



Blue Ridge Community College and James Madison University Guaranteed Admission Agreement

Procedures for Blue Ridge Community College Students in the
AA&S College/University Transfer Program who intend to take advantage of the Guaranteed
Admission Agreement with James Madison University

When you have

- a) finished 45 or more credits in the Blue Ridge Community College Associate in Arts and Sciences (AA&S) degree program, applied for graduation from BRCC,
- b) had your official high school transcripts mailed to JMU,
- c) and all official college transcripts other than that of BRCC mailed to JMU,
- d) *you are ready to sign the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (Letter of Intent) and two requests for transcripts: one to be sent at the time of application, and one to be sent at the end of your final BRCC semester.*
- e) **Apply online to JMU following all directions on the application.** The advisor with whom you sign the Letter of Intent will provide you with instructions in how to have the application fee waived.

The deadline for JMU receiving your completed application, all transcripts including your high school transcript, and your GAA is typically January 15 for summer admission. The deadline for fall transfer student admission at JMU is typically March 1. JMU accepts very few applications for spring transfers, but the application date for spring is typically October 15. More specific information can be obtained directly from JMU. If applying for financial aid, look at JMU's website for details about deadlines. *No Letters of Intent will be processed at BRCC after JMU deadlines unless JMU directly notifies BRCC. BRCC cannot guarantee your request for a transcript with less than 24 hours' notice.*

Please note the following eligibility information about the Guaranteed Admission Agreement:

In order for the agreement to apply, you must meet each of the following requirements:

- You must be enrolled in the Blue Ridge Community College Associate in Arts and Sciences (AA&S) degree program in College/University Transfer.
- At the time you apply for the Letter of Intent and when you graduate, you must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of **2.75 if admitted to BRCC's College/University Transfer program prior to fall 2007 and 3.0 if admitted fall 2007 or later.** Cumulative grade point average includes **all** courses taken at Blue Ridge Community College.

- At least 38 credits, or 60% of your transfer degree, must have been completed at BRCC. **No more than 25 credits may be taken elsewhere. If that is not the case, you need to have a minimum of 2.75 GPA on all college work taken over the past five years for students admitted to the College/University Transfer program prior to fall 2007, and 3.0 for students admitted to the College/University Transfer program in fall 2007 or later. A minimum grade of C must be obtained in each course taken at BRCC as part of the 63 required transfer credits. Grades of C- will not transfer to JMU, even though BRCC will accept them.**
- You are not eligible for the GAA if you have a 3rd enrollment in any course or if you have repeated more than two courses.
- A student who has never attended JMU as a regular, matriculating student is eligible. If you have ever attended JMU as a *regular, matriculating student*, you are *ineligible*.
- After filling out the Letter of Intent, you must complete all requirements for graduation at Blue Ridge Community College **including taking the exit exam**.
- Students graduating in summer rather than in May will be considered on a case-by-case basis. (**Preference** is given to students who graduate in May, and to those students who, if graduating in summer, **have not postponed math, science, or other core requirements**.)
- This agreement is valid within five years of your graduation from BRCC. After that, a student is still eligible to apply to JMU, but needs to apply through the traditional admission procedure rather than through the GAA.
- **Notes:**
 1. The JMU Office of Admissions, in reviewing applications, will be looking for the completion of **at least one science, one literature, one math, and one history, and will give preference to those students**.
 2. **Students who apply to JMU as *undecided* will be at a serious disadvantage upon entering the University; therefore, deciding upon a major before applying is strongly encouraged.**

Student Letter of Intent Form for Admission to James Madison University

Name: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Local Phone #: _____

BRCC EMPLID: _____

Social Security number: _____

Attention, James Madison University Office of Admission: *I certify that I intend to transfer to James Madison University and enroll in the _____ semester. My intended major is: _____ (Do not put "Undecided")*

My signature below indicates that I understand and agree to the following requirements in order to be eligible for the GAA between BRCC and JMU:

- *I must graduate from the BRCC AA&S College/University Transfer Program with a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a four-point scale for students admitted prior to fall 2007 or 3.0 for students admitted fall 2007 or later.***
- *and that I intend to enroll in the semester indicated above. My enrollment may not be deferred once I have been accepted by JMU under the GAA unless JMU grants permission and officially notifies BRCC that permission is granted.*
- *If I change my mind about my intended major after mailing my application with this Letter of Intent, I must notify JMU Admissions in writing.*
- *I further certify that I have never applied to JMU under the GAA previously and that I have never enrolled at JMU previously as a regular, matriculating student.*
- *I understand that all JMU academic policies apply in determination of my eligibility for the GAA. For example, I am not eligible if I have repeated a course three times or if I have repeated more than two different courses.*
- *I understand that admission to JMU does not imply acceptance into any particular major at JMU. Some majors are competitive and have specific academic requirements to be eligible for admission to the major.*

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Student's Cumulative Blue Ridge Community College GPA after 45 credits completed:

BRCC Counselor Comments:

BRCC Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Final Cumulative Blue Ridge Community College GPA:

THIS LETTER OF INTENT IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THE OFFICIAL BRCC SEAL.

White copy to mail with fee waiver form and transcript; yellow copy to be retained by student; pink copy to counselor.