



The ultimate American undergraduate experience

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Top 20%

of 1,061 higher education institutions
for student engagement.

Wall Street Journal, 2016



Discover the spirit that sets us apart

For international students, James Madison University (JMU) is an exciting destination, where the ideals of American education – first-class teaching and a rich campus life with a strong sense of community – come together to offer an incredible experience.

JMU is surrounded by the beautiful mountains of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, just two hours from the nation's capital of Washington, D.C. We are a large university with approximately 20,000 students, yet offer a safe and hospitable environment with a family feel and a strong culture of community.

We want all students to succeed and believe that our partnership with Study Group creates a friendly environment where our students can improve their English language skills while also taking courses in our academic programs.

All students take courses in our General Education Program, which offers a liberal arts foundation that will help you to think in different ways as you solve problems and address issues in the world today.

We also offer a wide variety of excellent academic majors. Our faculty members are devoted to teaching, guiding research and mentoring as you develop as a scholar and mature as a human being.

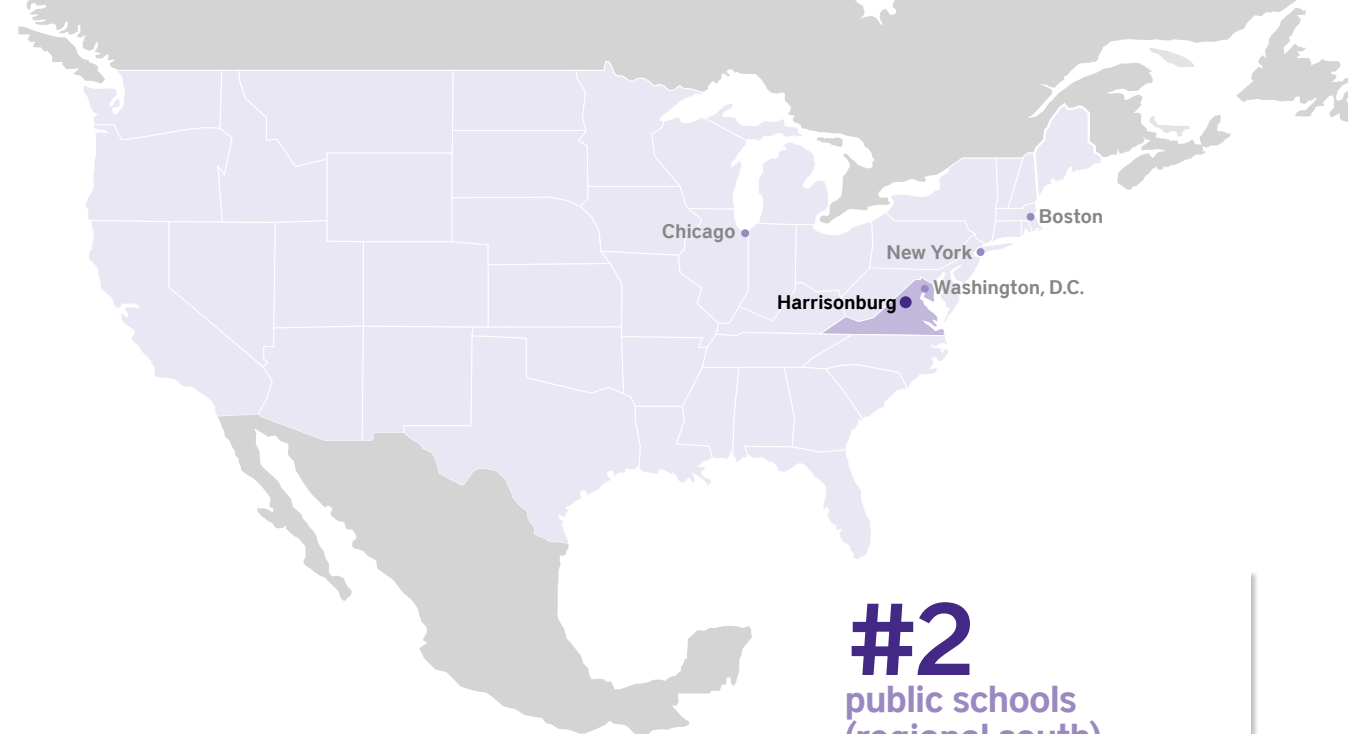
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The Madison experience

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.



#2
public schools
(regional south)
U.S. News & World Report, 2017



The Madison Principles
"Knowledge will forever govern ignorance; and people who mean to be their own governors must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."
James Madison, the fourth President of the United States of America

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. Over 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.



