



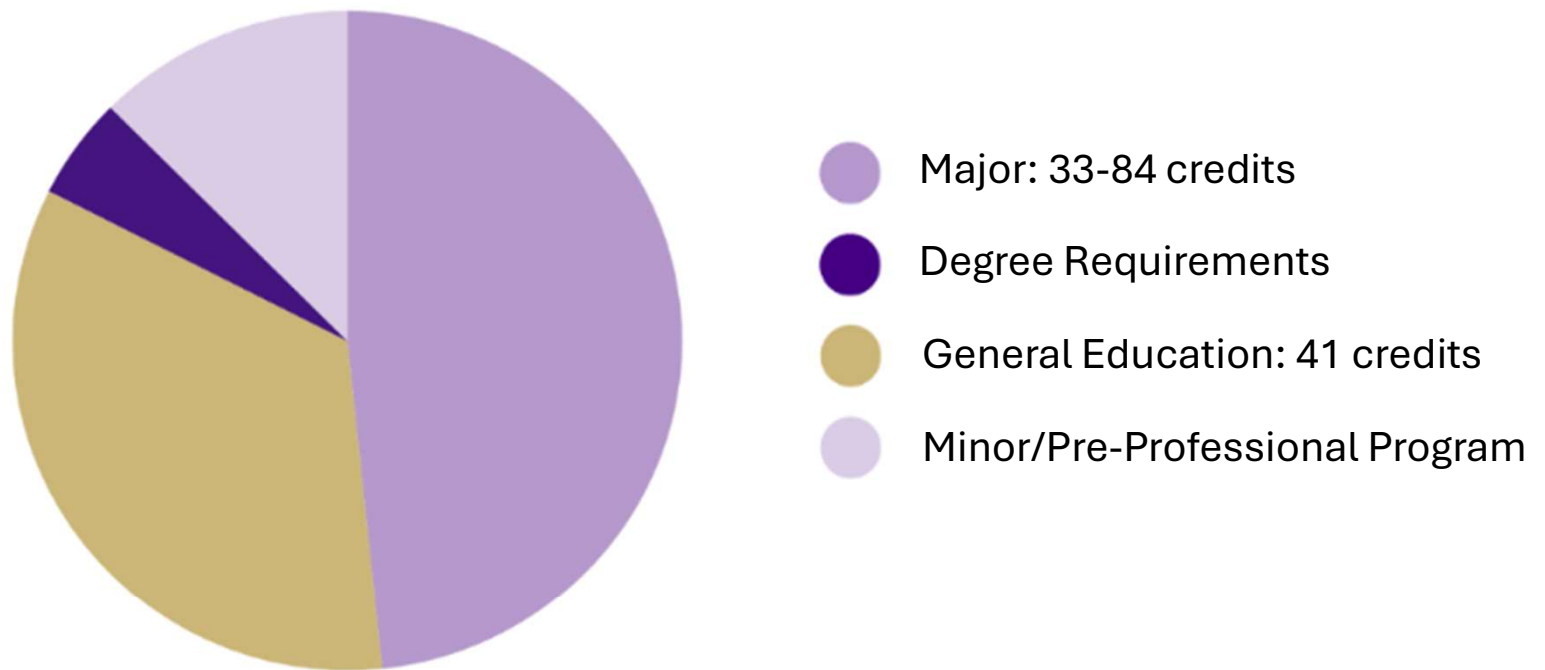
Academic Success & Advising

JMU Values a *Strong* Commitment to...

- A foundational **liberal arts** education
 - Broad knowledge of the wider world will prepare you to deal with complexity, diversity & change
- **Engagement** during your time here
 - Civic, community & learning
- Applying learning in the **real world**
 - E.g., internships, service learning, study abroad, student research



Graduation Requirements



Skills that Employers Value

National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) list of **most valued career-readiness skills** (in order of importance):

1. Problem solving skills
2. Ability to work in a team structure
3. Strong work ethic
4. Analytical/quantitative skills
5. Communication skills (written)
6. Leadership
7. Communication skills (verbal)
8. Initiative
9. Detail-oriented
10. Technical skills
11. Flexibility/adaptability
12. Interpersonal skills

Career Development and Experiential Learning

- On-campus Honors & Research
- In-Class & Off-Campus Experiential Learning
 - Conference attendance
 - Working industry events
 - Site visits
- Career, Internships & Practicum Advising
 - Career & Internship Fairs
 - Resume & cover letter reviews
 - Interview preparation
- Service Projects



Bachelor's and Advanced-Degree Recipients

Class of 2024 Career Outcomes Overview

95.2% of Bachelor's and Advanced-Degree Recipients have a Career Outcome

Career Outcome	Bachelor's	Advanced Degree	All Graduates
Working	72.8%	92.4%	75.0%
Continuing Education	22.2%	4.3%	20.2%
Total with a Career Outcome	95.0%	96.7%	95.2%
Still Seeking (employment or education)	4.6%	3.1%	4.4%
Not Seeking (due to life event, travel, etc.)	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%
Total without a Career Outcome	5.0%	3.3%	4.8%

The data reflects knowledge of 3,482 bachelor's-degree recipients and 422 advanced-degree recipients, for a knowledge rate of 73.7%.

