Tips for applying for admissions

1. You need to apply very early. This is particularly more important for international students, where the paperwork may take a very long time.

2. You need to make sure that your application is complete, and make sure complete materials are arrived at the Graduate Admissions Office.

3. All materials have to be sent to the Graduate admissions office. The only exceptions are the letters of recommendations and statement. These should be emailed or sent to Ms. Joan Blanton joan.f.blanton@jsums.edu. No particulate format for letters of recommendations is needed.

4. You can check the status of your application with the Graduate Admissions Office.

Q1 Is GRE required for admission to the MS and Ph.D. Program?
No. GRE is not required.

Q2. Is TOEFL required for international students?
A satisfactory TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS score must be submitted or proof of successful completion of ESLI for all international student applicants from non-English speaking countries. Minimum Scores: TOEFL = 69; IELTS = 6.5. Conditional admission to Jackson State University may be granted to international students with a stipulation of successfully completing all levels of English study at the English as a Second Language Institute (ESLI). See the “Division of Graduate Studies” for up to date information. http://www.jsums.edu/graduateschool/international-students/. In addition, contact the “Division of Graduate Studies”, if you have any questions.

Q3. When should I submit my application for Admission to the Graduate Program?
You should submit before the deadline. For international applications, since the processing and also obtaining visa may take a long time, it is suggested to submit very early.

Q4. If I have a question about the Admission Process, who should I contact?
The Graduate Admission.

Q5. How should I check the status of my graduate application for admission?
You should contact the Graduate Admission.

Q6. Where should I send the recommendation letters and the Statement?
You should submit all your documents to the Graduate Admission, except letters of recommendations and statement. These should be emailed or sent to Ms. Joan Blanton joan.f.blanton@jsums.edu

The letters should be to the attention of the “Chair, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering” or “To Whom It May Concern”. No particulate format is needed. It can be mailed or emailed.

Q7. What financial assistances may be available?

See the Dept. web site, and click on “scholarships”. You can see information related to “Out of State Fee waiver” and the “diversity scholarships”. You can also contact faculty for opportunities to work on their research projects for highly qualified students. http://www.jsums.edu/civilengineering/scholarships/

Also, visit the “Division of Graduate Studies” web site.

http://www.jsums.edu/graduateschool/graduate-funding-financial-aid/

Q8. For Civil Engineering emphasis area, what information should I include on my statement?

Indicate whether you are more interested in geotechnical, transportation, water resources, or structures area? You will be required to take courses in most of these areas. Also, describe your career objectives and goals, and research interests (numerical or experimental or both, if applicable)

Q9. How do I choose my adviser?

You choose your adviser based on your research interests? See the list of graduate advisers.

Q10. I am a prospective Ph.D. student, should I contact my potential adviser prior to admission?

You are encouraged to contact your potential adviser, and inquire about research projects and areas, and advice on graduate programs.