

WELCOME HOME EXPLORATORY STUDENTS

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JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

**EXPLORATORY
PROGRAM**

CAUSE NOT ALL WHO WANDER ARE LOST



Let's get to know each other!

University Studies

- Same resources
 - Dean's office
 - Dedicated advisors
- Similar outcomes
 - Retention after 2 yrs.
 - Graduation rates
- Common to change majors
 - 25% enter undecided
 - 75% change at least 1X





Exploratory Students

- One of the largest single "majors"!
- You can declare your major anytime between now and ...the third Friday of your sophomore year
- Dedicated & intentional time to explore your interests, values, and skills with your academic advisor

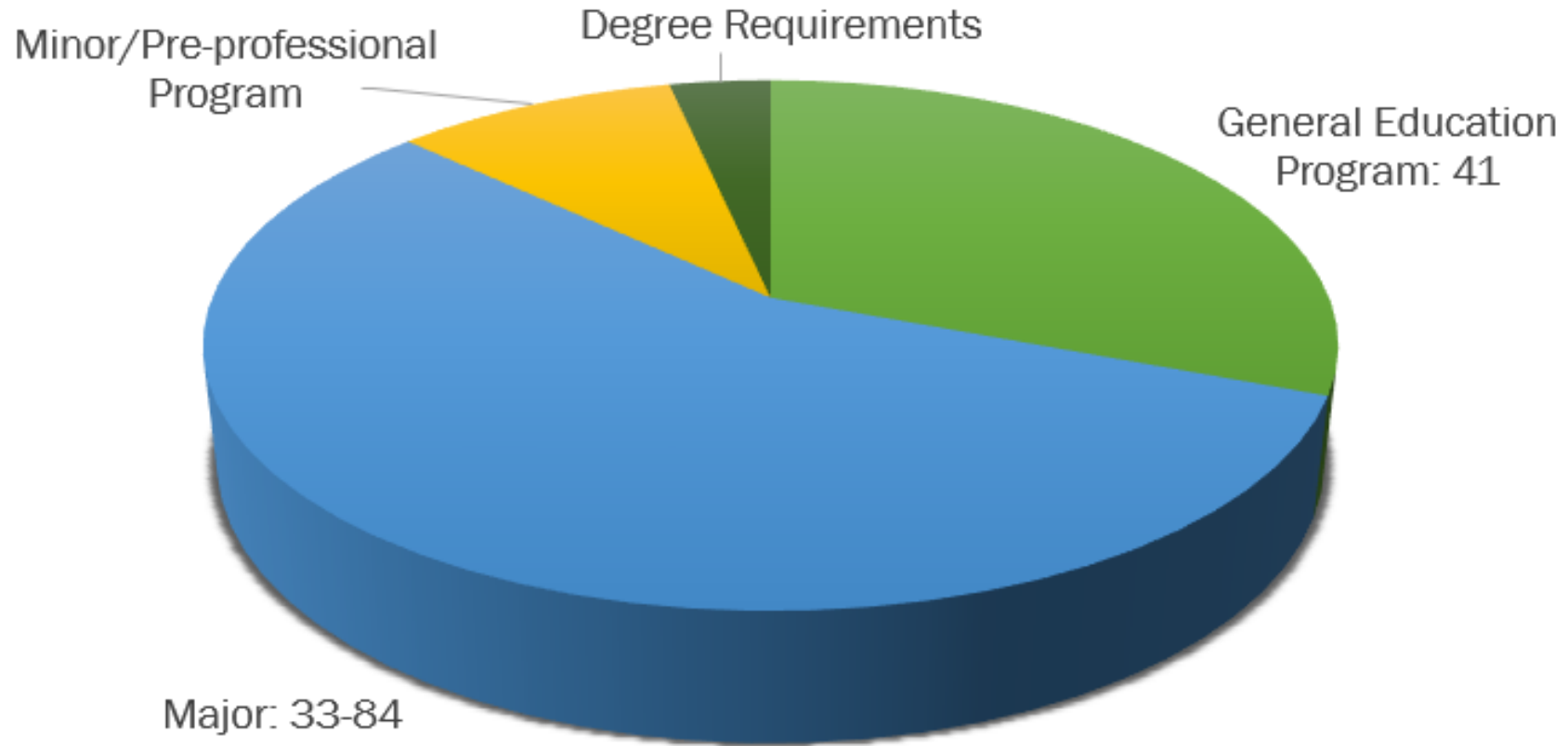


JMU Values a *Strong* Commitment to...