#11
best college campuses
in America
Niche.com, 2017



92%
freshmen retention
rate, compared to
national average of
72% of all four-year
public institutions
JMU, ACT report, 2015

25,000
students apply
each year

3.8
is the average high
school GPA of JMU's
freshmen class

#6
up-and-coming
universities in the U.S.
U.S. News & World Report, 2017

#8
best southern
regional universities
College Choice, 2016



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: 76 undergraduate, 60 graduate, 2 educational specialists, 8 doctoral.



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The JMU International Study Center

The JMU International Study Center (ISC) 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.

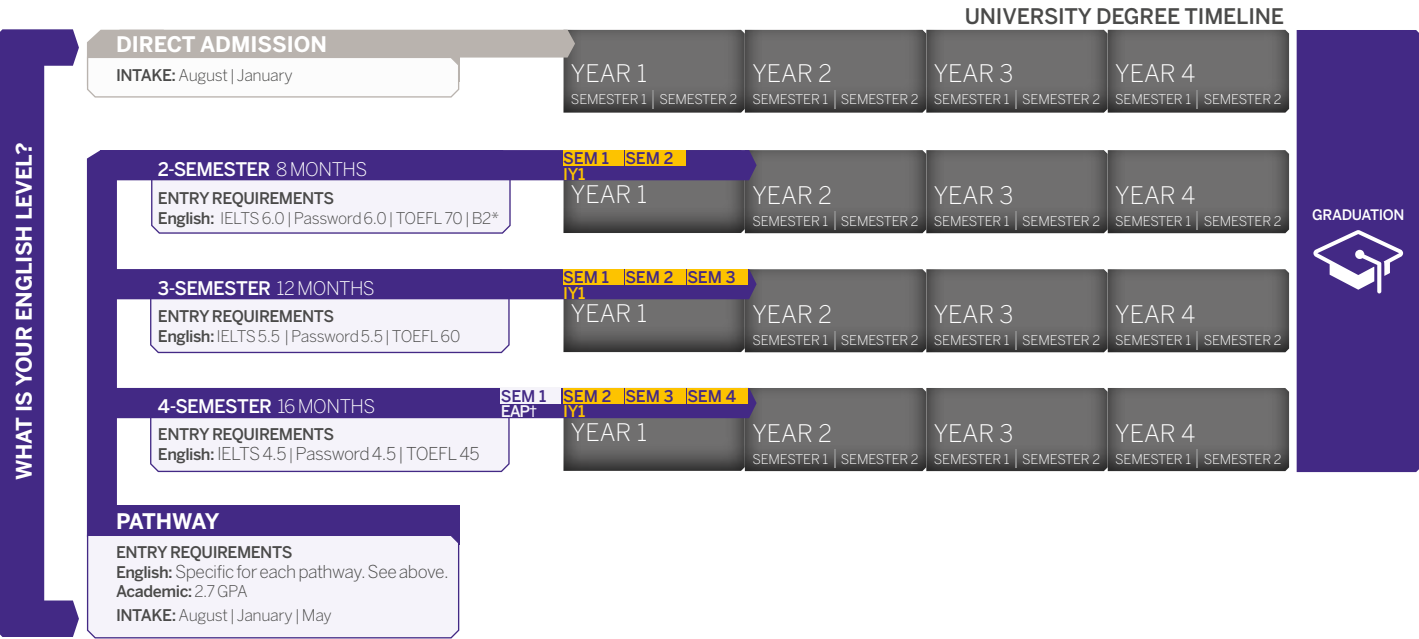
Preparing for your degree
We understand that studying in a foreign country can be challenging, so from your first day at JMU, the International Study Center (ISC) is here for you.

Studying at the ISC 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, capable and fully prepared for the challenges of a JMU education.

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



Study Plan Options



*Students who have completed a 12-week or longer Embassy English program and are at level B2 or higher are also qualified for the 2-semester IY1
† English for Academic Purposes

Sample International Year One Curriculum*

	1ST SEMESTER	2ND SEMESTER	3RD SEMESTER	4TH SEMESTER
2-SEMESTER PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JMU class (WRTC 100)JMU class (Math or Elective)JMU class (Elective)JMU class (Elective)Research SkillsAmerican CultureAdvising	<ul style="list-style-type: none">JMU class (WRTC 103)JMU class (SCOM 123)JMU class (Math or Elective)JMU class (Elective)JMU class (Elective)American College LifeAdvising		
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Progression guide*

INTAKE	STUDY PLAN	PROGRESSION TO DEGREE PROGRAM
AUGUST 2017	2-semester	May 2018
	3-semester	August 2018
	4-semester	January 2019
JANUARY 2018	2-semester	August 2018
	3-semester	January 2019
	4-semester	May 2019
MAY 2018	2-semester	January 2019
	3-semester	May 2019
	4-semester	August 2019

*A student’s ISC study plan is determined by her/his arrival English placement test, and can be longer or shorter than her/his original study plan in the offer letter.
Students are required to complete their study plans at the ISC consecutively without semester breaks.
Students who have completed their ISC program are eligible to take summer break.

