

Connections

Study Abroad

The Chronicle of Higher Education recently ranked the JMU Office of International Programs second in the nation among master's-level schools for the number of students studying abroad. Your JMU Shakespeare class could include a trip to Stratford-on-Avon. Or your art history class, a visit to a Florence museum. Read about May 2009 graduate Caroline F. Braun's junior year experience studying in England and Spain on Page 28.

* www.jmu.edu/international/abroad/index.shtml



JMU's Study Abroad program ranked No. 2 in the nation in its category for the number of students studying abroad. Caroline Braun, (far right), spent her junior year studying in England and Spain. Read her article on Page 28.

Top 10

majors of JMU
honors students

1. **Biology**
2. **Psychology**
3. **International Affairs**
4. **Health Science**
5. **Media Arts & Design**
6. **English**
7. **Finance**
8. **Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies**
9. **History**
10. **Marketing**

Honors Program

The Nuclear Age: Living with the Genie. Astrobiology: Search for Life on Other Worlds. Evolution, Human Nature and Morality. These are some of the classes you may find yourself engrossed in when you take part in JMU's Honors Program. Small classes and vigorous discussions are the norm.

* www.jmu.edu/honorsprog/

Career and Academic Planning

Do you have so many interests that you're having a hard time deciding on a major? Maybe you have a favorite academic area but are wondering where it will lead you in today's economy. From your first day at JMU until you graduate, the Career and Academic Planning team has you covered. *

www.jmu.edu/cap/

General Education

Madison's General Education Program, the core academic offerings required of each JMU student, is all about helping you weave together courses that promote the habits of the mind and heart essential to informed citizens. General education sets the stage for a life of reason, ethics, understanding and joy. *

www.jmu.edu/gened/

Be the Change

May 2009 graduate Ryan Powanda, an integrated science and technology major, spent much of his Madison Experience making the JMU community aware of environmental issues. The National Science Foundation and Stanford University took note. Powanda is in his first year at Stanford in a master's program studying energy and atmospheric science (all expenses paid) thanks to an NSF Graduate Fellowship. Only about 10 percent of applicants receive the fellowship, which is covering three years of Powanda's tuition. At JMU, Powanda helped establish the JMU Clean Energy Coalition and was a member of the EARTH Club and the Environmental Business Club. He was the student representative to the JMU Sustainable Campus Work Group and the Center for Energy and Environmental Sustainability governing body. See a video Q&A and read more about him at www.jmu.edu/news/RyanPowanda.shtml.

Ryan Powanda, a May 2009 graduate, will study energy and atmospheric science in Stanford University's master's program thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation.

* www.jmu.edu/BetheChange/

ONLINE

- * JMU's front door: www.jmu.edu
- * Everything alumni: www.jmu.edu/alumni/
- * The Newsroom and JMU Public Affairs: www.jmu.edu/news/
- * Madison Channel: Live and archived video and audio coverage of JMU activities and events: <http://media.jmu.edu/>

HEADLINES + HIGHLIGHTS

- * *Brightening the Lights of Madison* and the JMU Online Community: www.jmu.edu/alumni/publications/
- * *The Family Connection* insights for JMU parents: www.jmu.edu/parents/Update_Form.shtml

TELEVISION

- * WVPT: Students intern at the PBS affiliate for central Virginia, Shenandoah Valley and northeastern West Virginia, (540) 434-5391: www.wvpt.net

RADIO

- * WXJM: Student programming, news, talk and music on FM 88.7 <http://orgs.jmu.edu/wxjm>
- * AM 1610: Tune in when you roll into the 'Burg
- * WMRA: <http://wmra.org/> NPR, local news and programming. WMRA, WMRY, WMRL, WMLU at 90.7, 103.5, 89.9 and 91.3 on your FM dial

PRINT

- * *Madison*, the JMU magazine, and MadisonOnline: www.jmu.edu/MadisonOnline/. Story ideas or subscriptions: (540) 568-2664 or e-mail madisonmag@jmu.edu

SPORTS

- * www.jmusports.com
- * *Pawprint*: the Duke Club Newsletter, (540) 568-6164
- * *MadiZONE*: Catch all the exciting JMU sports action — the online destination for live and on-demand video and audio: www.jmusports.com

Madison