



The ultimate American undergraduate experience

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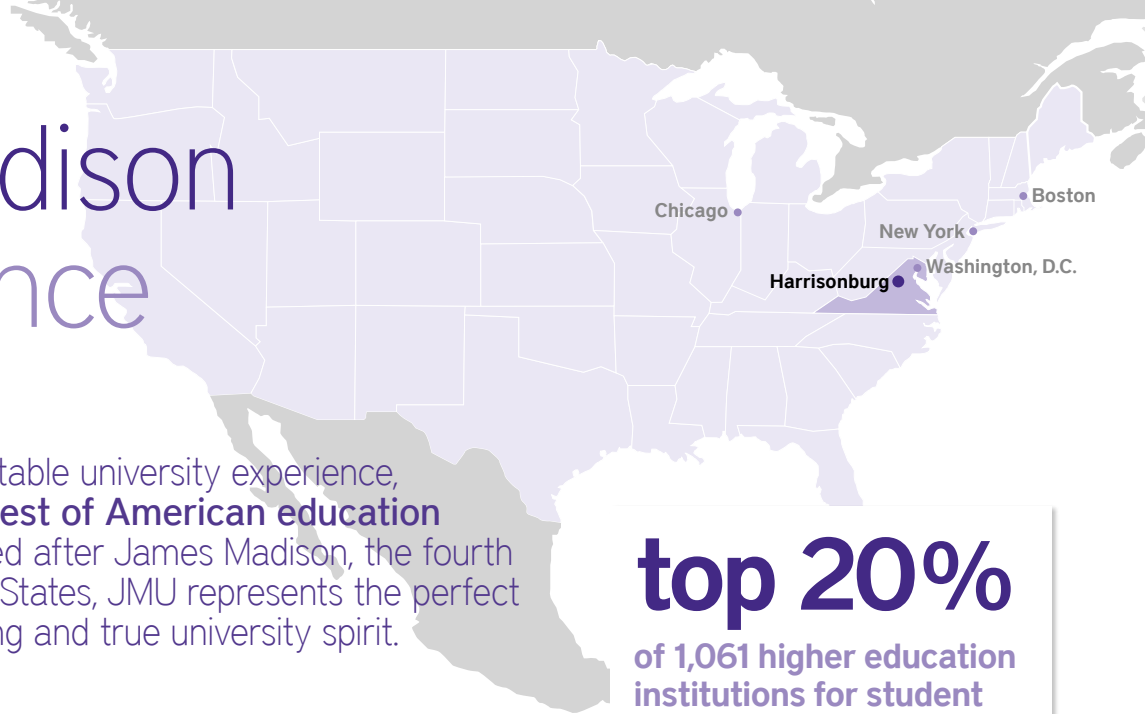
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Top public schools in the U.S. South

U.S. News & World Report, 2018

The Madison experience



JMU offers an unforgettable university experience, **combining the very best of American education and college life.** Named after James Madison, the fourth president of the United States, JMU represents the perfect blend of focused learning and true university spirit.

top 20%
of 1,061 higher education institutions for student engagement

Wall Street Journal, 2016

The place to study, live, and grow

Welcome to Harrisonburg. Here you'll find an authentic American college town with a vibrant international community. What better location is there to study in and call home?

JMU has a long history of welcoming students from every continent to the beautiful city of Harrisonburg, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. More than 44 different languages are spoken here, and every fall Harrisonburg celebrates the city's rich intercultural diversity with the Annual International Festival.

Just two hours southwest of Washington, D.C., Harrisonburg is a lively town with attractions including museums, shopping, skiing, golfing, caverns, farmers' markets, concerts, movie theaters, and restaurants.



Quick facts

Category: Public/State University

Location: Harrisonburg, Virginia

Campus: 2.8 km²

Founded: 1908

Student population:

19,396 undergraduates, 1,831 graduates

International student population: 2%

Faculty to student ratio: 16:1

Average class size: 29

Accreditation: Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and 25+ specialized accreditations for academic programs including AACSB (business), ABET (engineering and technology), and NASAD (art and design).