* List of Math Electives (choose none or one):
MATH 105 Quantitative Literacy and Reasoning
MATH 155 College Algebra
MATH 205 Introductory Calculus I
MATH 220 Elementary Statistics
List of Compulsory Electives:
WRTC 100 Reading and Writing Workshop
WRTC 103 Critical Reading and Writing
SCOM 123 Group Presentations

* List of Academic Electives (choose five or six):
HTH 100 Personal Wellness
KIN 100 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness
REL 101 Religions of the World
UNST 102 Career and Academic Planning
GEO 115 Earth Systems and Climate Change
BIO 140 Foundations of Biology

PSYC 160 Lifespan Human Development
ISAT 160 Problem Solving Approaches in Science and Technology
ECON 200 Macroeconomics
COB 204 Computer Information Systems

* Summer semester is a modified program with shorter duration and reduced number of courses offered.
Transfer credits are not acceptable for WRTC 100, WRTC 103, SCOM 123 or equivalent, and ISAT 160 or equivalent.
This chart serves as a guide only. Depending on her/his English level, academic background and intended major, the student may take a different curriculum than this sample.

Pathway programs

International Year One

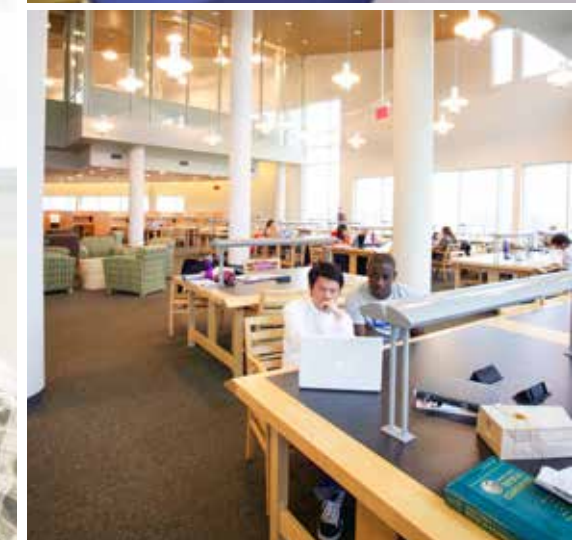
International Year One includes specialized courses in American culture, English for Academic Purposes and study skills to help you adjust to U.S. teaching methods and resources.

You'll also take courses from year one of your chosen degree programs, allowing you to earn 24 credits, or more.

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
- A minimum of 24 academic credits for your degree
- Additional support to help you succeed academically
- You will spend 8-16 months at the ISC 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 ISC, offering you dedicated attention and academic help
- Regular classes are taken with American students once you finish the ISC
- No JMU application fee for ISC 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 ISC delivers the English for Academic Purposes courses and programs, and James Madison University delivers the academic, credit-bearing courses.



Direct admission

If you meet the appropriate language and academic requirements, you can apply directly to any of our academic programs at JMU. This is an excellent opportunity for students from English speaking countries or with high scores on the IELTS and TOEFL to attend JMU.

The ISC can also help you with your application. **Please contact our admissions office at naadmissions@studygroup.com for details.**

Choose your future

top 75
best value public
university in the U.S.
Princeton Review, 2015

You can choose from a wide range of degree programs when you progress to James Madison University. During the International Year One program you will take courses with ‘credits’ which count towards your degree. Once you progress to your chosen degree program you will continue to gain credits until you are ready to graduate.

College of Arts and Letters

Communication Studies	BA
Media Arts and Design, with concentrations in: • Converged Media • Corporate Communication • Digital Video and Cinema • Journalism	BA
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: • General Management • Human Resource Management • Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship • Marketing • Sport and Recreation Management	BBA
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: • Exercise Science • Physical & Health Education	BS
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
Information 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: • Music Composition • Music Education • Music Industry • Music Performance • Music Theatre	BM

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



Career and academic support

Helping you achieve success.

