

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.

Previous
school
wasn't the
right fit



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Transfers have the same opportunities as any other JMU students.

*though sometimes on a tighter timeline, so encourage them to start planning early!



High impact college experiences

Encourage your student to pursue opportunities in their major, in a passion area, or in transfer!

Dukes Career Connections

JMU
University
Career Center

JMU
NEXT
TRANSFER ADVISING

*Transfer Students,
fast track your success!*

Aug. 19-21st

What will I gain from this experience?

- Connect with other Transfer Students!
- Get Career Support
- Free Career and Self Assessments
- Network with Employers & Alumni
- Connect with the Career Center and Campus Resources

Cost: FREE!

Registration is open NOW!

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Dukes Career Connections

Pre-Weeks of Welcome experience for transfers



New Dukes 101

Course for transfers

UNST 110 - 7104, 1 credit, 7 weeks

Topics:

- Finding your why
- Getting involved
- Campus resources
- Academic planning
- Networking
- Career planning

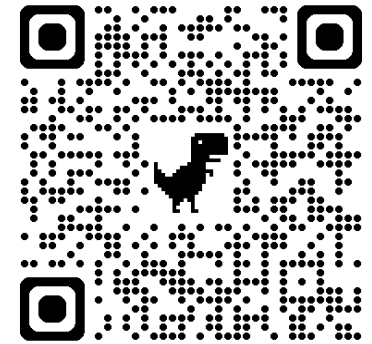


Transfer student mentoring & events

Meet the Transfer Ambassadors!

- Mentor new transfer students
- Manage JMU Transfer social media
 - Follow us on Instagram @jmutransfer
- Host Transfer Tailgates
 - Student Org Night
 - University Career Fair
 - Transfer Appreciation Week
 - Transfer pickleball and cooking class

More info
about DCC,
UNST 110
and transfer
mentoring





Transfer advising & enrollment recap

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!

Advising at JMU

- **Advising during the summer transition**
 - Students are assigned advisors in their major with transfer expertise
 - Advising and registration are underway
 - Advisors provide support with:
 - Setting goals
 - Understanding transfer credit
 - Registering for classes
 - Planning for research, internships, and other engagement
 - Accessing resources
- **Advising in the fall semester and beyond**
 - Students may keep their advisor or be reassigned
 - Students are expected to seek out their advisor

Making sense of transfer credit

- **Transfer Enrollment Modules**
 - Explains degree requirements, transfer credit policies, and more
- **Transfer Credit Report**
 - Shows how previous and current classes have been awarded credit at JMU
- **Academic Requirements Report**
 - Shows all required courses for their major and degree
 - Shows how courses or credentials from previous colleges and JMU satisfy requirements

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!

Important transfer policies



Transfer Credit
Reevaluation
(student sign-in)

1) The 25% and 50% rules

- At least 120 credits to graduate in most majors
- 50% from a 4-year school, 25% from JMU

2) Fulfilling General Education requirements

- Will satisfy some Gen Ed through course-to-course transfer
- Virginia community college credentials waive some or all Gen Ed

3) Appealing transfer credit

- When a class has been posted as an elective (OOO), but it appears JMU may have a similar course
- Submit transfer credit reevaluation request + syllabus
- Remember: Elective credit is helpful credit!



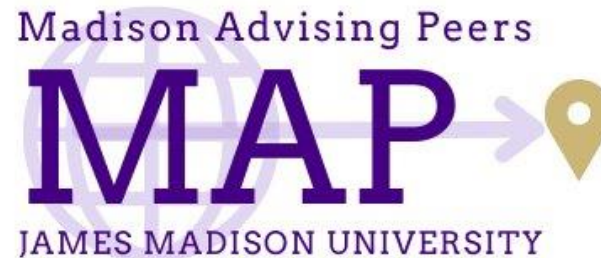
Supporting
your JMU student

Reinforce important academic messages

- Connect with their advisor
- Send final transcripts
- Gen Ed & electives are good
- Consider Dukes Career Connections or other pre-WOW programs, UNST 110, or mentoring
- Attend Weeks of Welcome
 - Advising meetings and other important academic sessions
 - Monday-Tuesday, August 24-25



Some favorite transfer resources



Questions

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

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