Colleges: College of Arts and Letters, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health and Behavioral Studies, College of Integrated Science and Engineering, College of Science and Mathematics, College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Degree programs: 77 undergraduate, 56 graduate, 2 educational specialists, 8 doctoral.

top 10%

for international student value

College Factual/Chegg, 2017

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best southern regional universities

College Choice, 2018



Computing Accreditation Commission



All-American campus life

350
students organizations

So many ways to get involved.

If you're looking for the ultimate American college experience, JMU is the place for you! Our state-of-the-art facilities for sports, arts, and entertainment offer a huge range of activities, so you're bound to find something for you.



Art, music, and movies

For those with a passion for movies and the arts, JMU's state-of-the-art facilities host on-campus movies, concerts, dance and theatrical performances, and art exhibitions throughout the year.

40
sports clubs on campus



Student organizations

JMU students are known for being both academically and socially engaged. There are more than 350 clubs and organizations on campus; from the Financial Management Association to Anime Club, and Astronomy to Ski and Snowboard Racing, there truly is something for everyone.



Sports

UREC and University Park

The popular University Recreation Center (UREC) and University Park provide everything you need for fitness and fun, including a gym, swimming pool, climbing wall, yoga studio, and indoor and outdoor sports courts.

Sports and athletics include:

- American Football
- Lacrosse
- Baseball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Softball
- Cross Country
- Swimming
- Diving
- Tennis
- Field Hockey
- Track & Field
- Golf
- Volleyball



Outdoor spaces

Arboretum

The quiet lake surrounded by sleepy willow trees is an ideal place to spend outdoor time on campus. There's always a spot for a group study session or an afternoon picnic at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum, John C. Wells Planetarium, or The Quad.

Living in Harrisonburg, Virginia

Welcome to the neighborhood.

Convenient and comfortable on-campus accommodation is allocated for all students at the International Study Center. Submit the housing form to receive a room and roommate assignment. After the first year, you can choose from a selection of luxurious and affordable nearby off-campus housing.



2nd

most Instagrammed place in Virginia

USAToday.com, 2016

15.5%
of Harrisonburg's population were born in another country

United States Census, 2016



top 10

mountain bike towns in the USA

National Geographic, 2015

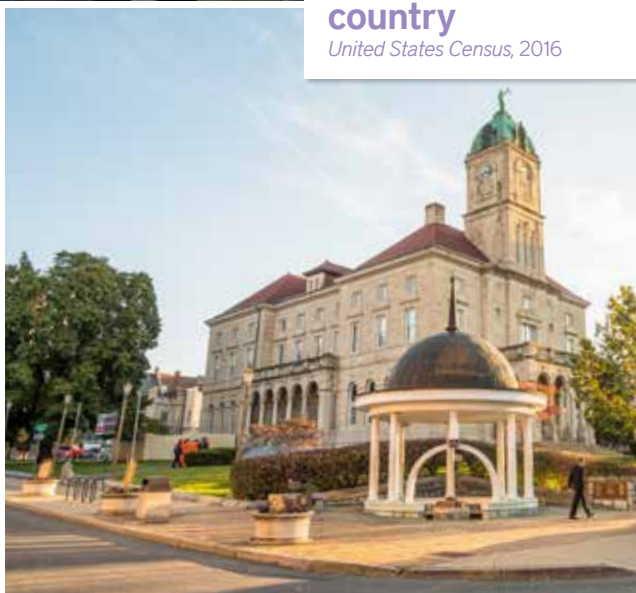
Average temperatures

Spring: -2°C/28°F to 22°C/72°F

Summer: 14°C/58°F to 29°C/85°F

Fall: 0°C/32°F to 25°C/77°F

Winter: -7°C/20°F to 7°C/44°F





JMU ranked in top 30 best public universities in the nation

MONEY Magazine for 2017-2018

Accommodation

• **On-Campus accommodation**

for undergraduates: Shared rooms at numerous residence halls with your own twin-sized bed, closet space, desk and dresser. Common spaces vary between different halls. Common areas include community kitchen, laundry facilities, TV lounge and study lounge.

