

# PROVIDENCE

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](http://jwu.edu).

## Degrees Offered (2023–24)

Associate, bachelor's and master's degrees:

- College of Food Innovation & Technology

Bachelor's and master's degrees:

- College of Business
- College of Engineering & Design
- College of Hospitality Management

Bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees:

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

## 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](http://catalog.jwu.edu/aboutjwu/accreditationsandapprovals).

## Global Reach

The Providence Campus has 4,327 students from 46 countries and 53 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: **21**

Gender breakdown of student population: **63% female** and **37% male**

Student population reporting first-generation status: **27%**

Student population living on campus: **52%**

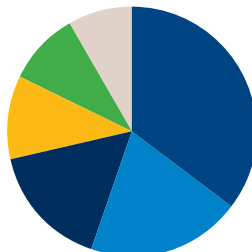
## Campus Facts

The Providence Campus is the university's original campus, with a diverse student body of 4,327 students. The Downcity Campus, located in the heart of Providence, is home to the College of Business, the College of Hospitality Management, the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences, the College of Engineering & Design, and the College of Health & Wellness. A short distance south is the Harborside Campus, home to the College of Food Innovation & Technology.

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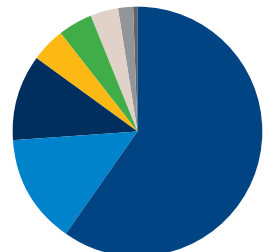
## ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2023)

1,531	Food Innovation & Technology
871	Arts & Sciences
699	Business
457	Hospitality Management
410	Health & Wellness
359	Engineering & Design
<b>4,327</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



## ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2023)

2,586	White
623	Hispanic or Latino
474	Black or African American
196	Unknown
184	U.S. Nonresident
164	Asian
80	Two or More Races
20	American Indian or Alaska Native
<b>4,327</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



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

## Campus Facilities

The Providence Campus is spread across more than 170 acres and 2,320,000 square feet of 47 buildings, including residence halls, classrooms, labs, dining halls, libraries, offices, open spaces, and internship, recreation and physical plant facilities.

## Sustaining the Environment

JWU has revitalized close to 100 acres of waterfront alongside the Harborside Campus through significant brownfields remediation efforts. Improvements include shoreline reconstruction, an Urban Coastal Greenway, athletic fields, solar fields, wind turbines, and the donation of a six-acre waterfront parcel for an environmentally “smart design” educational and research center dedicated to the protection of Narragansett Bay and marine life.

The Cuisinart Center for Culinary Excellence, Grace Welcome Center, Center for Physician Assistant Studies and John J. Bowen Center for Science and Innovation have been awarded LEED® Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for energy and material use and for incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

## Tuition (2023–24)

Undergraduate Tuition: \$39,792

Visit [jwu.edu/admissions/paying-for-college](https://www.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 98.5% of JWU Providence 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 30.4% of the undergraduate students enrolled at the Providence Campus.

## 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](https://www.jwu.edu/about-jwu/strategic-plan.html) for more information.

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## 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.

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.

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## Rankings

U.S. News & World Report placed JWU Providence 17th as a Most Innovative School, 36th as a Best Value School, and 69th overall in the Regional University North category.



## Athletics

The Providence Campus features 15 varsity athletic teams and is affiliated with the NCAA, the Commonwealth Coast Conference (CCC) and the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). For more information, visit [providence.jwuathletics.com](https://www.providence.jwuathletics.com).

## Community and Economic Impact

The Providence Campus has 1,205 employees.

Over the past 10 years, JWU’s Providence Campus has invested \$132,751,205 in construction and renovation.

	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL
Faculty	250	233	483
Staff	662	60	722
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>1,205</b>