JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
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ACCREDITATION
James Madison University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Many of the academic departments and programs have accreditation conferred from their individual accrediting agencies. Refer to the undergraduate and graduate catalogs for further details.

CALENDAR
Credits are awarded on the semester system with one semester hour of credit representing one hour of lecture or two hours of laboratory per week. Credits earned prior to 1947 are recorded in terms of quarter hours.

COURSE REPEAT POLICY
For students entering the university prior to fall semester 1987, hours carried on the repeat attempt are used to calculate the grade point average. For students entering the university after fall semester 1987, hours carried on both the original and repeat attempts are used to calculate the grade point average except that students may declare a maximum of two courses as forgiveness repeats and have the original grade dropped from grade point average calculations. Where the original course attempt is excluded from the cumulative grade point calculation, the repeated course attempt will be noted as "Repeated Course: Repeat Forgiveness." Where both the original and repeated course attempts are used in calculating the cumulative grade point average, the repeated course attempt will be noted as "Repeated Course: Repeat Credit". In each case, all grades remain on the academic record and hours earned are counted only once toward satisfying graduation requirements.

GRADUATION HONORS
James Madison University confers graduation honors (cum laude, magna cum laude, and summa cum laude) upon qualified undergraduate degree recipients based on the student's cumulative grade point average calculated on course work completed at James Madison University and all other post-secondary institutions the student has attended. Criteria for Graduation honors are stated in the Undergraduate Catalog.

James Madison University notes Graduation with Distinction for students who maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 and complete a senior honors project demonstrating discipline, creativity and considerable knowledge in their field of study. Honors Scholars and Subject Area Honors students earn substantial credit in honors course work in addition to completing the senior honors project and meeting the cumulative grade point average requisite to graduation with Distinction.

Undergraduate Grading Scale				Graduate Grading Scale			
Prior to Fall 1998		Effective Fall 1998		Prior to Fall 1998		Effective Fall 1998	
Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points	Grade	Quality Points
A+	4.00	A	4.00	A	4.00	A	4.00
A	4.00	A-	3.70	B+	3.50	A-	3.70
A-	4.00	B+	3.30	B	3.00	B+	3.30
B+	3.00	B	3.00	C	2.00	B	3.00
B	3.00	B-	2.70	F	0.00	B-	2.70
B-	3.00	C+	2.30			C	2.00
C+	2.00	C	2.00			F	0.00
C	2.00	C-	1.70				
C-	2.00	D+	1.30				
D	1.00	D	1.00				
F	0.00	*D-	0.70				
		F	0.00				

*D- grade was added Fall 2008

The following grades are not included in grade point average calculation:

I	Incomplete	Au	Audit
CR	Credit for 2.0 or better work	W	Withdrawal
		W/P	Withdrawal/Passing Grade
NC	No Credit	W/F	Withdrawal/Failing Grade
NP	Grade Not Processed	U	Unsatisfactory (designated graduate courses)
S	Satisfactory (designated graduate courses)	IP	In Progress

Grades converted under the Transfer Equivalent Policy are also excluded from the grade point calculation.

INFORMATION LITERACY REQUIREMENT
The Information Literacy requirement for undergraduate students is completed during the first academic year. Students who complete the requirement have demonstrated competence in finding, evaluating, and effectively using information. They also have demonstrated competence in managing information using word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation software. Students enhance these skills and acquire additional skills as they progress in their area of academic concentration.

ACADEMIC STANDING
Academic standing for undergraduate degree-seeking students is noted on the transcript each semester. Undergraduates are eligible to return to the university for a subsequent semester unless they have been placed on academic suspension. Suspended students may apply for readmission after one calendar year, but they may attend the university during summer session immediately following suspension or receive permission to return to the university during a regular semester under a favorable academic review decision within the calendar year of suspension. Graduate students are subject to policies in the Graduate Catalog.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 prohibits the release of this record or disclosure of its contents to any third party without the written consent of the student.

TRANSCRIPT VALIDATION
Transcripts for students who enrolled during or after fall semester 1983 are maintained on-line. An official transcript generated through the on-line system is printed on secure paper and does not require a raised seal. Copies issued to students will have "Issued to Student" stamped on the transcript. Further authentication may be obtained by calling the Office of the Registrar at (540) 568-6281.

NOTE
Transcripts for students who completed degree programs prior to fall semester 1983 and continued studies during or after fall semester 1983 will be printed separately in two formats. The transcript record prior to fall semester 1983 will be printed in black and white. The black and white transcript MUST CARRY the raised seal of the university and the signature of the registrar to be considered official. The transcript record of courses completed during or after fall semester 1983 will be generated by the on-line system and will be printed on secure paper with a purple background as above.

This transcript was delivered through the National Student Clearinghouse secure website. The original transcript is in electronic PDF form. A printed or emailed copy of this transcript is not an original and is not considered to be an official transcript.

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