• **Off-Campus accommodation**

for Graduate Students: An array of different style off campus housing for graduates to choose from places that come fully furnished, utilities included, and public transit options to get from off-campus housing to university campus. JMU offers an off-campus life (OCL) to assist students in their decision making and roommate matching.

Campus Facilities

State-of-the-art facilities that promote great work as well as relaxing downtime, including:

- With 28 campus dining options, JMU was ranked #5 best campus food in the U.S. by Princeton Review in 2017.
- Student Success Center: The Student Success Center at James Madison University provides a collaborative, high-impact environment to support student learning, student health, and student services. Represents JMU's environmental and sustainability efforts with the building having a Gold ranking with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification (LEED).
- Campus Shuttle Service.
- UREC is an award-winning recreation facility, utilizing both indoor and outdoor around campus including the new University Park. UREC offers a variety of options for living, eating, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.
- Forbes Center for the Performing Arts: Includes a recital hall, concert hall and a mainstage theatre. JMU's The Music Building is one of the region's largest and most contemporary music instruction facilities.

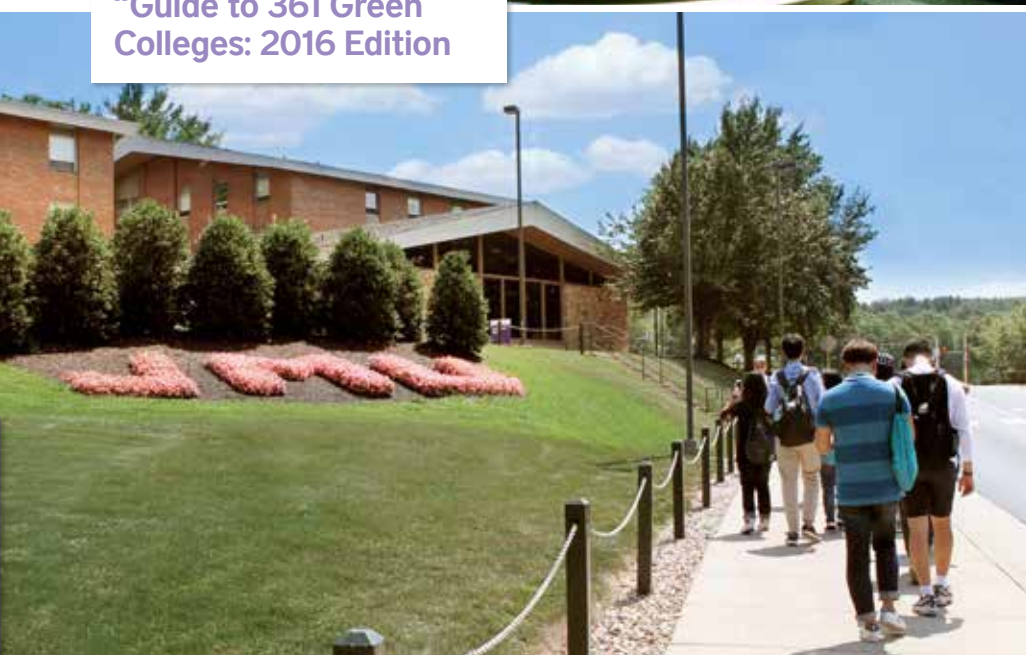
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best campus food in the U.S.

Princeton Review in 2017



JMU is named one of the country's most environmentally responsible colleges in The Princeton Review's "Guide to 361 Green Colleges: 2016 Edition"



The JMU International Study Center

The JMU International Study Center is a place that welcomes, **supports, and helps you to gain the skills**, knowledge, and perspectives you need to make the most of your university life.

Preparing for your degree

We understand that studying in a foreign country can be challenging, so from your first day at JMU, the International Study Center is here for you.

Studying at the International Study Center means that you will get the best of both worlds: the full JMU 'all-American' campus experience, plus the care of a supportive community that will help you adapt and thrive as an international student. And when you're ready, you'll join your chosen mainstream degree program, confident and fully prepared for the challenges of a JMU education.

Teaching you skills for the future

Our CareerAhead program integrates with the International Study Center courses, giving you the soft skills necessary to excel once you graduate from University. Once you leave the International Study Center, JMU will continue your employability training, making sure you are career ready.

