



JOHNSON & WALES  
UNIVERSITY

# JWU ONLINE FACTS



JWU Online is a division of Johnson & Wales University. 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](http://jwu.edu).

## 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).

## Programs of Study (2026–27)

**John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences:** associate, bachelor's and master's degrees and micro-certificate program

**College of Food Innovation & Technology:** bachelor's and master's degrees

**College of Health & Wellness:** bachelor's and master's degrees and micro-certificate program

**College of Hospitality & Business:** associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees; certificate and micro-certificate programs

## Enrollment Statistics (2025–26)

Average class size: **21**

Gender breakdown of student population:

**68.5% female** and **30.3% male**

Student population reporting first-generation status: **56.9%**

Average age: **32** (undergraduate), **33** (graduate), **43** (doctoral)

## Academic Programs

JWU Online offers a range of fully online academic programs in collaboration with the university's four academic colleges, with a total of 50 academic degree programs offered for the 2026–27 academic year. There are also eight certificate and micro-certificate programs, bringing the total program count to 58. JWU Online will continue to focus on identifying and developing new degree programs that have strong market demand, provide for meaningful career progression, and are aligned with the university's mission and professionally focused values.

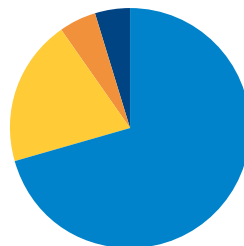
**2,796**  
students

**14**  
countries

**54** states  
and territories

## ENROLLMENT BY COLLEGE (FALL 2025)

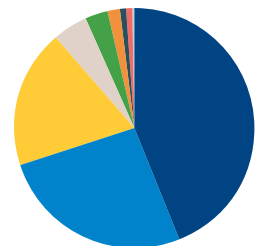
|              |                              |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1,979        | Hospitality & Business       |
| 547          | Arts & Sciences              |
| 144          | Health & Wellness            |
| 126          | Food Innovation & Technology |
| <b>2,796</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                 |



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

## ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY (FALL 2025)

|              |                                            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1,231        | White                                      |
| 727          | Black or African American                  |
| 525          | Hispanic or Latino                         |
| 127          | Unknown                                    |
| 86           | Asian                                      |
| 52           | Two or More Races                          |
| 22           | U.S. Nonresident                           |
| 22           | American Indian or Alaska Native           |
| 4            | Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander |
| <b>2,796</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                               |



Tuition (2026–27)

**Undergraduate:** \$495 per 1.0 credit (\$1,485 per 3.0 credit course)  
**Graduate:** \$842 per 1.0 credit (\$2,526 per 3.0 credit course)  
**Doctor of Business Administration (DBA):** \$993 per 1.0 credit (\$2,979 per 3.0 credit course)  
**Doctor of Education (Ed.D.):** \$700 per 1.0 credit (\$4,200 per 6.0 credit course)

Visit [online.jwu.edu/financial-aid](https://online.jwu.edu/financial-aid) for updated tuition and financial aid information.

Financial Aid (2025–26)

Pell grants were awarded to 43.7% of the undergraduate students enrolled in JWU Online.

Online Student Services

The college offers dedicated support to each online student. The following dedicated staff resources are available:

- admissions representatives
- academic advisors
- financial planners
- professional writing and quantitative coaches
- Intuitive AI Edsights Chatbot — Wildcat Willie
- Providence Campus Accessibility Services
- library resources
- technical support
- Experiential Education & Career Services

Student Experience

In November 2025, 93% of JWU Online students who took the Ruffalo Noel Levitz Priorities and Satisfaction for Online Learners (PSOL) survey responded to the question “So far, how has your college experience met your expectations?” with “What I expected or better.” This is a 7% increase from spring 2023. Since 2016, the college has used the survey as a quality assessment tool for academic programs and services provided to the college’s students. The college is conducting the survey again in spring 2027 to maintain a bi-annual schedule for survey administration.

93%

student satisfaction with JWU Online

58

100% online degree, certificate and micro-certificate programs

Corporate Educational Partners

Since the launch of Corporate Educational Partnerships in 2017, the university has signed agreements with 53 individual employer partners, and also provides educational programs to 61 employer partners with a collective employee count of over four million employees through Guild Education. Since the active launch of the partnership in summer 2021, Guild Education has provided a stream of new students from its broad employer base. A corporate education partnership with JWU supports industry-specific training programs, marketing opportunities, and hiring needs. Employees of partner organizations are offered a tuition scholarship to enroll in JWU Online programs. For more information, visit [online.jwu.edu/partners](https://online.jwu.edu/partners).

Ranking

U.S. News & World Report ranked JWU Online in the Best Online Bachelor’s in Business Programs category.



Course Delivery

In online courses at JWU, the instructor and students are connected through ulearn, JWU’s online learning course platform (Blackboard). Through ulearn, students receive instruction, review course content, submit assignments, ask questions of the instructor and other students, and actively participate in the class from their home, office, or wherever a computer and internet connection is available. Online courses are equivalent in content and rigor to JWU’s traditional face-to-face courses. To accomplish its purpose, the college effectively leverages technology and other creative delivery approaches to offer an exceptional education and enhanced professional success for students, in alignment with the university’s mission.

Faculty

|                   | NUMBER | PERCENTAGE |
|-------------------|--------|------------|
| Full-time Faculty | 136    | 37%        |
| Adjunct           | 231    | 63%        |
| TOTAL             | 367    | 100%       |

The college employs the university’s full-time faculty from across both campuses whenever available to develop and teach its online courses and programs. The college also recruits and hires adjunct faculty with years of experience teaching online to fulfill all of its instructional and program development needs. These adjuncts are industry professionals in their fields, who also hold advanced degrees. JWU’s faculty experts take part in scholarly activities to continually enhance their own knowledge and skills. As online instructors, both full-time and adjunct faculty undergo orientation and ongoing training to ensure effective teaching in the online environment.