Transfer Guide

Virginia Community College Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree in Business to James Madison University Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A) Degrees

Accounting, Business Management, Computer Information Systems, Economics, Finance, International Business, and Marketing

Courses to be completed at your Virginia Community College

Note: *If there is a course on this guide that is not offered by your community college or doesn't satisfy associate degree requirements, contact your community college advisor to ask about options. You should also connect with a JMU Next Transfer Advisor (www.jmu.edu/transfer/next) to learn if your progress at JMU will be impacted if you do not complete the course prior to transferring.*

Total credits before transfer: 60-62

VCCS Course	Credits	JMU Equivalent	Notes
SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation to Education	1	UNST 000	
ENG 111 College Comp I	3	WRTC 000	
ENG 112 College Comp II	3	WRTC 103	ENG 111 + 112 both required to satisfy WRTC 103.
UCGS Art, Humanities or Literature - Any	3	Varies	
UCGS Art, Humanities or Literature- Any, but different group than above	3	Varies	
UCGS History - Any	3	Varies	
UCGS Science - Any	4	Varies	
ECO 201 Macroeconomics	3	ECON 200	Must earn a grade of B.
MTH 161 Precalculus I	3	MATH 155	If needed - prerequisite for MTH 261.
MTH 261 Applied Calc I or 263 Calc I	3-4	MATH 205 or 235	
Additional UCGS - ECO 202	3	ECON 201	Must earn a grade of B.
ACC 211 Principles of Accounting I	3	COB 241	Must earn a grade of B.
ACC 212 Principles of Accounting II	3	COB 242	Accounting majors must earn a B.
BUS 224 Business Statistics	3	COB 191	Must earn a grade of B.
BUS 227 Business Analytics	3	COB 291	Must earn a grade of B.
BUS 270 Interpersonal Dynamics	3	COB 202	Must earn a grade of B.
Computer Information Systems: ITE 100 at NOVA, ITE 120 at Blue Ridge, Laurel Ridge or Piedmont Virginia	3	COB 204	Must earn a grade of B. If not offered by your college, consider taking online from another college or in person at BRCC prior to starting at JMU.
Other courses if required by VCCS, such as BUS 100 and BUS 240	0-6	BUS 100 = BUS 160 BUS 240 = BLAW 000	
Electives as needed to reach minimum 60 credits required for associate degree	Varies	Varies	Students pursuing CIS major can take CSC 221 (=CS 149). Students pursuing International Business can take BUS 280 (=IB 200) and World Language through 202. Other recommended courses: CST 100 or 110 or ITE 152.

Courses to be completed at James Madison University

Total credits at JMU: 60+

JMU Courses	Credits	Notes
COB 300A, 300B, 300C, and 300D: Integrative Business	12	To qualify for direct admission to the College of Business, you must complete all nine courses in the lower-level business core with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA at VCCS and a minimum grade of B in each BBA core course except Managerial Accounting (Accounting II) and Calculus.
COB 318 Legal and Ethical Environment of Business	3	
COB 487 Strategic Management	3	
Upper-level major coursework (depends on specific major)	21-28	See the JMU Undergraduate Catalog to see course requirements for your specific College of Business major: www.jmu.edu/cob/undergraduate/index.shtml
Electives or Minor	15-21	All students must complete at least 60 hours from a 4-year university as well as 120 overall hours for a bachelor's degree

Transfer Guidance for the JMU College of Business B.B.A. degrees

Admission to the College of Business at JMU

By meeting the following criteria, you are eligible for full admission into JMU's College of Business:

- Students must complete an approved transferable associate degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0 for guaranteed admission to JMU. Students who do not qualify for guaranteed admission are encouraged to apply to JMU through the regular admission process. For additional details about requirements for guaranteed admission, see the JMU letter of intent for your community college: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml.
- Transfer students must complete the nine lower-level BBA core courses with a minimum grade of B in each core course except Managerial Accounting (Accounting II) and Calculus and earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at VCCS for formal acceptance to the JMU business program (COB 300).
- Students who have not completed all nine lower-level BBA core courses can still apply to JMU and declare any business major but will need to complete remaining coursework with a BBA GPA of at least 2.7 in core courses taken at JMU in order to be formally accepted to the program. Completing a BBA degree could take longer in this case. Contact or make an appointment with a JMU Next Transfer Advisor to talk about how your courses will map to a business major at JMU: www.jmu.edu/transfer/next.

Advising Guidance

To learn more about transferring to JMU in your preferred major, connect with an advisor at your community college and James Madison University within your first year. You can make an appointment directly with a JMU Next Transfer Advisor: www.jmu.edu/transfer/next.

