

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

*Purpose*

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transfer of Honors Program students between Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and James Madison University (JMU).

*Eligibility*

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

- Complete an Associate of Arts (AA) or a transfer-oriented Associate of Science (AS) Degree at NOVA. The AS in General Studies is not considered a transfer-oriented degree.
- Complete the NOVA Honors Core curriculum of 18-21 credits and be in the Honors Program at NOVA.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to JMU and upon graduation from NOVA.
  - 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 NOVA and all previous institutions.
  - All work attempted at NOVA 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.
- Complete a separate application to the JMU Honors Program.

### *Implementation*

- JMU Honors will recognize 12 Honors credits completed at NOVA and apply them as 12 credit hours of electives in Honors courses at JMU.
- NOVA transfer candidates in Honors Track II must complete 12 additional hours at JMU, including 6 hours of Honors seminars and a 6-hour senior Honors project. These courses are described on the JMU Honors Program website (<https://www.jmu.edu/honorsprog/>).
- If any of the requirements imposed on JMU Honors Track II students are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, NOVA transfer students will be held to the revised requirements. Any NOVA 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 March 1, 2015, with the intent to admit the first students in August 2015 or as soon thereafter as administratively possible.
- Students who did not complete the NOVA Honors curriculum may still be admitted to JMU Honors on a case-by-case basis.

### *Benefits*

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

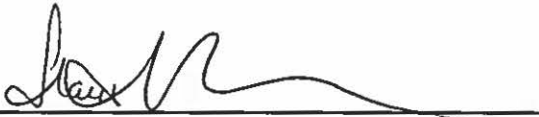
- graduation as Honors Scholars,
- Honors distinction on students' transcript,
- participation in all JMU Honors activities, events, organizations,
- residence in upper-class housing (as available under JMU Office of Residence Life transfer housing contract),
- priority registration,
- extended library 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 Program.

ATTEST:

**Northern Virginia Community College**

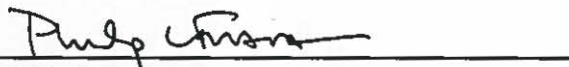
  
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