There is a wealth of support for international students at JMU, from the moment you apply, all the way through your university education and career beyond.

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 students overcome challenges you may face.

Libraries

The JMU Libraries include the Carrier Library, the Music Library and Rose Library. JMU librarians work with academic departments to provide subject specific library instruction, research consultation, and to develop collections. The award-winning Information Literacy program provides students with skills for lifelong learning.

Study resources

- 500,000 book volumes
- 165,000 e-book titles
- 110,000 e-journal titles
- 43,000 audio-visuals volumes

Office of International Programs (OIP)

The OIP offers a wealth of services, courses, and excursions aimed at helping international students adapt and excel at JMU. Programs such as Conversation Partner 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.

Career planning

Career and Academic Planning Resource Center From writing resumes and cover letters to searching for internships and jobs, the Career and Academic Planning Resource Center is here to help. It also sponsors a number of career fair events each year to provide students in all majors with the opportunity to interact with employers and find out about career options. More than 250 companies attended in recent years.

Career Guide to JMU Majors

A guide to introduce you to some of the career options for each of the majors offered at JMU. It includes internship opportunities, characteristics of successful students, and websites for further guidance on potential careers.

Recruit-A-Duke

JMU’s online platform, Recruit-a-Duke, enables you to register for internships, full-time jobs, career fairs, workshops, information sessions, and more.

Practice Interview Program

Gain valuable experience interviewing with actual employers, without leaving the campus.

International Student Career Day (ISCD)

ISCD is a one-day program specifically designed to help international students who are considering pursuing internships or jobs in the U.S. after graduation.

Interview Stream

Practice your interview techniques with Interview Stream, a web-based application that conducts free, online interviews with a webcam.

Alumni and career success

Graduates of James Madison University degrees enjoy great success in further academic study, and in the professional world. You can take advantage of James Madison University’s extensive career services, employment events and internship opportunities:

- International Career Week
- Optional Practical Training
- Internships
- Career and job search services



“I knew I wanted to work in hospitality. I saw how the service worked in Europe and Russia, but everyone would agree that the US has the friendliest people and the best service so I decided to study in this country. I decided on JMU because it’s highly ranked.”

Dana, Russia
B.S. Hospitality



All-American campus life

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.



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



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



350
students organizations



Outdoor spaces
Newman Lake 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.



Food from around the world
JMU has the 6th best campus food in the U.S. (Princeton Review, 2016) and with so much choice it's easy to see why. From world-class coffee, desserts and snacks, to halal, kosher, vegetarian and vegan dishes from around the world, JMU's 20 on-campus dining facilities offer something for every taste.



"JMU is filled with what I want. Great system for business majors like me, high ranking, beautiful campus view and great student service system. I am proud that I'm part of the DUKES!"

Hong, South Korea
B.S. Finance

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.



At home in Harrisonburg

Welcome to the neighborhood.

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

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

Off-campus housing

North 38 Apartments are a great off-campus living option. The luxurious apartments are just 4km from campus on a bus route that JMU students can use for free. Shops, restaurants, parks and cinemas are all close by and the ISC can help you arrange your accommodation here.

- Three and four bedroom apartments
- Furnished, private bedroom and bathroom
- Private balcony or terrace
- Shared living room with a large flat-screen TV
- Fully-equipped kitchen with washer/dryer
- On-site fitness center
- 24-hour student clubhouse
- Computer lounge with study space
- Game room with pool table
- Swimming pool and hot tub
- Water volleyball and basketball
- Sand volleyball court

Rent is approximately \$495 per month, per person.

Students can also choose from one of the many other accommodation options available in Harrisonburg. Most off-campus housing options offer individual leases and can be arranged online before you arrive.

15.5%

of Harrisonburg's population were born in another country

United States Census, 2016

2nd

most Instagrammed place in Virginia

USAToday.com, 2016



top 10

mountain bike towns in the USA

National Geographic, 2015

25th

best place to start a business in Virginia

NerdWallet, 2015



35

comfortable and affordable residence halls on campus





top 7%

return on investment
in the nation
PayScale, 2015

59th

best college for
educational quality,
affordability, and career
outcomes in the U.S.
CNN Money Magazine, 2015

How to apply

If you would like to apply to study at the James Madison University International Study Center, you will need to complete an application form and submit the relevant documentation.

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.

Join our social media community
facebook.com/iscjamesmadisonuniversity



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most innovative
schools (regional)

U.S. News & World Report, 2017

Top 5

(#39) best colleges
for business majors

CNN Money Magazine, 2016



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However, Study Group reserves the right to amend, add or remove any program and/or services set out in this brochure and/or the timetable, delivery, content syllabi, and assessment of such programs.

