

**Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):
Piedmont Virginia Community College Honors Program and
James Madison University Honors College**

Purpose

Graduates of Piedmont Virginia Community College with an Associate Degree and 15 credit hours of Honors courses or the Honors Diploma may transfer directly into the JMU Honors College as Track II Honors Scholars, due to a special arrangement between the two institutions.

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transfer of honors students between Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) and James Madison University (JMU).

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission into the JMU Honors College as a Track II Honors Scholar, PVCC students must:

- Complete an Associate of Arts (AA) or a transfer-oriented Associate of Science (AS) degree at PVCC.
- Earn the PVCC Honors Diploma based on 15 credits of honors courses completed with a GPA of 3.50 or better.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to JMU and upon graduation from PVCC.
 - If a student has attended multiple institutions, they must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale at PVCC and all previous institutions.
 - All work attempted at PVCC and any other institution(s) attended will be included in the GPA considered by JMU. The only exception is that, in compliance with JMU policy, a student is allowed to repeat up to two different courses where the initial grade earned will not be included in the grade point average calculation. A student who has repeated more than two courses is not eligible to apply to JMU through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement but is eligible to apply through the traditional transfer admissions process.
 - Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.
 - JMU will evaluate credit granted by Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Cambridge International examinations for possible credit; such credit will be granted only if examination scores meet established JMU criteria in place at the time the student enrolls. JMU does not

evaluate, or grant credit for, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations.

- Be admitted to JMU
- Meet with the academic advisor of the JMU Honors College.

Implementation

- JMU Honors will recognize 12 honors credits completed in PVCC Honors and apply them as 12 credits of electives in honors courses at JMU.
- PVCC transfer candidates in Honors Track II must complete 12 additional credits at JMU, including 6 credits of Honors seminars and a 6-credit Honors capstone project. These courses are described on the JMU Honors College website (<https://www.jmu.edu/honors>).
- If any of the requirements imposed on JMU Honors Track II students are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, PVCC transfer students will be held to the revised requirements. Any PVCC transfer student accepted into the JMU Honors Program under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of acceptance.
- This MOU shall commence on July 1, 2019, with the intent to admit the first students in August 2019 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- Students who did not complete the PVCC Honors curriculum may still be admitted to JMU Honors on a case-by-case basis.

Benefits

PVCC transfer students who are admitted to JMU Track II Honors will be eligible for the following:

- graduation as Honors Scholars,
- Honors distinction on students' transcript,
- participation in all JMU Honors activities, events, organizations,
- residence in upper-class housing (as available under JMU Office of Residence Life transfer housing contract),
- priority registration,
- extended library checkout periods, and
- access to the Honors computer lab and lounge in Hillcrest House.

Notice of Change or Termination

Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given, but students already admitted to JMU will be allowed to transfer into the JMU Honors College.

ATTEST:

Piedmont Virginia Community College



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Dr. Leonda Williams Keniston
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Bradley R. Newcomer
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