



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, hospitality, food innovation, health and wellness.

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 (2026–27)

Associate and bachelor's degrees:

- College of Food Innovation & Technology

Bachelor's degrees:

- John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Hospitality & Business
- 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.

Enrollment Statistics (2025–26)

Average class size: **23**

Student population reporting

Gender: **63.7% female** and **35.9% male**

First-generation status: **34.9%**

Living on campus: **61.7%**

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 2025 stands at 1,288 students.

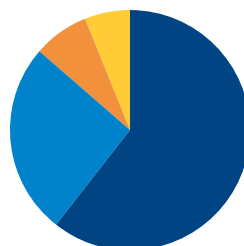
1,288
students

10
countries

43 states
and territories

ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2025)

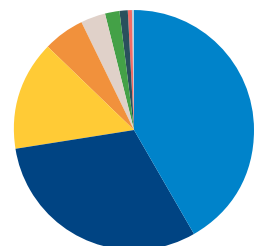
780	Food Innovation & Technology
335	Hospitality & Business
96	Health & Wellness
77	Arts & Sciences
1,288	TOTAL



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

ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2025)

539	Black or African American
395	White
190	Hispanic
72	Two or More Races
45	Unknown
24	Asian
13	U.S. Nonresident
8	American Indian or Alaska Native
2	Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
1,288	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, 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 820 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: under construction

Tuition (2026–27)

Undergraduate Tuition: \$45,408

Visit [jwu.edu/admissions/paying-for-college](https://www.jwu.edu/admissions/paying-for-college) for updated tuition and financial aid information.

Financial Aid (2025–26)

99.7%
on-campus
students
receive aid

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 99.7% 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 58.5% 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 [jwu.edu/about-jwu/strategic-plan.html](https://www.jwu.edu/about-jwu/strategic-plan.html) for more information.

100%
students
participated
in experiential
education

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.

Rankings

U.S. News & World Report ranked JWU Charlotte as the 33rd Best College in the Regional Colleges South category and the 11th Best Value School in the Regional Colleges South category.



Athletics

The Charlotte Campus features 14 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 220 employees.

	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	TOTAL
Faculty	50	60	110
Staff	91	19	110
TOTAL	141	79	220

42.1%
students from
North Carolina

Approximately 42% of students attending the Charlotte Campus are from North Carolina. Over the past 10 years, JWU’s Charlotte Campus has invested \$10,996,012 in construction and renovation.