



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

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| Animal Science (B.S.) with optional specialization in Equine Science or Pre-Veterinary Studies | Providence |
| Biology (B.A.* or B.S.) with optional specialization in Biomedical Science, Environmental Studies or Plant Science | Providence |
| Computer Science (B.S.) with optional specialization in Network Engineering or Software Engineering | Providence Online |
| Criminal Justice (A.S.) | Online |
| Criminal Justice (B.S.) with optional specialization in Community Justice | Providence Online |
| Cybersecurity (B.S.) | Providence |
| Data Analytics (B.S.) | Providence |
| Design (B.S.) | Providence |
| Digital Marketing & Social Media (B.S.) | Providence Online |
| Environmental Science (B.S.)* | Providence |
| Interdisciplinary Studies: Design Your Own Major (B.A.) | Providence |
| Liberal Studies (B.S.) | Providence Charlotte Online |
| Media & Communication (B.A.) | Providence |
| Psychology (B.S.) with an optional specialization in Counseling Psychology | Providence Charlotte Online |

CAREER-FOCUSED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (CFBS) 90-CREDIT, 3-YEAR DEGREES

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| Computer Science | Providence Online |
| Criminal Justice | Providence |
| Design | Providence |

GRADUATE DEGREES

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| Addiction Counseling (M.S.) | Providence |
| Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.S.) | Providence |
| Criminal Justice (M.S.) | Online |
| Cybersecurity (M.S.) | Providence |
| Data Analytics (M.S.) | Providence Online |
| Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) in Higher Education or Elementary-Secondary Education | Providence |
| Health Professions (Ed.D.)* | Providence |
| Public Administration (MPA) | Online |
| Teacher Education (MAT) with concentration in Elementary/Elementary Special Education, Business/Secondary Special Education, or Culinary Arts Education | Providence |
| Teaching and Learning (M.Ed.) | Providence |
| Organizational Psychology (M.S.) | Online |

COMBINED DEGREES

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| Biology (B.S.) + Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) or Public Health (MPH) | Providence |
| Data Analytics (B.S. + M.S.) or Public Health (MPH) | Providence |
| 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 |

UNDERGRADUATE MICRO-CERTIFICATE

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| Technical Writing and Editing | Online |
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UNDECIDED (TRACK INTO BACHELOR'S DEGREE)

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| University Explorations | Providence |
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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:

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| 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 |