



JOHNSON & WALES
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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)

COLLEGE	PVD	CLT	ONLINE
Food Innovation & Technology	A,B,M	A,B	B,M
Hospitality & Business	A,B,M	B	A,B,M,D
Arts & Sciences	B,M,D	B	A,B,M
Health & Wellness	B,M,D	B	B,M

KEY

PVD = Providence CLT = Charlotte UNI = University

A = Associate degrees B = Bachelor's degrees M = Master's degrees D = Doctoral degrees

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.

Career Outcomes Rate

Johnson & Wales University enjoys a 92.3% career outcomes rate for our 2023–24 graduates universitywide who earned an associate or a bachelor's degree. This rate reflects the percentage of JWU graduates who secure full or part-time employment, are enrolled/accepted in a program of study to continue their education, are performing voluntary service, or enlist in military service within six months of graduation. The 2024 JWU rate is 6.6 percentage points higher than the national average. For more information, visit jwu.edu/career-outcomes.

Enrollment by Campus and College (Fall 2025)

COLLEGE	PVD	CLT	ONLINE	UNI
Food Innovation & Technology	1,606	780	126	2,512
Hospitality & Business	948	335	1,979	3,262
Arts & Sciences	1,076	77	547	1,700
Health & Wellness	474	96	144	714
TOTAL	4,104	1,288	2,796	8,188

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

Enrollment Statistics (2024–25)

Average class size: **21**

Student population reporting

Gender: **64.9% female** and **34.4% male**

First-generation status: **39.6%**

Living on campus: **42.3%**

8,188
students

56 countries

55 states and
territories

95
undergraduate
and graduate
programs

92.3%
career
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Tuition (2026–27)

Undergraduate Tuition: \$45,408

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

99.1%

on-campus students receive aid

Financial Aid (2025–26)

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 99.1% of all JWU 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 43.5% of the undergraduate students enrolled universitywide.

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 juu.edu/about-juu/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.

66% paid internships

42% students hired by their employer after paid internship

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. This is backed up by 96.2% of internship site supervisors in 2024–25 who rated JWU’s internship program as good or exceptional with 91% rating JWU students as prepared for their specific industries compared to other college interns.

Athletics

JWU features 16 varsity sports and 32 varsity athletic teams universitywide. For more information, visit juuathletics.com.

Community and Economic Impact

JWU employs 1,522 people systemwide. Over the past 10 years, JWU has invested \$107,871,874 in construction and renovation across both of its campuses.

Rankings

Providence, Rhode Island

U.S. News & World Report ranked JWU Providence as the 7th Most Innovative School in the Regional University North category.



Charlotte, North Carolina

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.



JWU Online

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



96.2%

JWU internships rated good or exceptional*

91%

JWU students rated as prepared for their specific industries compared to other college interns*

94%

students who felt internship strengthened their confidence in their career/academic program choice

790,000

full-text downloads from our libraries universitywide

* rated by internship site supervisors