

James Madison University Senior Insights Survey

Survey Instrument 2024-2025

Note: Programming notes are in red.

To what extent has JMU provided you with:

- A) None
- B) Very little
- C) Some
- D) Quite a bit
- E) Very much

[G_OPP1_1] Opportunities to develop skills valuable in the workforce

[G_OPP1_2] Expertise in a specific discipline or area of study

[G_OPP1_3] Contact with individuals of different backgrounds

[G_OPP1_4] A broad, liberal arts education

[G_OPP1_5] A sense of community

[G_OPP1_6] An environment that promotes well-being

[G_OPP1_7] Opportunities for applying critical thinking

[G_OPP1_8] Skills for lifelong learning

To what extent has your experience at JMU contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

- A) None
- B) Very little
- C) Some
- D) Quite a bit
- E) Very much

[G_GR1_1] Writing clearly and effectively

[G_GR1_2] Thinking critically

[G_GR1_3] Taking a leadership role

[G_GR1_4] Functioning effectively as a team member

[G_GR1_5] Identifying moral and ethical issues

[G_GR1_6] Relating well to people of different backgrounds

[G_GR1_7] Understanding yourself (strengths, abilities, limitations)

Based on the following scale, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

- A) Strongly disagree
- B) Somewhat Disagree
- C) Somewhat Agree
- D) Strongly agree

[G_CD1_1] I know how to choose between occupations.

[G_CD1_2] I know how to identify possible career options based on my strengths, values and interests.

- [G_CD1_3] I know what kind of preparation I need for my career
- [G_CD1_4] I can see how my classes prepared me for my career
- [G_CD1_5] I know how my major and career goals are related
- [G_CD1_6] I know how to gain practical experience in my field of study
- [G_CD1_7] I know how to gain experience to prepare me for my career

Which of the following have you already done or plan to do during your time at JMU?

- A. I have not done this, and was not interested
- B. I have not done this, but I wanted to
- C. I have done this /am doing this

- [G_HIP1_1] Hold a leadership role on or off campus
- [G_HIP1_2] Participate in undergraduate research
- [G_HIP1_3] Have an internship or work-based learning experience (e.g., student teaching, research)
- [G_HIP1_4] Volunteer (not as a part of a course)
- [G_HIP1_5] Participate in service learning (a teaching strategy that integrates service to community)
- [G_HIP1_6] Participate in politics beyond voting
- [G_HIP1_7] Study abroad
- [G_HIP1_8] Work on team projects with fellow students
- [G_HIP1_9] Have a job on campus.

Work Based Learning Experiences

Display if C selected for G_HIP1_3 or G_HIP1_2

A Work-Based Learning Experience meets the following criteria:

1. The experience allowed you to apply and increase knowledge or skills necessary for work in a career field
2. A professional in the field provided oversight/guidance or mentoring
3. In most cases, the experience occurred in a context beyond the classroom (lab research, or courses that require extensive work with external partners or companies can count).

G_WBLE 1

During your time as a student at JMU, how many Work Based Learning Experiences did you complete?

- a. 0
- b. 1
- c. 2 or more

Display if 2+ is selected for G_WBLE1

You indicated you participated in at least two Work Based Learning Experiences. For the following questions, please reflect on the two *most recent* experiences you have had.

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Display if >=1 is selected for G_WBLE1

Please provide the following information regarding your first Work Based Learning Experience.

G_WBLE1_2 Name of Organization

Select the location of your Work Based Learning Experience

[Drop down of common WBLE locations]

G_WBLE1_2_text

What was the name of the organization through which you did your Work Based Learning Experience? [If G_WBLE1_2 is "Other"]

G_WBLE1_3_1

Which of the following best describes where your Work Based Learning Experience was located? **If you worked remotely, please indicate the geographic location of the primary office with which you worked.**

[Drop down of states, includes International as an option]

G_WBLE1_3_2

[Major cities based on state will appear as a drop-down]

G_WBLE1_4

Which of the following best describes how you engaged in workplace tasks during your internship? **If you engaged in more than one, please indicate which one best represents the work you did.**

- a. Job shadowing: You mostly shadowed your supervisor and observed them perform tasks
- b. Low-skill tasks w/supervision: You mostly engaged in relatively low-skill tasks after being trained by your supervisor
- c. High-skill tasks w/supervision: You mostly engaged in relatively high-skill tasks after being trained by your supervisor, who would then review and approve your work
- d. Autonomous work: You mostly worked on your own project(s) independently with support from a supervisor only as needed

G_WBLE1_5

Which of the following best describes the type of Work-Based Learning Experience you completed?

