

JOHN HAZEN WHITE

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES FACTS



Founded in 1992 as the School of Arts & Sciences, the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences was established to weave the liberal arts into JWU's renowned career-focused education model. Through the University Core, all undergraduate students gain a strong foundation in key disciplines — humanities, social and behavioral sciences, mathematics, and the physical sciences — while developing highly transferable skills, such as analytical thinking, integrative reasoning and effective communication. Guided by faculty committed to academic excellence and innovation, the college became a degree-granting unit in 2011, and it now offers over 30 programs. Students benefit from specialized learning spaces that foster hands-on, field-relevant experiences, and a personalized culture of care and mentorship that supports their journey from exploration and discovery to professional readiness.

1,716

students

36

programs

2026-27 Programs (asterisks denote programs coming in 2027)

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES		GRADUATE DEGREES	
Animal Science (B.S.) with optional specialization in Equine Science or Pre-Veterinary Studies	Providence	Addiction Counseling (M.S.)	Providence
Biology (B.A.* or B.S.) with optional specialization in Biomedical Science, Environmental Studies or Plant Science	Providence	Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S.)	Providence
Computer Science (B.S.) with optional specialization in Network Engineering or Software Engineering	Providence Online	Criminal Justice (M.S.)	Online
Criminal Justice (A.S.)	Online	Cybersecurity (M.S.)	Providence
Criminal Justice (B.S.) with optional specialization in Community Justice	Providence Online	Data Analytics (M.S.)	Providence Online
Cybersecurity (B.S.)	Providence	Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) in Higher Education or Elementary-Secondary Education	Providence
Data Analytics (B.S.)	Providence	Health Professions (Ed.D.)*	Providence
Design (B.S.)	Providence	Public Administration (MPA)	Online
Digital Marketing & Social Media (B.S.)	Providence Online	Teacher Education (MAT) with concentration in Elementary/Elementary Special Education, Business/Secondary Special Education, or Culinary Arts Education	Providence
Environmental Science (B.S.)*	Providence	Teaching and Learning (M.Ed.)	Providence
Interdisciplinary Studies: Design Your Own Major (B.A.)	Providence	Organizational Psychology (M.S.)	Online
Liberal Studies (B.S.)	Providence Charlotte Online	COMBINED DEGREES	
Media & Communication (B.A.)	Providence	Biology (B.S.) + Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) or Public Health (MPH)	Providence
Psychology (B.S.) with an optional specialization in Counseling Psychology	Providence Charlotte Online	Data Analytics (B.S. + M.S.) or Public Health (MPH)	Providence
CAREER-FOCUSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CFBS) 90-CREDIT, 3-YEAR DEGREES			
Computer Science	Providence Online	Psychology (B.S.) + Addiction Counseling (M.S.) or Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S.) or Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) or Public Health (MPH)	Providence Charlotte
Criminal Justice	Providence	UNDERGRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATE	
Design	Providence	Technical Writing and Editing	Online
UNDECIDED (TRACK INTO BACHELOR'S DEGREE)			
		University Explorations	Providence

Reimagining Experiential & Applied Learning (REAL)

21
average
class size

JWU's University Core delivers a distinctive approach to experiential learning that drives professional readiness. Through the REAL initiative, active learning and hands-on experiences are built into every course — moving beyond lectures to include simulations, gamification, research projects, fieldwork, studios, labs, service learning, industry collaborations, role playing, debates and other immersive activities. Through these experiences, students tackle real-world challenges, reflect on what they've learned, think critically, and apply insights in professional contexts. Grounded in David Kolb's Experiential Learning Model, this approach fosters engagement, adaptability and self-awareness — skills essential for career success. Scaled across all colleges and programs, REAL makes experiential learning and career preparation defining features of the JWU student experience.

Combined Degrees via Articulation Agreements

Students can save a year's tuition and receive a bachelor's degree and doctorate in just six years (a year ahead of schedule) through JWU's combined degree programs with external partner institutions. Students can receive a bachelor's degree from JWU and a juris doctorate from either Roger Williams University or the University of Massachusetts. Students can also receive a JWU bachelor's degree in Biology and a Pharm.D. (Doctor of Pharmacy) degree from the University of Saint Joseph. For more information and eligibility requirements, visit jwu.edu/academics/undergrad-to-grad/articulation-agreements.html.

Accreditation

The Addiction Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling master's degree programs are accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) through 2033.

The Rhode Island Department of Education approved JWU's MAT programs in Spring 2024 for a five-year term.

In 2024, the National Security Administration (NSA) recognized the college as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education.

Facilities

15
specialty labs
universitywide

From biology, chemistry, computer science and design labs to the Cybersecurity Center of Academic Excellence and its cyber labs, students benefit from specialized spaces and access to state-of-the-art equipment to engage in real-world experiences. The Center for Media Production serves as an audio and video production hub for multiple programs, student organizations and industry partners. The Crime Lab and Crime Scene Room feature a wide range of forensic equipment that allows students and law enforcement professionals to learn about evidence collection, criminal procedure, blood spatters and bullet trajectories,

fingerprint and footprint analysis, forensic analysis and techniques, and the latest techniques for processing evidence and analyzing data.

Faculty Mentorship

JWU's Faculty Mentor Program pairs first-year students with a faculty member in their major for integrated academic and career guidance, helping them set goals, navigate college life, build a "Success Network" with other advisors (i.e., career, financial and academic), and connect with campus resources for personal and professional growth, fostering a strong support system throughout their four years.

Career Outcomes Rate

92.3%
career
outcomes
rate

Johnson & Wales University enjoys a 92.3% career outcomes rate for our 2024 universitywide graduates who earned an associate or a bachelor's degree. This rate reflects the percentage of JWU graduates who secure full or part-time employment, are enrolled/accepted in a program of study to continue their education, are performing voluntary service, or enlist in military service within six months of graduation. The 2024 JWU rate is 6.6 percentage points higher than the national average. For more information, visit jwu.edu/career-outcomes.

Industry Partners

Industry partners include, but are not limited to, the following:

American Computing Association	Nail Advertising
American Institute of Graphic Arts	National Security Agency
AMGEN	Neon Marketplace
Arbour Counseling Services	Ocean State Media
Axiotrope	Palo Alto Networks
Boston Globe	Providence Arts, Culture & Tourism
Brown University Health	Providence Inner City Arts
C-4 Analytics	Providence Police
Care New England/Butler Hospital	Providence Public Schools
Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate	Rhode Island Council for Problem Gambling
Center for Leadership & Educational Equity	Rhode Island Humanities
Cisco, Fortinet and CompTIA	Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Claflin Company	Rhode Island State Police
Eleanor Slater Hospital	Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance
FirstWorks	Tomaquag Museum
FM Global	U.S. Attorney's Office
Fuller Hospital	U.S. Department of Justice
	The Washington Center