

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM APRIL 2024



ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO ACCEPT THE WAITLIST OFFER

Should we be able to go to the waitlist, we are only able to consider students who have accepted their waitlist offer. Students simply need to log-in to their MyMadison portal to accept or decline this invitation to join the waitlist.

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ADMITTED STUDENT NEXT STEPS

Decision made, deposit paid

Is your student ready to commit to JMU? While all admitted students have until the deposit deadline of May 15th, students are encouraged to pay their deposit now. Selection slots for choosing what area of campus your student would prefer to live in is determined by when students pay their JMU admission deposit.

If your students have financial need or are unable to pay the \$400 amount, have them reach out to their [regional counselor](#). We will work with students to secure a partial or full deposit waiver.

Instructions on paying the admission deposit can be found [here](#).

Defer Admission - Gap Year Policy

If you have students that have expressed a desire to defer their admission, please refer them to our [Gap Year Policy](#) website for details and submission instructions.

The deadline to submit a gap year request is June 15.

Decide not to attend JMU?

Please encourage students who have made the decision not to accept our offer of admission to fill out the [application withdrawal form](#). This will notify us of their intent to enroll elsewhere and stop all communication from our office and our campus partners.



ORIENTATION 101

For your students that have paid their deposit to JMU, we are excited to officially welcome them into the JMU Community! The next step is for matriculated students to work through our three-phase orientation process.

The One Book

The [One Book](#) is a one-stop-shop that contains all of the important steps, details, and information students need to begin the transition to JMU. The One Book and its companion website will guide students through a series of tasks to complete in preparation for Summer Orientation and their arrival to campus in August.

Some of the steps on the to-do list include:

- Creating a JMU student email account
- Emergency notification and contact information
- Preparing for class enrollment
 - confirming or changing major
- Math Assessment & Foreign Language Placement Exam
- First Year Housing
 - finding roommate and suitemates
 - signing housing contract
 - room selection
- JMU Access Card (student ID card)
- Immunization Forms
- And more!



Summer Orientation

This is a one-day summer orientation program that provides each student with the opportunity to meet with their academic advisor, connect with other students, and engage with their Orientation Peer Advisor (OPA). This is a required step and there will be both in-person and virtual options for students and families to attend.

Weeks of Welcome

This is the official beginning of each student's JMU experience...students will move into their residence hall, reconnect with their OPA, meet their First year Orientation Guides (FROGs), and be immersed in several academic and social programs throughout the first few weeks to help them become acclimated to campus.

As your students have questions about this process, please direct them to the Office of Orientation and Transition at 540.568.1787 or orientation@jmu.edu.

EARNING COLLEGE CREDIT

Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB):

- Students seeking to earn college credit for AP or IB classes must earn a qualifying score on the applicable examination and submit that to JMU directly from the testing agency.

AP Score Guide

IB Score Guide

Dual Enrollment (DE):

- Students seeking to earn college credit for DE classes must send an official college transcript directly from the awarding institution to the JMU Office of the Registrar. The Registrar will then complete a transfer credit evaluation which posts to the student's MyMadison portal for review.

**Students will earn credit for all transferable courses in which they have earned a grade of "C" or better, but their grade point average for those courses does not transfer to their JMU record.*

WHAT'S NEW @ JMU



The Integrated Science and Technology program celebrated 30 years of innovation and impact. ISAT's curriculum diverged from the conventional specialist approach, emphasizing a broad-based education fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, leadership, and collaboration. This empowered students to tailor their course of study to align with their interests and offered more flexibility than traditional programs. [Read more.](#)

MAJOR SPOTLIGHT: ADMISSIONS PROCESS FOR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

After acceptance to JMU and the completion of the B.B.A. Lower-Level Core Component requirements, undergraduate students seeking a B.B.A. degree are required to apply for formal acceptance to the College of Business to begin the COB 300 course and enroll in Upper-Level business courses.

While there is an application, it is only to ensure that students have completed their Lower-Level core business courses with a GPA of 2.7 or above and are in good academic standing. There is no essay or other component required, and they are not put in competition with other students for placement.

The major program component of the B.B.A. degree is designed to be completed in three traditional semesters after COB 300. Therefore, students should plan their course work with that timetable in mind. Admission into the College of Business permits a student to enroll in COB 300 and to be formally admitted as a business B.B.A. major.

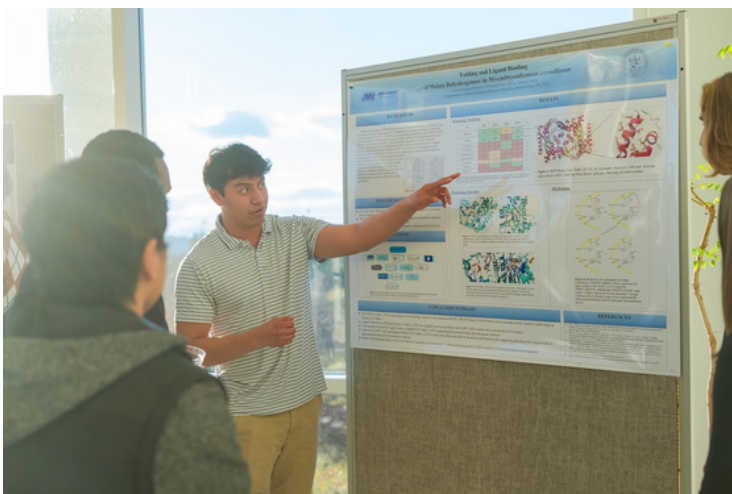


WHAT'S NEW @ JMU

From our Research Year in Review

103 student fellowships applications were facilitated by Student Awards, Initiatives, and Research (Fulbright Top Producer recognition) and JMU was celebrated by Research Integrity as a centralized, research compliance office for 10 years. We also saw a 92% increase since 2019 in sponsored program funding, at \$34,158,773.

JMU offers 107 Research Development programs, which encompasses consultations, office hours, site visits, and workshops/presentations.



The Madison Research Club (MRC) facilitates interdisciplinary networking, access to research development services, and interaction with funding bodies. After a visit from Meredith Hindley of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Research Development collaborated with JMU's College of Arts and Letters on "NEH Application Tips & the Peer Review Process." This year also saw an overall increase in grant proposal submissions.

UPCOMING WEBINAR: CRAFTING STRONG CLASS SCHEDULES

Tuesday, April 30th, 9 AM - 10:00 AM

Join Chris Gothard, Senior Assistant Director for Transfer, as he shares about crafting strong class schedules that can help ensure academic preparedness for JMU and provide insight into our admissions criteria.

[Register Here](#)



HAVE WE MISSED ANYTHING?

Do you have ideas for new content, questions, or concerns?

Please let us know!

We are always looking for ways to improve and to provide the most current and helpful information possible.

Your opinions and ideas are valuable to us.

Please feel free to email the Counselor Education Program at counselored@jmu.edu or reach out to your [regional admissions counselor](#) with any questions or concerns.