



First Voyage

John Cabot University's First Voyage is an integrated mix of programs from across the University that assists students in making the transition to their new life at JCU and in Rome, providing support as they embark on this First Voyage towards becoming more knowledgeable and responsible global citizens. The program builds on the foundation of our liberal arts experience, emphasizing our multi-cultural and international academic learning environment. The First Voyage includes the following components:

New Student Orientation

Each year New Student Orientation offers an introduction to campus resources, personnel, and the city of Rome. Activities span the three days prior to classes and culminate with Registration for Courses and a Welcome Dinner. For more information, please see [the Orientation section of the JCU website](#).

Workshops

Workshops are held throughout the semester on a range of topics aimed towards providing students with the skills and tools they need to make their First Voyage a memorable and smooth experience. Topics covered include: Developing Library Skills, Money Management and Financial Aid, Student Counseling, Time and Study Management, Preparing for the Future with Career Services, Getting Academic Support with the Academic Success Program, and Making the Most out of Academic Advising.

Student Life Activities

Student Services provides a wide-range of opportunities for first-year students to learn, grow, and succeed. We recognize the importance of extracurricular development and encourage a campus environment that is sensitive to the diverse ethnic and cultural origins of members of the **JCU** Community. In order to assist students on their

Voyage at John Cabot, Student Services offers various opportunities for students to interact by promoting workshops, recreational activities, Outdoor Education Program, and trips as well as encouraging students to get involved in student clubs and associations. These allow students to prepare for the challenges in their college life, to achieve their educational goals and progress in their personal development.

Housing & Residential Life Program

John Cabot University Office of Housing and Residential Life provides students with housing and their first taste of what it means to be part of the JCU community. Resident Assistants (RAs) live alongside the freshmen and new transfer students, in our main residential building, and are available to help students maneuver their way through their new school and new social environment. They provide appropriate referrals, while encouraging student responsibility, to help give students the practical tools they need to seek out all the available resources. They are an actively involved group of students, ready and willing to help students become involved in all aspects of JCU! RAs also organize small outings and activities, such as day trips, dinners, and invitations to participate in JCU clubs and events.

Academic Advising

Each student is assigned an Academic Advisor, a faculty member who assists the student in developing plans for study at JCU in tune with his or her personal academic, career, and life goals.

Academic Support Services

JCU's Academic Success Program provides the academic support that is sometimes needed to help students make the most of their educational opportunities. It features tutoring labs for Mathematics and Quantitative Subjects, English Composition, and Italian language as well as Counseling Services and Library Assistance. In addition, the Academic Success Program sets up individual and small group advising sessions and workshops that help students to develop more effective study and learning skills.

Career Services

The Career Services Center works closely with students, advisors and faculty to help students define their long-term objectives and create the opportunities that will allow them to reach their goals. Students meet individually with the Coordinator of the Career Services Office to discuss career paths and internships pertaining to their major field of studies.

Shipmates

Through the Shipmates Program, The First Voyage provides academic assistance and general guidance for first year students, while allowing upper-division students opportunities to develop their teaching and leadership skills. All new incoming students will be paired with a staff member and a current student "shipmate" to aid them with their maiden voyage at JCU.