

# HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



## Humanities and Social Sciences Highlights

- Open to all JMU majors, **the Washington Semester program** allows students to explore the wealth of political and cultural opportunities available in the Washington, D.C., area through semester-long internships.
- JMU is a leader in **community-engaged learning** – our students collaborate on projects that address the variety of challenges facing real-world organizations, including local businesses, advocacy groups, and government agencies.
- The annual **College of Arts and Letters Career Readiness Conference** connects students with successful alumni for professional advice, workshops and networking advice specific to the liberal arts.



**“I have written a personal narrative, a story about my life. I’ve written cultural commentaries and political op-eds. And I’ve also had a content strategies course. WRTC offers a very real-world perspective.”**

— MEG ROONEY (CLASS OF 2023)  
WRITING, RHETORIC AND  
TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION MAJOR

### Making Your Madison Experience Unique

The Madison Experience is about giving students the ability to craft their own individual journey to success. At JMU, you can cross disciplines and take any minor or combination of minors regardless of your major, allowing you to discover new interests and create your own path.

## Programs of Study

### MAJORS

- Anthropology
- Economics
- English
- History
- International Affairs
- Justice Studies
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Philosophy and Religion
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy and Administration
- Sociology
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

### MINORS

- African, African American and Diaspora Studies
- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- British Communication and Media
- Classical Studies
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Disability Studies
- English
- Environmental Humanities
- Ethics
- Global Religions and Global Issues
- Historical Archaeology
- History
- Humanitarian Affairs
- Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean Studies
- Latino Community Engagement
- Legal Studies
- Linguistics
- Logic and Reasoning
- Medical Humanities
- Medieval and Renaissance Studies
- Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations
- Modern European Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Communication
- Political Science
- Public Policy and Administration
- Russian Studies
- Sociology
- Urban and Regional Studies
- Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
- World Literature
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication
- Youth Justice

### GRADUATE PROGRAMS

- English
- History
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy and Administration
- Strategic Leadership Studies
- Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication

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## The Madison Experience

### ACCESS TO FACULTY

Our professors make teaching their No. 1 priority. That's rare at a school our size. Small classes. Attention from professors. Big-school opportunities, yet a small-school feel.

### HANDS-ON LEARNING

80 percent of our undergrads do research, a practicum, an internship or student teach. Many JMU students do more than one of these. Another example of how learning happens beyond the classroom at JMU.

### A GREAT VALUE

A reasonable price and a solid return on investment have long been hallmarks of the Madison Experience. Niche cited JMU #19 in its Best Value Big Colleges ranking. Superb value. Return on investment. A bright future for you.

### STUDY ABROAD

More than 1200 students participate in JMU's study abroad program each year. Imagine yourself studying Global Culture as part of the popular Semester Abroad in Salamanca program.

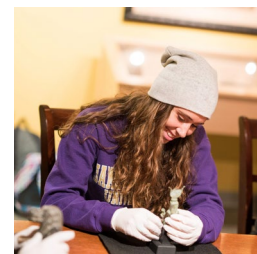
## Overview

Asking deep questions and exploring possible answers. Making connections among the past, present, and future. Analyzing and solving problems by gathering information to see the big picture. These are just a few of the tools of the humanist and social scientist.

Our humanities and social sciences programs emphasize reading, writing, reflection, and active participation, and attract students who are interested in creativity and the many forms of communication—verbal, literary, visual, cultural—that shape how we understand ourselves and our world.

Students in these programs enjoy the flexibility to craft their academic paths by pairing multiple majors or pursuing minors that reflect their varied interests.

These disciplines develop knowledge and skills—in critical thinking, communication, research, digital literacy and intercultural and interpersonal exchange—that prepare students for a wide range of pathways after college. They become the global thinkers and visionaries that work with purpose and change the world.



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