Exploratory

The Juniata Advantage

- **Program of Emphasis**: Personalize your education by designing your own academic program, a Program of Emphasis (POE). Or, choose a designated POE and pick your hands-on experiences, extracurricular involvement, research, and more.

- **Two Academic Advisers**: At Juniata, you’ll have two faculty members to advise and support you in your academic pursuits. They’re from different departments so they’ll help you succeed from varying informed points of view. If you change your POE, you can switch advisers to match your new goals.

- **Hands-on Experience**: Research with faculty. Intern. Study abroad. Join clubs and organizations or work with different campus offices. Better yet, try them all! In fact, according to a 2015 survey, 95 percent of seniors participated in distinctive hands-on learning.

- **Graduation—Guaranteed!** Graduate in four years or less when you select a program or create your own by the second semester of your sophomore year.

Juniata’s Outcomes

Wherever your journey of exploration leads, consider some of Juniata’s outcomes:

- **Over 90 percent of Juniata students have jobs or advanced study plans** within six months of graduation.

- In recent years, **graduates in the sciences** have gone on to doctoral programs at premier institutions such as Harvard, UNC Chapel Hill, Johns Hopkins, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia University, the Rochester Institute of Technology, and Penn State.

- In recent years, **graduates in the humanities** (English, history, philosophy, art history, and world languages) have gone on to advanced study at the University of Virginia, University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Georgetown University, Duquesne, London School of Economics, University of Maryland, and Temple University.

By any measure, Juniata is one of the best colleges in the United States.

Our long history of transformational education has been celebrated for almost two decades in Loren Pope’s *Colleges That Change Lives* and college guides such as *U.S. News and World Report*, *Forbes.com*, *Kiplinger’s*, and *Washington Monthly*. These and dozens of other listings praise our inclusiveness, academic quality, environmental sustainability, and commitment to student outcomes.

Learn more at [www.juniata.edu](http://www.juniata.edu)

“**At Juniata, I can explore all of my interests and take classes in different departments. I appreciate that I did not need to finalize my POE during my freshman year. This allowed me time to individualize my POE to represent the many things that I like to study.**”  
—Michael Ebeling ‘15

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**Areas of Study**

**Anthropology**

**Arts**—art history, integrated media arts/digital media, fine arts studio fine arts, museum studies

**Biochemistry**

**Biological—zoology**

**Business, Accounting & Economics**—accounting, economics, entrepreneurship, finance, human resource management, international business, management, marketing

**Chemistry**

**Communications**—communication & conflict resolution, health communication, integrated media arts

**Computer Science**—information technology, digital media integrated media arts

**Education**—pre-k to 4th grade continues on reverse
An Exploratory POE Story

About 15 percent of the students who come to Juniata start out as exploratory—they've not yet declared a specific POE. Some colleges call that "undecided," a designation that strikes us as unfair. We know you are seeking options, hoping to make good choices, and looking to find the field or subjects that inspire and motivate you. Many of our students have faced the same challenge.

"Juniata has so many great things to offer," says Joseph DiGangi '18, who enrolled at Juniata as exploratory. "Here, professors do a great job of explaining how each class has the ability to help you later in life regardless of where you end up."

Joseph has been taking a wide variety of courses, his favorite of which is American History. He writes for the campus newspaper, The Juniatian, and also plays Division III baseball, learning about himself from every class discussion, writing assignment, and practice with teammates.

At Juniata, faculty and students, like Joseph, revel in curiosity, drive, and passion. Think in new ways, Evolve as a person, and Act on those things you feel most passionate about. But don't just take our word for it.

"Juniata does an amazing job at helping students explore all sorts of different career goals," Joseph says. "Thanks to my advisers, the people in Career Services, several faculty members, and upperclass students, I've received extraordinary assistance."

Student Opportunities

About 25 percent of all Juniata students design their own POE. Your early classes won't "count against you" in the way they might with more conventional "majors." At Juniata, taking a range of classes can actually help evolve your plan for the future as it broadens your mind.

Not every student wishes to design his or her own POE. For example, to teach in public schools or join cooperative engineering programs, your POE must conform to expectations and certifying organizations. And, not every student wants to design every aspect of the process. Therefore, you can elect to follow an already designed program of study selected from a list of approved, or "designated" POEs.

Career Services: Selecting a career path can feel overwhelming. But Juniata’s liberal arts education will provide you with long-term career adaptability and success. Work with hundreds of alumni willing to share their experiences and insight with you, to investigate particular career choices. And let Career Services help you by providing information, guidance, and opportunities regarding internships, graduate studies, and employment.

Study Abroad: Nearly half of Juniata students study abroad. We have programs on every continent, except Antarctica.

Internships: About 90 percent of graduates have participated in an internship, conducted original research, or collaborated with faculty on a research project while at Juniata. Undertake internships as early as sophomore year. Past internship sites have included the Metropolitan Museum of Art, National U.S.-Arab Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Disney, Ernst and Young, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, MBNA Finance and Operations, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Kish Bank, NBC Universal, and more!

Student Research: Juniata professors routinely engage students in every aspect of their research, no matter how large or complex the project. In fact, our classes are built around hands-on experiences, fieldwork, and direct engagement with texts and other media. With significant experience in research, Juniata students have a distinct advantage in graduate programs.

Personal Attention: It's what Juniata is all about. Our professors have won state and national recognition as teachers. Juniata students graduate counting one or more of their professors as friends as well as colleagues.