# 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 <u>valid photo ID</u>, blue or black <u>ink pen</u>, and a <u>dictionary</u> (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.