Secret to Success at JMU



Cultivate the higher ed academic mindset

- Plan when to study (multiply classroom time by 2)
- Identify each professor's specific expectations
- Reflect midway through (midterm grades in October)
- Strategize about managing email
- Think ahead – ex: study abroad; career planning
- Engage both inside AND outside of class



Engage in class

- Attend regularly
- Be prepared for class
- Read materials prior to coming to class
- Develop good study habits
- Track all due dates (planner, calendar, etc.)

More Secrets to Success



Seek out relationships with faculty and staff

- Find a mentor(s)
- Use advisor as a resource
- Go to faculty office hours
- Participate in faculty research



Find belonging by getting involved on campus

- Get to know faculty and staff
- Engage both inside and outside of class
- Balance fun and learning
- Take advantage of the campus recreation center
- Look into discipline-specific student organizations/clubs

Transition to College Coursework

The expectations regarding course work will be different from high school or previous institution.

- Increased independence
- Fewer (to no) reminders of assignment deadlines
- Learning strategies will need to change
 - Less emphasis on memorization
 - Will need to retain information beyond the first test
- Requires time management to balance time and studying
- Get yourself organized
- Ask for assistance!
- Assume responsibility for your own education



Tips for Engaging with Faculty

- Ask questions during class for clarification
- Seek assistance before it's too late
- Demonstrate professional behavior, both in person and in emails
- Don't be shy
- Learning about their teaching and research
- Consider their research opportunities
- Maintain the relationship
- Seek face-to-face interactions

How to Handle Academic Issues that Arise



Contact Faculty member directly

- Questions about assignments
- Strategies for success in a class
- When having difficulty in a class



Contact Academic Advisor

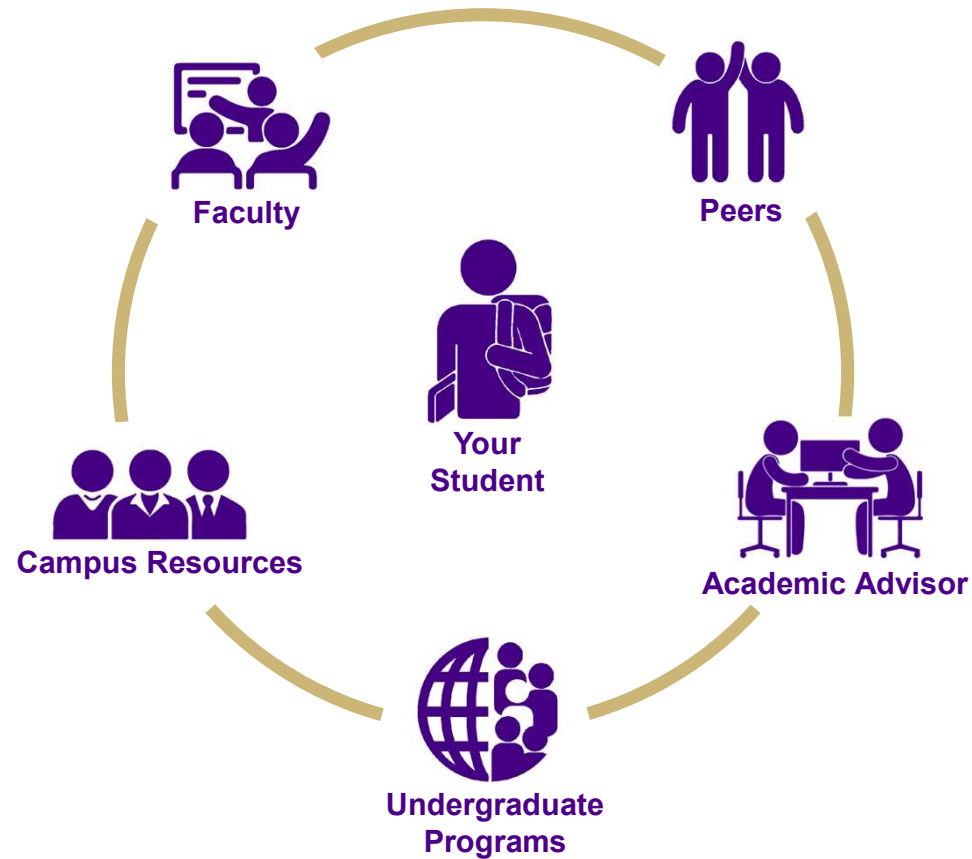
- Questions about your course schedule
- Changing majors
- Adding/dropping a major or minor



Contact Academic Unit Head

- Concerns with a faculty or staff member

Your Student's Success Network at JMU



The Office of Transfer Initiatives

We support students before, during, and after their transition to JMU.



