Frequently Asked Questions
About the Undergraduate English Proficiency Examination
(UEPE)

Q. What is the Undergraduate English Proficiency Examination?
A. The Undergraduate English Proficiency Examination is a one-hour essay exam whereby examinees are given several topics from which one must be selected to write an essay.

Q. Who is required to take the exam?
A. All Jackson State University students must take the exam in order to satisfy one of the requirements for an undergraduate degree.

Q. How does one register for the exam?
A. The registration process is the same as registering for a class via JSU PAWS. The exam is listed as ENG-400.

Q. What must one do if he/she fails the exam?
A. Students who fail the exam must take and pass the following English course: ENG-399, Functional Writing.

Q. How is the exam graded?
A. The exam is graded on a Pass/Fail basis using a six-point scale. A minimum score of 4 is required for passing.

Q. How often is the exam given?
A. The exam is given once during each semester and once during each Summer session.

Q. Is there a fee to take the exam?
A. Yes. A $1.00 non-refundable fee is automatically charged to a student’s university account after he/she registers for the exam using PAWS.

Q. What does one need to bring to the testing site on the day of the examination?
A. Candidates must bring a valid photo ID, blue or black ink pen, and a dictionary (optional).

Q. What if a candidate does not have an ID (i.e. driver’s license, school ID, passport, etc.)?
A. Candidates will not be admitted to the testing room without a valid photo ID.

Q. How much time should one allow for the test?
A. One should plan to be at the testing site for approximately one-hour and forty-five minutes. This includes one hour for the actual test plus approximately forty-five minutes for other test administrative procedures.

Q. How many times can examinees take the test?
A. One. If an examinee fails, he/she must take ENG-399, Functional Writing.

Q. How will examinees be notified of their test results?
A. Test results will be posted on an examinee’s transcript at the end of the semester/session.