

## College of Science and Mathematics

Driven By Discovery and Application



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY.



## Your College Home Glossary





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- **Dean:** The leader of the college.
- Academic Unit Head: The department head.
- Faculty: Your greatest asset and professor who teaches courses.
- Academic Advisor: "Guidance" counselor who works with you to reach your academic goals. Helps you with your class selection and credit requirements.



### Your Community



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#### Your Success and Support Network in CSM





### Who Are We?

#### **KNOWLEDGE, APPLICATION, INTEGRATION**

Discovery leads to new knowledge, applications, and solutions

- Biology
- **Biophysical Chemistry**
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science

- Geology
- Mathematics
- Physics
- $\circ$  Statistics





#### Who Are We?

#### Undergraduate Focus

You <u>are</u> mentees and collaborators with our faculty. You will learn by doing.

#### Community

You have a sense of ownership in our spaces and actions; we build and encourage student-faculty interaction in and out of the classroom.

#### Identity

You <u>are</u> scientists, mathematicians, and/or statisticians.

#### Outreach

You experience being STEM educators and communicators to both non-STEM and the K-12 community. We all learn together by teaching others.



#### **Cutting-edge Research**



- Course implementationHands-on scientific
  - exploration and discovery
    - Laboratories
    - Instrumentation

#### Industry

CSM career conferenceInternship opportunities

#### **Oratory Development**



- Colloquia, conferences, and symposia
  - on-campus
  - local

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- national
- international



<b>CSM BINGO</b> College of Science & Mathematics		
Common interest	Same	Same major
or hobby	home	or
as you	state	planned minor



#### Mentorship



- Teaching assistant (TA)
- Learning assistant (LA)
- Peer-assisted study session (PASS) leader

#### Engagement

- MadiSTEM
- ChemFest
- STEM Corps
- John C. Wells Planetarium
- And Many Others!

#### **Student Orgs**



- Geology Club
- Society of Physics Students (SPS)
- TriBeta
- AXE
- And Many More!



### **Resources For Success**

#### **Science and Math Learning Center**





**Student Success Center** 

#### **Peer Assisted Study Sessions**





#### Math & Stat Learning Suite



**Liaison Librarians** 



**Faculty and Staff** 



### **Tips for Success**





#### Welcome Home!

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## Your College Home Guide

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Get Involved
Resources For Success
Tips For Success



## Welcome Home!



For contact information by major/department:



https://bit.ly/csmcontact



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#### **Newer Programs:**

- Concentration in **Data Science** (within Statistics major)
- Minor in **Climate Science**
- Minor in **Computational Analytics**





# Become actively involved in cutting-edge research

- Instrumentation
- Laboratories
- Field-focused research opportunities
- Computational facilities
- Teaching opportunities





#### Become immersed in the fastpaced industry landscape

- Internship Opportunities
- Networking Events
- Industry Workshops
- CSM Career Conference
- Biotechnology Program





# How do you get involved with opportunities?

- CUREs Course-based Undergraduate Research
   Experiences
- Inquiry based learning approaches
- Departmental seminars and symposium
- Career conference & fairs: Internships





Farter Snakes Cloacae using Microbial Metagenomics

ow, Madalynn Foley, and Sofia Biryukova James Madison University

Results

#### Participate in on-campus, local, national, and international conferences and symposia.

- REUs: NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates
- SUMS: Shenandoah Undergraduate
   Mathematics & Statistics Conference
- Department Colloquia and Symposia



#### Tell YOUR story...

- <u>What</u> are you learning from your classroom and other academic experiences?
- <u>**How</u>** will you convey your experiences to employers and/or graduate schools?</u>
- <u>**How</u>** will you communicate your experiences with the general public?</u>





#### Orgs, Clubs, & Groups

- Assoc. for Women Geoscientists (AWG)
- Assoc. for Women in Mathematics (AWM)
- Assoc. of Environmental and Engineering Geologists
- Biology Students of Color (BIOSOC)
- JMU Geology Club
- National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCChE)
- Society of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)
- Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SAACS)
- Society of Physics Students (SPS)
- o CSM Student Council





#### **Students mentoring students**

 Become a Teaching Assistant (TA), Learning Assistant (LA), or a Peer Assisted Study Session (PASS) Leader

And be sure to attend department, major, and college social events!





# Give back to and learn from your community

- madiSTEM: Making a Difference in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
- o ChemFest
- Center for STEM Education & Outreach
- o John C. Wells Planetarium
- STEM nights
- And Many Others!





#### Don't Limit Yourself!

- Many employment options
- Many paths to success
- Keep your mind open and ask questions about next steps





#### Resources

- **o** Career Center
- First year advisor (now)
- Major advisor (spring)
- **Department head**
- Faculty instructors
- Industry liaison
- CSM Career Conference (fall)
- Scholarship community