Who are JMU's transfer students?

1 in 6 new students are transfers

75% are from Virginia

70% come from community colleges

50% earned associate degrees

1 in 6 graduates are transfer students



Top reasons students transfer to JMU

1.

Went to community college for affordability

2.

Went to community college to be close to home or build skills

3.

Transferring to JMU for a specific academic program

4.

My previous school wasn't the right fit



JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY.

*Transfers have the same opportunities
as any other JMU students.*

**though sometimes on a tighter timeline, which may mean they need to start planning now!*

High Impact College Experiences



Dukes Career Connections

JMU
University
Career Center

JMU
University Advising

*Transfer Students,
fast track your success!*

Aug. 13-15th

What will I gain from this experience?

- Connect with other Transfer Students starting to build your campus community before school even starts
- Gain support for your accelerated transition to the working world
- Complete assessments and fun activities that will tell you more about yourself
- Connect with local employers and alumni
- Learn about the University Career Center, University Advising, and other resources on campus that will help you gain skills for a successful job and internship search now and in the future!

Cost: FREE!

Registration is open NOW!

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Dukes Career Connections

Pre-Weeks of Welcome experience for transfers



New Dukes 101 Transfer Seminar



UNST 190 - 7101, 1 credit, 7 weeks

Topics:

- Finding your why and building on your strengths
- Belonging and finding community
- Networking
- Academic planning
- Career planning
- Campus resources





Study Abroad

- Programs:
 - Semester in London, Salamanca, Florence, Antwerp, Scotland
 - Internships in Spain, Germany, Guatemala, Ireland, New Zealand, Austria
 - Summer, spring break, and winter break programs for 10 days to 2 months
 - Exchange programs
 - Transfer Dukes Abroad in development!
- Application window: September 1 – November 1
- Study Abroad Fair: Wednesday, September 24
- www.jmu.edu/global/abroad



First Year Research Experience

- For new first-year or transfer students
- Students are matched with a faculty mentor for a research or creative inquiry project
- Paid position: work 5 hours per week during the spring semester
- Apply by November 15
- www.jmu.edu/research/student/fyre

Getting Involved

- Weeks of Welcome
 - Separate schedule for transfers
 - Kicks off with 2 full days on Aug. 18-19
- Transfer Tailgates
 - Student Org Night & other fall events
- National Transfer Student Week
 - October 20-24, 2025
- Transfer leadership
 - Transfer ambassadors
 - Panelists at Open Houses
- Follow us on Instagram
 - @jmutransfer



If a student needs a class this fall to be able to progress on time, we will help them find a seat.

*They may not be able to get their preferred day, time, or professor!

Important Transfer Policies

1) The 25% and 50% Rules

- At least 120 credits to graduate in most majors
- 60 from a 4-year school, 30 from JMU

2) The General Education waiver

- Gen Ed waived for Virginia associate degrees
- Others satisfy Gen Ed through course-by-course review

3) Appealing transfer credit

- When a class showing OOO credit may have a JMU equivalent
- Submit transfer credit reevaluation request + syllabus
- Remember: Elective credit is helpful credit!



Transfer Credit
Reevaluation
(student sign-in)

Transfer Tools

- **Transfer Enrollment Modules**

- An important step in the One Book
- Introduce students to JMU requirements and transfer credit

- **Transfer Credit Report**

- Shows how previous and current classes receive credit at JMU

- **Academic Requirements Report**

- Shows requirements based on major
- Shows how transfer coursework satisfies requirements
- Shows General Education waivers

Transfer Enrollment Modules - Fall 2025



JMU Transfer Enrollment

🚩 It's time to plan your class schedule for your first semester at JMU!

Welcome, transfer students! We are glad you have chosen JMU for the next step in your academic journey. As transfers, each of you had a unique path to JMU, which means you'll have unique needs as you choose classes for your first semester. **This Transfer Enrollment course is designed to help you understand your transfer credit, requirements for your major, and the courses you'll take at JMU.**

📋 Expectations

- **Materials:** This course includes a pre-advising survey and six learning modules. There is a lot of material here, so please take your time working through it.
- **Organization of this Course:**
 - Overview of transfer advising and pre-advising survey
 - Module 1: Understanding graduation requirements
 - Module 2: Understanding my transfer credit
 - Module 3: Math placement
 - Module 4: Do I need to take general education classes?
 - Module 5: What courses do I need for my major?
 - Module 6: Resources to help with course planning and registration
- **Expectations:** After completing each module, you'll take a short quiz to gain access to the next module. *Nothing in this course is graded!*



Supporting
Your JMU student



Tips for Family Members

Encourage your student to:

- Check JMU email daily
- Share updates with you
- Practice resilience
- Connect with their advisor (or us)
- Make the most of their JMU experience

Reinforce messages:

- Gen Ed & electives are good
- Send final transcripts



Questions

Resource Fair, 4-5 p.m., Student Success Center

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