- A foundational **liberal arts** education
 - Broad knowledge of the wider world will prepare you to deal with complexity, diversity & change
- **Engagement** during your time here
 - Civic, community & learning
- Applying learning in the **real world**
 - E.g., internships, service learning, study abroad, student research



Graduation Requirements: Exploratory Perspective



JMU Majors

- Accounting
- Anthropology
- Architectural Design
- Art
- Art History
- Biology
- Biophysical Chemistry
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Communication Studies
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Dietetics
- Earth Science
- Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- English
- Exploratory
- Finance
- Foreign Languages
- Geography
- Geology
- Graphic Design
- Health Sciences
- Health Services Administration
- History
- Hospitality Management
- Independent Scholars
- Industrial Design
- Information Technology

JMU Majors

- Integrated Science and Technology
- Intelligence Analysis
- International Affairs
- International Business
- Jazz Studies
- Justice Studies
- Kinesiology
- Management
- Marketing
- Musical Theatre
- Mathematics
- Media Arts and Design
- Music
- Nursing
- Philosophy and Religion
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Quantitative Finance
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Sport and Recreation Management
- Statistics
- Theatre
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

<https://www.jmu.edu/academics>

Minors & Pre-professional programs



- JMU offers **100+** minors—great way to broaden knowledge & add professional expertise.
- Pre-professional health programs (e.g., Pre-Med, Pre-PT & Pre-pharmacy) are also minors.
- Other pre-professional programs (e.g., pre-law) are not minors but provide support to students interested in this career path.



Admission into a Major

- Open Majors/Programs
- Programs that have additional requirements
 - Audition/Portfolio required for entry
 - Progression Standards
 - Prerequisite Courses
 - GPA requirements
 - Limited Enrollment

Final Thoughts

- Exploratory is the best option if you are unsure what you want to major in!
- Know you are prepared!
- Take time to learn about programs that are a good fit & you are excited about!
- Use General Education coursework!
- Seek assistance from your advisor!

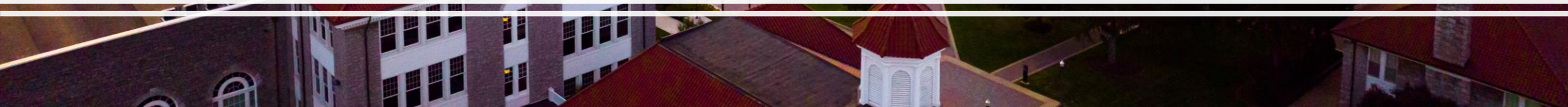


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Advising & Resources for Exploratory students



Meet your Academic Advisors!



Jessica Kyлло



Coming soon!



Chris Campbell



Exploratory Areas of Interest

Our new areas of interest
will help guide you to
where you need to be!

EXPLORATORY TRACKS

On a scale from 1-5, how much do you relate to these statements.

1 I am creative. I like to solve problems in creative ways. Aesthetics are important to me.



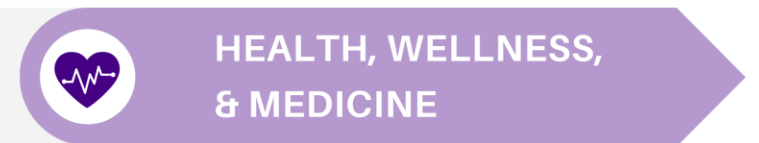
2 I like to use data to make informed decisions. I enjoy numbers. I am achievement oriented.



3 I enjoy breaking down complex information to others in a fun and engaging way.



4 People's health is important to me. I desire to be a health advocate for others.



EXPLORATORY TRACKS

On a scale from 1-5, how much do you relate to these statements.

5

I am a critical thinker and want to broaden my worldview.



HUMANITIES

6

I like to figure out how things work. Research excites me. Facts are all that matter.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,
ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

7

I enjoy learning about society, people, culture and politics. I want to use the scientific method to explore human and animal behavior.



SOCIAL SCIENCE

8

Everything interests me. Nothing interests me. I am overwhelmed by my options. I'm not ready to narrow it down.



EXPLORATORY

Advising for exploratory students



Assigned to a full-time, professional academic advisor



Emphasis on helping you make effective decisions



The decision on what major to pursue is **YOURS**



Access to full range of resources and tools



Benefits of starting as an Exploratory Student

- Explore *intentionally during your time as an Exploratory student*
 - Select your courses intentionally
 - Talking to faculty/staff
 - Ask your OPA, RA, and other students
 - Take note of your experiences on campus
- Talk with your academic advisor
 - Share your goals
 - What are you hoping to accomplish during your time here at JMU?



Make Exploring a *Priority*

We have lots of resources to help!

- Visit our the Advising Hub
- UNST 102
 - ½ semester course dedicated to help you explore
- Strong Interest Inventory, Work Values, Focus2 & many more!
- Events like Majors and Minors Fair (Oct. 3)
- Career Guide for JMU Majors
- Undergraduate Majors website



Guess that CEO's major!



History

Goldman Sachs



Psychology

Anthem



Political Science



Industrial Engineering



Industrial and Labor Relations



Marketing





Questions?

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