- a. Internship
- b. Practicum
- c. Clinical
- d. Student Teaching
- e. Undergraduate Research
- f. Fellowship
- g. Externship
- h. I don't know
- i. Other_____

G_WBLE1_6

Approximately how many hours did you spend in this experience?

- a. 1-50
- b. 51-100
- c. 101-200
- d. More than 200 hours

G_WBLE1_7

What time of year did you complete this Work Based Learning Experience? (Check all that apply)

- a. Summer
- b. Fall
- c. Spring
- d. My experience covered more than one part of the year (e.g., spring and summer).

G_WBLE1_8

What level were you when you started the Work Based Learning Experience?

- a. First-Year/Freshman
- b. Sophomore
- c. Junior
- d. Senior

G_WBLE1_9

What was the format of your experience?

- a. Fully in-person
- b. Fully virtual/remote
- c. Hybrid/mix of in-person and virtual

G_WBLE1_10

Did you receive college credit for this Work Based Learning Experience?

- a. Yes
- b. No

G_WBLE1_11

For what course did you receive credit? For example EDUC 480. [If Yes to G_WBLE1_10]

[Text Response]

G_WBLE1_12

Was this experience paid or unpaid?

- a. Paid
- b. Unpaid (including for credit)

G_WBLE1_13

How did you initially learn about your Work Based Learning Experience opportunity?

- a. University Career Center
- b. Career Fair
- c. Handshake
- d. Faculty member helped me locate it
- e. Options were provided through a JMU course
- f. Family/friend connection
- g. I was recruited by an employer for the position
- h. Other _____

G_WBLE1_14

How satisfied were you with your work-based learning experience?

- a. Very Dissatisfied
- b. Dissatisfied
- c. Satisfied
- d. Very Satisfied

Please indicate how often your Work Based Learning Experience provided opportunities for developing the following skills.

- a. Never
- b. Seldom
- c. Sometimes
- d. Often
- e. Almost always

[G_WBLE1_15_1] Communication

[G_WBLE1_15_2] Teamwork

[G_WBLE1_15_3] Problem solving

[G_WBLE1_15_4] Leadership

Display if 2 is selected for G_WBLE1

Please provide the following information regarding your second Work Based Learning Experience.

G_WBLE2_2 Name of Organization

Select the location of your Work Based Learning Experience

[Drop down of common WBLE locations]

G_WBLE2_2_text

What was the name of the organization through which you did your Work Based Learning Experience? **[If G_WBLE2_2 is "Other"]**

G_WBLE2_3_1

Which of the following best describes where your Work Based Learning Experience was located?

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G_WBLE2_3_2

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G_WBLE2_4

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G_WBLE2_6

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G_WBLE2_8

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[G_WBLE2_15_3] Problem solving

[G_WBLE2_15_4] Leadership

Display if B selected for G_HIP1_3 OR if 0 selected for G_WBLE1

[G_WBLE_BAR1]

Select each item you consider a reason for why you were unable to pursue a work-based learning experience.

- a. Course load was too heavy
 - b. Insufficient/no pay offered
 - c. Need to work at current job
 - d. Lack of transportation
 - e. Lack of childcare
 - f. Lack of opportunities in my field
 - g. Applied for work-based learning experience, but wasn't selected
 - h. Not sure how to find a work-based learning experience
 - i. Other _____
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[G_PRO3]

The following statements describe four personal philosophies of higher education. Choose the one statement that most accurately portrays your own point of view.

- A) The greatest emphasis is on the scholarly pursuit of knowledge and understanding. Involvement in course work or independent study beyond the minimum is sought. Social life and organized activities are relatively unimportant.
- B) Extracurricular activities, parties, athletics, social life, friendships and loyalty to college traditions are viewed as important and scholarly endeavors are less important though not ignored.
- C) Education is viewed essentially as preparation for an occupational future. College is seen primarily to obtain training for a chosen career.
- D) Emphasis is placed on ideas, art forms and individuality. There is often either a conscious rejection of commonly held value orientations or a search for meaning in one's own life.

[G_PRO6]

What is the highest academic degree that you intend to obtain?

- A) Bachelor's degree
- B) Master's degree
- C) Specialist degree (e.g., Ed.S.)
- D) Professional degree (e.g., medicine, law, theology)
- E) Doctoral degree (e.g., Ph.D., Ed.D., D.B.A.)

[G_SAT1]

Indicate your level of satisfaction with JMU in general

- A) Very dissatisfied
- B) Dissatisfied
- C) Satisfied
- D) Very satisfied

[G_SAT2]

If you could start over again, would you attend JMU?

- A) Definitely no
- B) No
- C) Yes
- D) Definitely yes