The University (where applicable) also reserves the right to amend the regulations governing those programs without prior notice. Study Group therefore strongly recommends that immediately prior to making any application to Study Group or accepting any offer from Study Group, students should refer to the most up-to-date version of the program descriptions and specifications and the regulations on the James Madison University website.

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Neither the University nor Study Group shall be liable for any errors or omissions that may be contained.

James Madison International Study Center is part of Study Group, a global leader in preparing students for international academic success and rewarding careers through a life-changing learning experience. We offer customised programmes across higher, language and online education starting from high school to life-long learning. Study Group taught more than 73,000 students from 145 countries across the UK, Europe, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand in 2015.

To learn more, please visit studygroup.com





James Madison University International Study Center

KEY FACTS

LOCATION	Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA	
PROGRAMS	Undergraduate	Graduate
PATHWAY	International Year One	Not offered
DIRECT ADMISSION	Yes	Not offered

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

		IELTS	TOEFL	PASSWORD	EMBASSY
UNDERGRADUATE					
Direct Admission	Undergraduate degree programs	6.5 overall	80-81	Not accepted	Not accepted
ISC: International Year 1 (IY1)	IY1: 2 semester	6.0 overall	70	Knowledge: 6.0/Writing: 5.5	Level B2
	IY1: 3 semester	5.5 overall	60	Knowledge: 5.5/Writing: 5.5	Not accepted
	IY1: 4 semester (EAP + IY1 3 Semester)	4.5 overall	45	Knowledge: 4.5/Writing: 4.5	Not accepted
TOEFL/IELTS waiver	ISC (IY1): All applicants that complete at least two years of full time study in an English speaking country or in an international school where the language of instruction (i.e. teaching, assessment and examination) was in English will have the English test waived for application purposes.			DIRECT ADMISSION: Applicants from the following countries may be eligible for a waiver: Antigua, Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Canada, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Ghana, Grand Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, New Zealand, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Trinidad, Tobago, United Kingdom, Virgin Islands, Zambia, Zimbabwe.	
US GPA	International Year One: 2.7 (4.0 scale), Direct Admission: 3.0				
General Admission Requirements	JMU heavily weighs all previous academic performance in Mathematics and Sciences.				
Transfer credit	Students with transfer credit can apply to the ISC, but students cannot have completed the equivalent of a U.S. bachelor's degree. Only grades of C or higher are eligible for transfer credit. Students must complete 60 credit hours at JMU to be eligible for graduation. POST ARRIVAL: A credential evaluation is required for any course work outside of the U.S.				
Minimum age to live on campus	17				
Progression requirements (IY1)	GPA 2.25 + 'C' in three core courses				

SEMESTER DATES[†]

SEMESTER	START	VACATIONS	END
Fall 2017	August 28	Thanksgiving Break: November 23-24	December 15
Spring 2018	January 8	MLK Day: January 15 Spring Break: March 5-9	May 4
Summer 2018	May 14	Memorial Day: May 28 Independence Day: July 4	August 3

Popular majors

Business (Computer Information Systems & Business Analytics ranked Top 10 in U.S., Hospitality Management in Top 100)

General Engineering

Science & Technology (Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, etc.)

Creative Arts and Media

Performing Arts

Reasons to choose JMU

The ultimate American undergraduate experience

Two hours from Washington, DC

#2 Public Schools (Regional South)

- US News & World Report, 2016

#3 Most Innovative Schools (Regional)

- US News & World Report, 2016

#34 Top 100 Best Public College Value

- Kiplinger's Personal Finance, 2016

Top 40 Best Undergraduate Business Programs in the U.S

- Bloomberg Businessweek, 2016

350+ student organizations and clubs

#6 Best campus food in the U.S.

- international cuisine

2% International student population

TUITION AND FEES^{*}

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY	IY 2-SEMESTER	IY 3-SEMESTER	4-SEMESTER + EAP	DIRECT ADMISSION
International Year	\$22,550	\$32,050	\$39,550	\$22,550
Comprehensive Student Services fee	\$4,472			
International Student and Administration Fee	\$240			
Accommodation and meal plan	\$9,288			
Insurance	\$1268			
Orientation fee (fall only)	\$190			
Internet Connection Fee	\$192			
JMU Shuttle Airport Transfer**	\$320			

Scholarships Available

Scholarships based on academic criteria are available for International Year One applicants.