

### Ensembles

Brass Quintet • Choir • Chorale • Vocal Jazz •  
Jazz Ensemble I • Jazz Ensemble II • Marching Band •  
Opera Workshop • Orchestra • Percussion Ensemble •  
String Ensemble • Symphonic Band •  
Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble

### Scholarships

Music scholarships are awarded to high school graduates who show special talent in instrumental, vocal, and keyboard areas and who desire to major in Music or Music Education at Jackson State University. Partial scholarships are also available for students who participate in the band, choir, and orchestra. Applicants for these scholarships must be recommended by the high school principal or a member of the school faculty and must be auditioned by a representative of the University from the department in which they are seeking scholarship assistance. For more information contact the Music Department at 601-979-2141, or contact the ensemble director for assistance.

### Contact the Music Department

Music Department Interim Chair  
**Dr. David Akombo**  
(601) 979-2142

For general Music Department inquiries,  
contact the Administrative Assistant:  
**Ramon L. Jackson**  
(601) 979-2141



*Music*  
DEPARTMENT







The Department of Music is committed to providing high quality educational opportunities in music education, performance, and technology, enabling students to develop the skills required to assume leadership roles in music education, the music industry, and supporting fields. The Department of Music offers courses and performance opportunities which broaden the musical education in the liberal arts tradition and provide artistic enrichment for students, faculty, the community, state and nation.

## Undergraduate Studies

Undergraduate Students seeking a Music Degree

Thank you for your interest in our undergraduate music programs at Jackson State University! We appreciate the time, talent, and energy you and your support team have devoted to making the important decision of pursuing a music degree. For answers as you continue the admission process, please contact our undergraduate advising coordinator, Mr. Lowell Hollinger, at 601-979-7065, or [lowell.a.hollinger@jsums.edu](mailto:lowell.a.hollinger@jsums.edu) or Dr. David Akombo, at 601-979-2142 or [david.o.akombo@jsums.edu](mailto:david.o.akombo@jsums.edu).

The Jackson State University Department of Music offers Undergraduate music curriculum as follows:

- Bachelor of Music Education
- Bachelor of Music in Performance (*Piano, Vocal, Instrumental*)
- Bachelor of Music Education (*Jazz Emphasis*)
- Bachelor of Music in Jazz Studies (*Instrumental, Vocal*)
- Bachelor of Music with an emphasis in Music Technology

## Music Minor

A minimum of 22 semester hours is required for a minor in music.

## Graduate Studies

Full admission for the Master of Music Education degree program requires:

- An undergraduate degree in music (*Bachelor of Music Education; Bachelor of Music; Bachelor of Science; or Bachelor of Arts*)
- A 3.00 grade point average on a 4.00 scale
- Satisfactory scores on the Graduate Record Examination; Submit an official GRE score that is no more than 5 years old. We do not have a “minimum” score requirement; candidates with GRE score (*1100 old test; 152 V and 152 Q new test*) are encouraged to apply. Significant preparation, ideally two months of studying, is encouraged for GRE exam. Testing information can be found here: GRE: <http://www.ets.org/gre>
- Three (3) letters of recommendation.
- Satisfactory interview/audition;
- A letter of intent/ and Writing sample
- Pass on the Graduate Entrance Examinations in Music Education, Music Theory, and Music History

The Department of Music in the College of Liberal Arts, School of Fine and Performing Arts, and in cooperation with the School of Education, offers the Master of Music Education Degree with emphases in:

- Elementary School Music Education
- Secondary School Music Education (*choral, instrumental, general*)
- Junior College Music Education (*choral, instrumental, general*)
- Comprehensive Music Education (*combined, integrated areas of study*)

*Please note that all students wishing to enroll as music majors must complete two applications, a Jackson State University application and a Department of Music application. Accreditation The Master of Music Education degree program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)*