Student Success Center

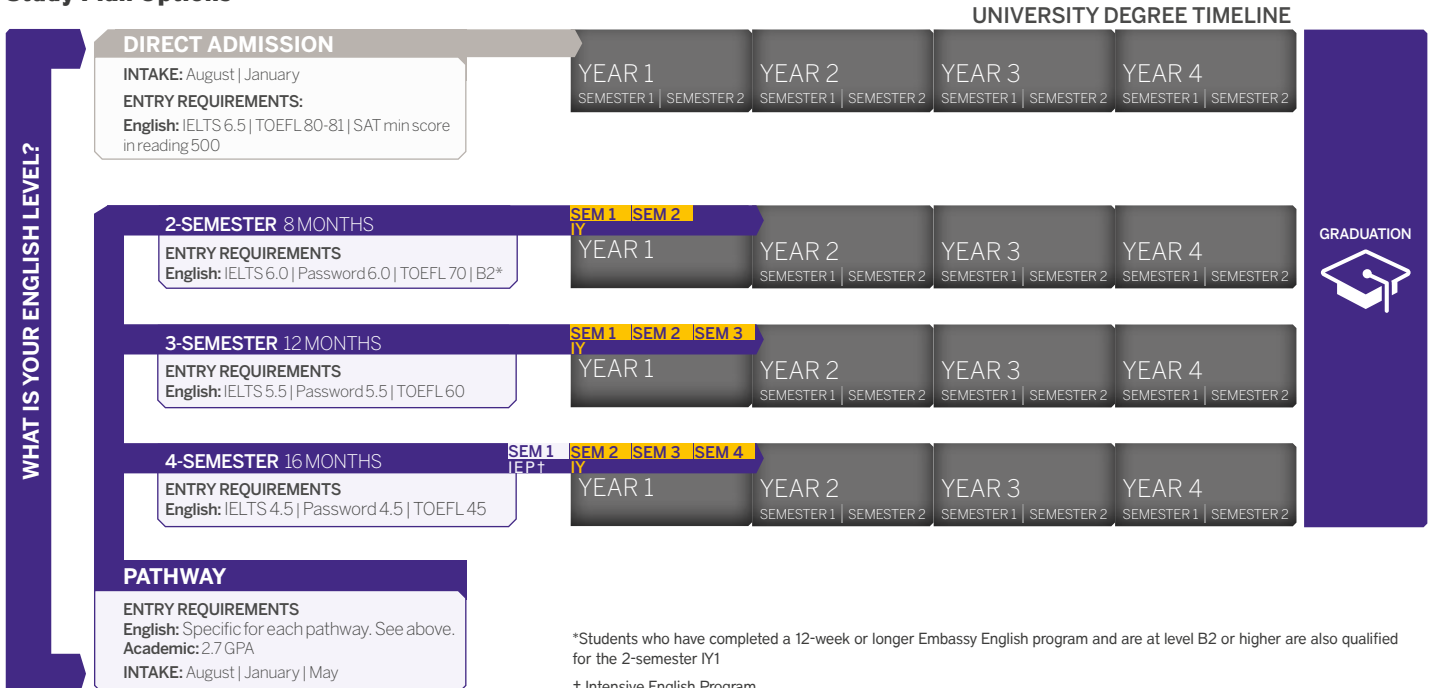
Houses more than 20 support facilities including the University Health Center, the Office of Academic and Career Planning, and Learning Centers. The Center is focused on helping you to overcome challenges you may face.

At-a-glance

- Available as a 2-, 3-, or 4-semester program
- Includes academic and English courses
- Specialized academic courses that fully prepare you to enter your degree program
- Up to 24 academic credits for your degree
- Additional support to help you succeed academically
- You will spend 8-16 months at the International Study Center and then the remaining three years (of your four year program) completely integrated into the University
- Graduate within four years, similar to direct admission students
- Take cohort classes with other international students in the International Study Center, offering you dedicated attention and academic help
- Regular classes are taken with American students once you finish the International Study Center
- No JMU application fee for International Study Center applicants
- JMU issues the I-20 for visa purposes

Programs at the International Study Center are delivered by Study Group, in partnership with JMU. The International Study Center delivers the Intensive English Program courses, and James Madison University delivers the academic, credit-bearing courses.

