



JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Exchange at James Madison University

James Madison University (JMU) is proud to offer exchange opportunities to students attending our partner universities. Our program allows students to study for one or two semesters at our campus in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Incoming exchange students can take courses within many of the majors offered at JMU. Credits earned during the exchange period will be transferred back to students' home academic institution.

JMU has a strong support staff that is able to assist you throughout the exchange experience. From completing your application, to airport pickup, to course enrollment, we are here to assist you in any way that we can. Our team within the Center for Global Engagement will do our best to make sure you have a seamless experience while at JMU.

At James Madison University, there are many resources available to our international students. The English Language Learning Center offers free tutoring, English proficiency programs, and assistance with academic and cultural transitions. The LIFE Program allows international students to connect with local families and gain an American perspective outside of campus. Our office, the Center for Global Engagement, offers many programs and activities throughout the year such as Culture Nights, soccer tournaments, International Week, career workshops, and even our very own International Student Leadership Conference.

Set in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, JMU is a tight-knit community of 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students and 4,000 faculty and staff who come from across the country and around the world. Only two hours from Washington D.C., JMU is fast becoming one of the nation's leaders in higher education. That is in part because students enjoy unusually engaged relationships with world-class faculty who teach at JMU because they want to build authentic relationships, teach and lead research teams of talented students.

JMU students, faculty and alumni are balancing equal parts intellect and action to succeed in every pursuit: they're boosting innovation and discovery, leading in business, advancing culture, improving health care, reforming education, renewing civil society, competing in athletics — they are *Being the Change*® in every imaginable way.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of University	James Madison University
Exchange Office	The Center for Global Engagement
Mailing address	The Center for Global Engagement James Madison University MSC 5731 100 E. Grace Street Harrisonburg, Virginia 22807
Contact Information	Office Location: 2 nd Floor, Madison Hall Office Phone: +1-540-568-5209 Fax: +1-540-568-3301 Email: studyabroad@jmu.edu Website: www.jmu.edu/global
Exchange Coordinator (Inbound & Outbound)	Erin Smith Email: smit24ej@jmu.edu Phone: +1-540-568-4346
Orientation and Transitions Coordinator	Thomas Lavenir Email: lavenitp@jmu.edu Phone: +1-540-568-7314
Exchange website	http://bit.ly/jmu-inbound-exchange



TENTATIVE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester dates	08/23/2023 – 12/15/2023 (Includes exam week)
Spring Semester dates	01/16/2024 – 05/02/2024 (Includes exam week)
Academic Calendar Website	http://www.jmu.edu/registrar/academiccalendars.shtml

ACADEMICS

Course Selection	When applying, students will rank-order preferred courses from JMU’s course catalog. This information will be used to enroll students in courses. <i>Please note that enrollment in preferred courses is not guaranteed.</i>
Majors Areas of Study	https://www.jmu.edu/academics/undergraduate/majors/index.shtml
General Education Program	If students wish to take courses outside of their major, we have a General Education program available: https://www.jmu.edu/gened/files/2020_2021_Planner.pdf
Course Descriptions	http://www.jmu.edu/catalog
Credits Required	Students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits per semester to be considered full-time.
Restricted Majors	Nursing, Medicine, Hospitality/Tourism Management, College of Business (including economics, finance, accounting, administration, management, and marketing).

APPLICATION & ADMISSION

Application Procedure:	All interested students must first be nominated by their home institution. Once the home university has notified JMU of their nominated students, the exchange program coordinator at JMU will provide access to the online JMU application. Once the JMU application has been completed, the student will receive their official acceptance via email and also an acceptance packet via post mail. This packet will include information regarding attaining your visa.							
Important Application Dates	Nomination Deadline (Fall/Spring):	March 15, 2023 – Please email fall and spring nominations to smit24ej@jmu.edu . Please include the following information: 1. Name, 2. Major, 3. Year, 4. Email, 5. Participation period. <i>(If your university recruits students at a later date, please inform us so that we may accommodate.)</i>						
	Application Deadline: April 1, 2023	Admission announced: May 1, 2023						
Supporting Application Documents	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1. Personal Statement</td> <td style="width: 50%;">4. Financial Evidence</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Transcript</td> <td>5. Language Proficiency</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Letter of Recommendation</td> <td>6. Passport Copy</td> </tr> </table>		1. Personal Statement	4. Financial Evidence	2. Transcript	5. Language Proficiency	3. Letter of Recommendation	6. Passport Copy
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English Language Requirements	TOEFL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 550 paper-based TOEFL • 80-81 Internet-based TOEFL 	IELTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 – 7 						

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Visa	Visa paperwork with directions will be mailed to the student upon acceptance.
Insurance	Purchase of health insurance is mandatory. This can be waived if covered by another health insurance plan for students’ time abroad and is proven to be equal in coverage. This can be done upon your arrival.
Required Fees	On-Campus Housing: \$2,886 per semester Meal Plan: \$3,134 per semester Housing Contract Fee: \$40 Insurance: \$699.90 per semester Internet Connection Fee: \$120 International Student Fee: \$100 per semester
Orientation	For the Fall semester, students will attend an orientation the week prior to classes. For the Spring semester, the orientation will take place the weekend before classes. Specific dates will be provided within acceptance packet.
Airport Pick-up	Our office will provide an airport pick-up both semesters from Dulles International Airport located in Washington DC. Pickup dates and times will be included in the student’s acceptance packet.