Program successes and highlights

The JMU College of Business combines a strong business education with opportunities to apply what you learn. Our AACSB-accredited programs emphasize hands-on learning, professional development, and connections with employers and alumni. CoB students have access to dedicated advising and career support, internships, student organizations, networking opportunities, study abroad, and other experiences that help connect classroom learning to the business world. More than 1,500 recent CoB graduates reported employment with more than 250 organizations across 19 business functional areas and more than 25 states.

Is this degree right for me?

A business degree can prepare you for a wide range of careers, industries, and professional paths. The JMU College of Business offers majors in accounting, business management, computer information systems, economics, finance, international business, marketing, and quantitative finance. If you enjoy solving problems, working with people, analyzing information, communicating ideas, or understanding how organizations operate, a business major may be a good fit. You will also have opportunities to explore your interests through concentrations, electives, student organizations, internships, and other experiential learning.

Do more with your degree!

Your JMU business degree can be more than a classroom experience. Build your résumé through internships and career experiences, develop leadership skills through student organizations, connect with employers and alumni, participate in case competitions and other professional activities, or study abroad and gain a broader perspective on global business. You can also complement your major with a minor, explore graduate education, and use CoB career resources to prepare for internships and your first job after graduation. The opportunities you pursue alongside your coursework can help you turn your business education into a personalized career path.

Transferring to JMU

Important links and dates

- **University Transfer Center:** www.jmu.edu/transfer
- **Register Intent to Transfer:** Transfer applicants from a VCCS institution intending to apply through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) must review requirements and submit a Letter of Intent prior to applying: www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-GAA.shtml
- **Admission Application:** By February 1 for Summer, March 1 for Fall, or October 15 for Spring at www.jmu.edu/admissions/apply/apply-online.shtml
- **Financial Aid:** www.jmu.edu/financialaid
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** Deadline is March 1. Learn more at studentaid.gov.

Is this college right for me?

JMU is a mid- to large-size institution that behaves more like a smaller institution. Faculty and staff hold students as the top priority. JMU has a 96% satisfaction rate. 88% of classes have fewer than 50 students. JMU is the #1 most recommended public university in the US by the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education; JMU is the #1 Best College for Employment in Virginia according to U.S. Department of Education statistics compiled by Zippia. JMU has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges. Learn more about our college at www.jmu.edu.

What are my chances for getting accepted?

- Generally, two-thirds of transfer applicants are admitted to JMU. Competitive applicants will have mostly As & Bs and have completed at least one class in each of our four core areas (English, mathematics, lab science, and social science).
- JMU defines a transfer student as a student that has graduated from high school (or holds a GED equivalency) and has taken courses in college after high school graduation.
- Learn more about applying at www.jmu.edu/transfer.

What is the impact on my degree of work I have already completed?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** An approved transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College will waive general education requirements at JMU. The list of approved transferable associate degrees can be found at www.jmu.edu/transfer/vccs-transfer/asdegrees.

- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in High School:** Students who complete a transferable associate degree from a Virginia Community College through Dual Enrollment (DE) will not be eligible for guaranteed admission but will receive the general education waiver at JMU. DE associate degree earners who want to make progress toward their intended major should follow the curriculum in this guide.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** Credit for prior learning may be awarded differently at JMU than at your previous institution. JMU accepts and reviews AP, IB CIE, and CLEP examinations for all students with eligible scores. JMU will complete an independent review of the test score to apply credit to your JMU student record. Other credit for prior learning is awarded on a per case basis for the ADP and RN-BSN programs in consultation with the department of expertise. Credit for learning acquired in military service is awarded by the registrar's office using the ACE guide's credit recommendation for study/experience listed on the military transcript and in consultation with the department of expertise.
- **Catalog Year:** Catalog year determined by first semester of attendance at JMU

Did you know that…

- There is no limit to the number of credits you can transfer to JMU, but at least 50% of the credits required for graduation in your major must be taken at a 4-year college or university, and at least 25% must be taken at JMU. (Most JMU majors require 120 credits, so 60 must come from a 4-year and 30 must be taken at JMU.)
- Completing your Associate transfer degree post-high school satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the chance of completing your bachelor's degree.
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college means you may have exhausted your financial aid at that college and have limited your future financial aid at JMU.
- Students who may be eligible for Virginia's Two-Year College Transfer Grant should transfer in the fall or spring immediately following the completion of their associate degree. Learn more about the state transfer grant here: www.schev.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid/federal-state-financial-aid/two-year-college-transfer-grant.