

Transfer Overview



Application Deadlines



Summer: Feb. 1
Fall: March 1
Spring: Oct. 15

Resources

- Academic Major/Minor Requirements:
jmu.edu/academics
- Admissions Transfer Information:
jmu.edu/admissions/transfer
- Financial Aid:
jmu.edu/financialaid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid:
fafsa.ed.gov
- Off Campus Life:
info.jmu.edu/ocl
- Residence Life:
jmu.edu/orl
- Transfer Advising:
jmu.edu/transfer
- How Credits Transfer:
transferology.com/school/jmu
- Transfer VA:
transfervirginia.org

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Admissions Process

The transfer admission process at JMU is competitive. We consider a transfer applicant's college courses, college grade point average, high school courses and high school grades. To be considered a competitive applicant, students should have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and successfully completed college work in these core subject areas: English, mathematics, social science and lab science. For students who were not competitive for admission to JMU directly from high school, we recommend that they complete or be in the process of completing at least 24 credit hours post-high school graduation at the time they apply.

Application Materials

- Online ApplyWeb Application with accompanying, nonrefundable application fee
- Official high school transcripts or GED certificate
- Official college transcripts for all schools attended (including Dual Enrollment transcripts in high school)
- Personal essay is optional

Evaluation of Credit

After being admitted, the Office of the Registrar will evaluate transfer course work on a course-by-course basis and awarded credit for parallel college course work in which students earn a grade of "C" or better. Admitted students will receive their evaluation prior to their deposit deadline. There is no limit to the number of transfer credits that can be awarded. A transfer credit equivalency guide is available to students via Transferology. This tool allows students to receive an unofficial preliminary report of their transfer credits.

Major and Graduation Requirements

Students must declare an academic major upon entering the university. The length of time to graduate with a bachelor's degree will depend upon each student's major, degree requirements and transfer credit evaluation. Graduation with a bachelor's degree from JMU requires a minimum of 120 college credits, 50 percent of which must be from a four-year institution and 25 percent from JMU. It is possible that students will graduate with more than 120 college credit hours.

Transfer Advising Coordinator Contact Information:

For more on transitioning into your major at JMU, contact one of the following:

For Northern Virginia Community College (all campuses):
Jennifer Jackson
jacks3jk@jmu.edu

For Blue Ridge, Laurel Ridge and Piedmont:
Kate McDaniel
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For general questions (all VCCS campuses):
Jolie Lewis:
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To schedule an appointment with one of these advisors, visit: jmu.edu/transfer/visits.shtml
If you don't see your VA community college listed, feel free to contact any of the coordinators above.

General Information on Guaranteed Admissions Agreements (GAA)

Guaranteed admission to JMU does not guarantee admission to a specific major. Many majors have additional admission requirements and/or application processes. Specific eligibility requirements for the GAA are listed on the Letter of Intent. Students must submit the signed letter of intent and application for admission by the semester in which they will graduate with the associate degree. For the most current GAA information and Letter of Intent forms, visit jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-gaa.shtml

Virginia GAA

JMU offers GAAs with all Virginia Community Colleges and Richard Bland College. Please refer to the table below for approved degrees.

	Degrees Approved to Meet General Education Requirements		
	Associate in Arts	Associate in Sciences	Associate in Arts and Sciences
Virginia Community Colleges and Richard Bland College			
Blue Ridge		■	■
Brightpoint	■	■	
CAMP			■
Central Virginia		■	■
Danville			■
Eastern Shore			■
Germanna			■
Laurel Ridge		■	■
Mountain Gateway			■
Mountain Empire			■
New River			■
Northern Virginia*	■	■	
Patrick & Henry			■
Piedmont Virginia	■	■	
Rappahannock			■
Reynolds	■	■	
Richard Bland College	■	■	
Southside Virginia			■
Southwest Virginia			■
Tidewater	■	■	
Virginia Highlands			■
Virginia Peninsula	■	■	
Virginia Western	■	■	
Wytheville			■

*Students majoring in General Studies at NVCC are not eligible for the GAA and General Studies will not meet JMU's general education requirements.

Out-of-State GAA

JMU offers GAAs with two out-of-state community colleges. Please refer to the table below for approved degrees.

College	Associate in Arts	Associate in Science	Associate in Arts in Teaching
Mercer County CC (NJ)	■	■	■
Montgomery College (MD)	■	■	

Housing

Applicants may indicate their interest for on-campus housing on their application. Once a student is admitted, pays the enrollment deposit and submits an on-campus housing application, the Office of Residence Life will be in contact regarding availability. Go to jmu.edu/orl for more information.

There are many off-campus housing options available, also. For more information, go to jmu.edu/osl/ocl or call 540-568-6071.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships offers assistance through scholarships, grants, student employment and loans. Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the Renewal FAFSA Application by the March 1 priority filing date. For more information on financial aid, visit jmu.edu/financialaid

Some scholarship opportunities at JMU available to incoming transfer students include:

Centennial Scholars:

- For students with high financial need
- Additional application required
- Virginia residents only

Madison Award for Academic Excellence:

- Merit-based award
- No additional application required

Virginia Two-Year College Transfer Grant:

- For students transferring to a four-year institution from a Virginia community college
- Must have an Associate's degree and GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must meet certain financial aid criteria (EFC below \$12,000)

Scholarships for Incoming and Current Students:

- jmu.edu/scholarships/incoming-students.shtml
- jmu.edu/scholarships/current-students.shtml

For more information on eligibility requirements, visit: jmu.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-financial-aid.shtml