



JOHNSON & WALES
UNIVERSITY

CHARLOTTE FACTS



Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students at its campuses in Providence, Rhode Island and Charlotte, North Carolina, and through JWU Online.

An innovative educational leader, the university offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business and hospitality, dietetics and nutrition, food innovation and technology, and health and wellness. It also offers undergraduate programs in culinary arts and baking and pastry arts. JWU's unique model provides students with the personalized attention, academic expertise and industry connections that inspire professional success and personal growth. The time students spend at JWU is nothing short of transformative, as demonstrated by career outcomes, expected earnings and economic mobility rankings. The university's impact is global, with alumni in 130 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit jwu.edu.

Degrees Offered (2025–26)

Associate and bachelor's:

- College of Food Innovation & Technology

Bachelor's degrees:

- John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Business*
- College of Health & Wellness

** Starting Fall 2025, programs in the College of Hospitality Management will join the College of Business.*

Accreditation

JWU is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE). The nation's oldest regional accrediting association, NECHE accredits educational institutions internationally. This accreditation encompasses both campuses and online. Program accreditations are accessible at catalog.jwu.edu/aboutjwu/accreditationsandapprovals.

Enrollment Statistics (2024–25)

Average class size: **21**

Student population reporting

Gender: **65.1% female** and **34.9% male**

First-generation status: **35.8%**

Living on campus: **65.3%**

Campus Facts

In 2002 the city of Charlotte invited JWU to open a campus in uptown Charlotte. It would allow JWU to build academic facilities from the ground up. Recognizing that its smaller, leased campus facilities in Charleston and Norfolk did not provide the ideal environment for continued evolution and strategic growth, JWU announced in 2002 that it would consolidate these two campuses into a new one in Charlotte. Campus enrollment for Fall 2024 stands at 1,184 students.

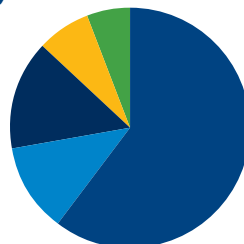
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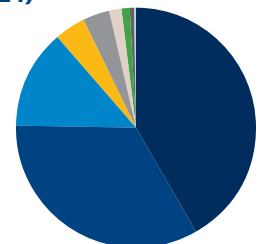
ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2024)

714	Food Innovation & Technology
144	Business
173	Hospitality Management
84	Arts & Sciences
69	Health & Wellness
1,184	TOTAL



ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2024)

495	Black or African American
397	White
158	Hispanic
50	Unknown
43	Two or More Races
19	Asian
13	U.S. Nonresident
7	American Indian or Alaska Native
2	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
1,184	TOTAL



** Enrollment is defined as the total number of degree/certificate-seeking students.*

Campus Facilities

The Charlotte Campus is spread across 11.75 acres and eight buildings (including a parking deck) in uptown Charlotte. These buildings include

Academic Center: classrooms, auditorium, Advancement & Community Relations, College of Food Innovation & Technology, College of Hospitality Management, Health Services, Information Technology, Student Engagement, four computer labs, 18 culinary labs, biology lab, media lab, nursing lab, science lab, culinary demonstration area, three dining rooms, events center, lounges

Cedar Hall North and Cedar Hall South: suite-style residence halls with 734 beds, student dining center, game rooms, common rooms, study rooms, Campus Safety & Security, Community Standards and Conduct, Counseling Services, Facilities Management, Residential Life, Student Affairs

Gateway Village: bookstore, library with computer lab, College of Health & Wellness, Experiential Education & Career Services, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, Ricoh Printing and Mailing Center, Student Financial Services

Gateway Center: eight classrooms, Admissions, College of Business, John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences, Student Academic Services

Wildcat Center: Athletics, Student Engagement, fitness center, group fitness room, gymnasium, locker rooms, Wildcat Den

The Maple: single and double rooms with in-unit bath for 158 upperclass students, common area, 24-hour fitness center, dean of students office

Tuition (2025–26)

Undergraduate Tuition: \$43,872

Visit juu.edu/admissions/paying-for-college for updated tuition and financial aid information.

99.2%

of on-campus students receive aid

Financial Aid (2024–25)

JWU is committed to making a quality education as accessible and affordable as possible. The university has taken proactive steps to manage student debt by increasing

institutional aid over the past several years. Approximately 99.2% of JWU Charlotte on-campus students receive institutional scholarships and/or grants from the university, often making an education at JWU more affordable than other universities.

Pell grants were awarded to 59.8% of the undergraduate students enrolled at the Charlotte Campus.

Strategic Plan

JWU’s 10-year master plan, known as the POWERED BY series, has three components spanning that time frame. The second of the series, POWERED BY POSSIBILITY 2027, underscores our dedication to an educational experience rooted in excellence, strengthening industry connections, enhancing our institutional foundation and fostering a culture that reflects our mission.

Visit juu.edu/about-juu/strategic-plan.html for more information.

98% of students participated in experiential education
240 internships
86% paid internships

Experiential Education

JWU students are invested in their education and intentional about their experiences, ensuring that their learning is authentic and purposeful. These students thrive in JWU’s supportive community, which encourages their passion for hands-on learning, values their intellectual curiosity, and immerses them in dynamic labs and career-focused classrooms resulting in agile graduates who demonstrate a strong work ethic.

To support students’ career success, JWU faculty and career advisors from Experiential Education & Career Services offer career readiness planning and advising. This ensures students develop essential workplace skills such as teamwork, time management and problem-solving that employers value. This is backed up by 97% of internship site supervisors in 2023–24 who rated JWU Charlotte’s internship program as good or exceptional with 94.1% rating JWU Charlotte students as prepared for their specific industries compared to other college interns.

Rankings

U.S. News & World Report ranked JWU Charlotte as the 29th Best College in the Regional Colleges South category and the 13th Best Value School in the Regional Colleges South category.



Athletics

The Charlotte Campus features 13 varsity athletic teams and is a member of the USCAA. For more information, visit charlotte.jwuathletics.com.

Community and Economic Impact

	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL
Faculty	70	40	110
Staff	101	20	121
TOTAL	171	60	231

The Charlotte Campus has 231 employees; 37.5% of students attending the Charlotte Campus are from North Carolina.

Over the past 10 years, JWU’s Charlotte Campus has invested \$9,005,961 in construction and renovation.

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* rated by internship site supervisors