Study Plan Options



Degree programs

Choose from 76 Undergraduate Degrees.

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most innovative schools (regional)
U.S. News & World Report, 2018

top 7%
return on investment in the nation
PayScale, 2015

College of Arts and Letters

Communication Studies	BA
Media Arts and Design, with concentrations in:	BA
• Converged Media	
• Corporate Communication	
• Digital Video and Cinema	
• Journalism	
Anthropology	BA/BS
Economics	BA/BS
Justice Studies	BA/BS
Psychology	BA/BS
Sociology	BA/BS
English	BA
Modern Foreign Languages	BA
History	BA
International Affairs	BA
Political Science	BA
Philosophy and Religion	BA
Public Policy and Administration	BS
Writing, Rhetoric & Technical Communication	BA/BS

College of Business

Accounting	BBA
Computer Information Systems	BBA
Economics	BBA
Finance	BBA
Hospitality Management	BBA
International Business Management, with concentrations in:	BBA
• General Management	
• Human Resource Management	
• Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship	
• Marketing	
• Sport and Recreation Management	
Quantitative Finance	BS

College of Health and Behavioral Studies

Athletic Training	BS
Dietetics	BS
Health Sciences	BS
Health Services Administration	BS
Kinesiology, with concentrations in:	BS
• Exercise Science	
• Physical & Health Education	
Social Work	BSW
Communication Sciences and Disorders Psychology	BA/BS

College of Integrated Science and Engineering

Engineering	BS
Biotechnology	BS
Computer Science	BS
Environmental and Engineering Geology	BS
Intelligence Analysis	BS
Integrated Science and Technology	BS
Geographic Science	BS/BA

College of Science and Mathematics

Biology	BS
Biophysical Chemistry	BS
Chemistry	BS
Geology	BS
Statistics	BS
Mathematics	BS
Physics	BS
Earth Science	BA

College of Visual and Performing Arts

Studio Art, with concentrations in: BA/BFA/BS	
• Architectural Design	
• General Fine Arts	
• Graphic Design	
• Industrial Design	
Art History	BA
Theater and Dance	BA
Music, with concentrations in:	BM
• Music Composition	
• Music Education	
• Music Industry	
• Music Performance	
• Music Theatre	

College of Education

Elementary Education	5-year MAT
Inclusive Early Childhood Education	5-year MAT
Middle Education	5-year MAT
Special Education	5-year MAT
Art Education	Teaching Licensure
Dance Education	Teaching Licensure

Center for Global Engagement (CGE)

The CGE offers a wealth of services, courses, and excursions aimed at helping international students adapt and excel at JMU. Programs such as Conversation Partners and International Week create enjoyable and inspiring opportunities for you to make friends and network with students from other cultures. "LIFE" is a program that connects international students with local families, so that you can experience real American home life.

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Engineering Program

2018 US News and World Report, non-doctorate offering schools

"The International Study Center helped to build my knowledge. We had an American culture class to help get a better understanding of life here.

I'm so thankful that the International Study Center gave us the chance to meet American people. They also help you with academic stuff. I took English courses and also some JMU courses."

Mengjiao, China
International Year One,
B.A. Studio Art (Ceramics concentration),
M.F.A. Studio Art
Now teaching Ceramics at JMU



59th

Best College for Educational Quality, Affordability, and Career Outcomes in the U.S.

CNN Money Magazine

JMU ranks 62nd on Kiplinger's Personal Finance's list of the top 100 Best Values in Public Colleges

46th

Best College for your money

Money Magazine, 2017

How to apply

If you would like to study at James Madison University International Study Center, complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation, and a member of our team will contact you.

Our Student Enrollment Advisers are always happy to answer your questions and help with your application. Our advisers speak a variety of languages, and understand several more. We will do our best to contact you in your preferred language.

Apply online
isc.jmu.edu

Apply by email
naadmissions@studygroup.com

Apply via a local agent
Please contact your agent if you have any questions.

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