decision on what major to pursue is yours
• Access to full range of resources and tools
Talk to your advisor
Make exploring options a priority this year

UNST 102 – Career and Academic Planning Course
1-credit elective | Block course (1/2 semester)
Make exploring a priority this year
Career Guide to JMU Majors

Overview
More About the Field
Specialization
Research Careers

Careers
Who Employs Graduates?
Internships and Experiential Opportunities
Complementary Majors and Minors

http://www.jmu.edu/cap/careerguide
Career Readiness Competencies*

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communications
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency

*National Association of Colleges and Employers
QUESTIONS?