JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY

Facts – December 2023

CHARLOTTE

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

An innovative educational leader, the university offers both undergraduate and graduate degree programs in arts and sciences, business, engineering, food innovation, hospitality, nutrition, health and wellness. It also offers undergraduate programs in culinary arts, dietetics and design. 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 128 countries pursuing careers worldwide. For more information, visit **jwu.edu**.

Degrees Offered (2023–24)

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
- College of Hospitality Management

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**.

Global Reach

The Charlotte Campus has 1,126 students from 13 countries and 44 states and territories. They participate in their choice of 60 study abroad and exchange programs to 34 destinations worldwide.

The top five international student populations represent India, Indonesia, South Korea, People's Republic of China, and the Bahamas.

Enrollment Statistics (2023–24)

Average class size: **19**
Gender breakdown of student population: **64% female** and **36% male**
Student population reporting first-generation status: **29%**
Student population living on campus: **61%**

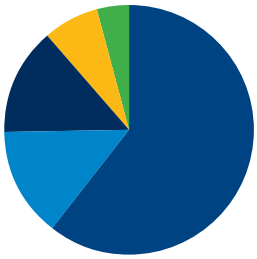
Campus Facts

1,126
Students from
13
Countries

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 2023 stands at 1,126 students.

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2023)

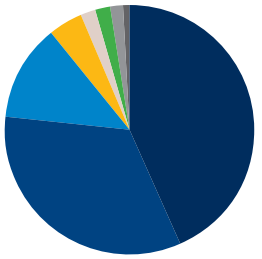
682	Food Innovation & Technology
161	Business
156	Hospitality Management
81	Arts & Sciences
46	Health & Wellness
1,126	**TOTAL**



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

ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2023)

489	Black or African American
377	White
141	Hispanic
50	Unknown
22	Asian
20	U.S. Nonresident
19	Two or More Races
8	American Indian or Alaska Native
1,126	**TOTAL**



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, 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, 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, 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

DoubleTree by Hilton Charlotte Hotel (university owned)

Tuition (2023–24)

Undergraduate Tuition: $39,792

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

Financial Aid (2023–24)

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 99.6% 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 52.5% of the undergraduate students enrolled at the Charlotte Campus.

99.6%
of On-Campus Students Receive Aid

Strategic Plan

JWU's 10-year master plan, known as the POWERED BY series, has three components spanning that time frame. The first of the series, POWERED BY PURPOSE 2024, builds upon past strategic plans and sets clear goals for the future to ensure that JWU attracts and retains well-regarded faculty and staff, recruits high-performing and ambitious students, and promotes a culture across the university that takes pride in fostering student success, scholarly excellence and institutional efficiency.

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

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.

1,260
Students Interned at
793
Sites in
44
States

Employers tell us that JWU graduates demonstrate a strong work ethic, embrace challenges and ask the right kinds of questions. The university's commitment to providing students with a practical, relevant education provides industry with agile graduates who are real-world tested and are ready to enter a highly dynamic workforce.

Universitywide, in 2022–23, 1,260 students gained industry experience related to their major at 793 sites across 44 states.

In 2022–23, 81% of JWU student internships were paid. In that same year, 97.3% of internship employers rated JWU's internship program as good or exceptional.

Rankings

U.S. News & World Report placed JWU Charlotte 13th as a Best Value School, 5th as a Best College for Veterans and 24th overall in the Regional Colleges South category.

Athletics

The Charlotte Campus features 12 varsity athletic teams and is a member of the USCAA. For more information, visit **charlotte.jwuathletics.com**

Community and Economic Impact

The Charlotte Campus has 217 employees.

Over the past 10 years, JWU's Charlotte Campus has invested $7,570,570 in construction and renovation.

	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL
Faculty	76	27	103
Staff	92	22	114
TOTAL	168	49	217

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All data are current as of December 2023 (unless otherwise noted) and updated annually.