

# JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

## COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM JANUARY 2024



### SAVE THE DATE: JMU EARLY ACTION REPORT & UNDERSTANDING OUR DECISIONS WEBINAR

Tuesday, 30 January - 9:00 AM

Join our Director of Admissions, Melinda Wood, and other admissions staff as we share insights into our Early Action applicant pool, as well as the various decision options that we use at JMU. [Register Here.](#)

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# EARLY ACTION APPLICATION DECISIONS

## Quick Guide to Understanding Decisions:

**Admitted:** Your student has been accepted. Congratulations! More information will follow about the next steps, including our mailed congratulatory packet and emails with information on attending our admitted students day, [CHOICES](#).

**Deferred:** Some of our Early Action applicants may be deferred to Regular Decision. This is not a final admissions decision; thus, students may not appeal a deferral. At this time, no additional materials are required or allowed to be submitted by applicants. Mid-year grades submitted by counseling departments are permitted. Please also note that your regional admissions counselor may reach out to you directly for individual student updates.

**Denied:** There may be some students we were unable to admit at this time. This decision results from the competitiveness of our applicant pool and is not intended to reflect negatively on individual students. We know the decision is hard to receive, but the door is not permanently closed to these students as we would be more than happy to help them explore our transfer admission process.

If any student has questions about their official admissions decision once they are released, we highly encourage them to fill out the [Decision Inquiry Form](#). Their admissions counselor will reply with information on how the admissions committee arrived at the decision.

The Office of Admissions no longer physically mails a decision report to each high school. If you would like a digital copy of this letter, please complete the [request form](#).





## MAJOR SPOTLIGHT: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS



As the environment in which business, governmental and nonprofit entities operate becomes increasingly global, success requires trained professionals who understand cultures other than their own.

In JMU's College of Business your advisees can take advantage of an [International Business major](#) that will equip them not only with technical skills but also the ability to apply them throughout the global marketplace.

Since its founding in 1978, JMU's International Business program has exerted a powerful attraction on students with global aspirations. The IB program is:

- [Ranked #1 in Virginia](#) by College Factual in "Top Virginia Schools in International Business, 2024."
- One of only two schools in Virginia which is both AACSB-accredited and a full member of the Consortium for International Business Education ([CUIBE](#)).
- Housed within the Deloitte Global Studies Suite which offers space to learn about the major and international experience opportunities.
- A beneficiary of JMU's participation in the [Virginia International Trade Alliance](#), thanks to which [students get to work with actual companies](#) which are seeking to position themselves for global expansion.

The major gives students the option to choose between concentrations in finance or marketing. Some IB majors also declare a second major in a foreign language or other business discipline. Competence in a second language is a strong indicator of future success and is required for graduation, as is thorough exposure to a chosen second culture through study abroad or a one-semester international internship. Little wonder JMU stands head and shoulders above its peer institutions as a destination for business students whose interests are international in scope.

## FINANCIAL AID & FAFSA UPDATES

The FAFSA went live on December 30th, 2023. Right now, we understand that some students have been having issues completing the application. At this time, our Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is unable to see who has submitted their completed FAFSA to JMU. For further questions, please see the [Financial Aid & Scholarships FAQ page](#), which is updated regularly.




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## SCHOLARSHIPS

As a public university with a relatively small endowment, scholarships to JMU are extremely competitive. In fact, only 8% of all admitted students received a scholarship directly from the university last year.

Our freshmen recruitment scholarships are awarded as part of the admissions process, however, that does not mean that the Office of Admissions is awarding the scholarships. Instead, academic colleges and departments use data from the admissions application to determine who to offer scholarships to.

In JMU's process, the various departments across campus make all offers **upfront** in the preliminary financial aid award notice that will be posted to the MyMadison Applicant Center. If you have a student who was not awarded a scholarship in their preliminary award notice, they were unfortunately not selected.

As students look at comparing JMU to other schools, we encourage them to compare the net costs of the schools versus just looking at scholarship offers. For example, it can be less expensive to attend JMU without a scholarship than it is to attend other comparable schools that may be offering them a scholarship.

# UPCOMING WEBINAR: JMU EARLY ACTION REPORT & UNDERSTANDING OUR DECISIONS

Tuesday, January 30th, 9-11 AM

Join Melinda Wood, JMU's AVP for Access and Enrollment Management / Director of Admissions, and additional admissions staff as we share insights into our Early Action applicant pool. We will also spend some time explaining the different decision options that we use at JMU and what they mean for your students. We hope you can join us!

\*Please feel free to invite any of your colleagues who would benefit from this session, too! [Register Here](#).

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## WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Check out our updated [counselor website](#), including the [downloadable resources section](#). This is a great place to find additional information on various academic programs, our admissions process, and other topics of interest.

We invite you and your students to follow us on Instagram [@JMUadmissions](#), too. If you have not already, please consider joining our counselor [mailing list](#) to stay up to date on all things JMU!

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

### 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.