



# JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### 2026 – 2027

*All dates, deadlines, and fees are subject to change without proper notice.*

## FALL 2026

**August 1:** Residence Halls Open for First-time Students, 9:00 a.m.

**August 3-4:** Fall Faculty and Staff Seminar

**August 3-7:** Welcome Week/Orientation

**August 7:** Residence Halls Open for Readmitted and Returning Students, 9:00 a.m.

**September 7:** Labor Day Holiday (JSU Offices Closed)

**September 18:** Mental Health and Wellness Day (No classes for Full-term courses)

**September 21-26:** Midterm Examinations for Full Term Classes

**September 28:** Midterm Grades Due by 5:00 p.m. for Full Term Classes

**October 22:** Founders' Day Convocation

**November 17:** Last Day of Classes for Full Term Classes

**November 18-24:** Full Term Final Examinations

*Note: The 1st 8-week and 2nd 8-week Sessions do not observe holidays and university closures.*

| Event   | Full Term   | 1st 8-week Session | 2nd 8-week Session |
|---|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Classes Begin   | August 10   | August 10          | October 5          |
| Late Registration Begins with \$150.00 Late Fee Assessed    | August 10   | August 10          | October 5          |
| Last Day for Course Cancellations/Adjustments               | August 10   | August 10          | October 5          |
| Last Day to Register/Add Courses                            | August 14   | August 14          | October 9          |
| Fall 2026 Graduation Applications Open                      | August 17   |                    |                    |
| Last Day to Drop a Class with No Grade (100% Refund)        | August 21   | August 21          | October 16         |
| Enrollment Census Date                                      | August 21   | August 21          | October 16         |
| Census Report Due to Registrar's Office                     | August 24   | August 24          | October 19         |
| Class Schedule Purged for Non-payment of Tuition and Fees   | August 25   | August 25          | October 20         |
| Satisfactory Payment Arrangements Deadline                  | August 25   | August 25          | October 20         |
| Enrollment Census Drop                                      | August 26   | August 26          | October 21         |
| Deadline to Petition for Census and Financial Reinstatement | September 1 | September 1        | October 26         |

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| Financial Aid Disbursement                               | September 8                        | September 8  | November 5  |
| Defense Deadline for Dissertations, Theses, and Projects | September 21                       |              |             |
| Last Day to Submit Graduation Application                | October 9                          |              |             |
| ProQuest Upload Deadline                                 | October 9                          |              |             |
| Early Registration begins for Spring 2027                | October 19                         |              |             |
| Last Day to Withdraw from a Course with a "W" Grade      | October 16                         | September 11 | November 8  |
| Graduate Area Comprehensive Exam (GACE)                  | October 31                         |              |             |
| Spring 2027 Enrollment Services                          | November 9                         |              |             |
| Last Day to Withdraw from the University                 | November 13                        |              |             |
| Deadline for Final Thesis/Dissertation Revisions         | November 20                        |              |             |
| Fall Term Ends   | November 24                        | October 2    | November 28 |
| Final Grades Due to Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m.      | December 3                         | October 5    | December 3  |
| <b>Commencement</b>                                      | <b>December 4</b>                  |              |             |
| <b>Residence Halls Close</b>                             | <b>December 6 (Graduates Only)</b> |              |             |

## FALL 2026 INTERSESSION

December 7, 2026 - January 2, 2027

## SPRING 2027

**January 4:** Faculty Spring Seminar

**January 7:** Residence Halls Open, 9:00 a.m.

**January 7:** New Student Orientation

**January 15:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**January 18:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (JSU Offices Closed)

**March 6-14:** Spring Break

**March 1-5:** Midterm Examinations for Full Term Classes

**March 8:** Midterm Grades Due by 5:00 p.m. for Full Term Classes

**April 23:** Last Day of Classes for Full Term Classes

**April 26-30:** Full Term Final Examinations

*Note: The 1st 8-week and 2nd 8-week Sessions do not observe holidays, Spring Break, and university closures.*

| Event   | Full Term  | 1st 8-week Session | 2nd 8-week Session |
|---|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Classes Begin   | January 11 | January 11         | March 8            |
| Late Registration Begins with \$150.00 Late Fees Assessed | January 11 | January 11         | March 8            |
| Last Day for Course Cancellations/Adjustments             | January 11 | January 11         | March 8            |
| Last Day to Register/Add Courses                          | January 15 | January 15         | March 12           |
| Last Day to Drop a Class with No Grade (100% Refund)      | January 22 | January 22         | March 19           |

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| Enrollment Census Date                                      | January 22      | January 22  | March 19 |
| Spring 2027 Graduation Applications Open                    | January 25      |             |          |
| Census Report Due to Registrar's Office                     | January 25      | January 25  | March 22 |
| Class Schedule Purged for Non-payment of Tuition and Fees   | January 26      | January 26  | March 23 |
| Satisfactory Payment Arrangements Deadline                  | January 26      | January 26  | March 23 |
| Enrollment Census Drop                                      | January 27      | January 27  | March 24 |
| Deadline to Petition for Census and Financial Reinstatement | February 2      | February 2  | March 30 |
| Financial Aid Disbursement                                  | February 8      | February 8  | April 7  |
| Defense Deadline for Dissertations, Theses, and Projects    | February 22     |             |          |
| Last Day to Submit Graduation Application                   | March 1         |             |          |
| ProQuest Upload Deadline                                    | March 1         |             |          |
| Graduate Area Comprehensive Exam (GACE)                     | March 20        |             |          |
| Early Registration begins for Summer and Fall 2027          | March 22        |             |          |
| Last Day to Withdraw from a Course with a "W" Grade         | March 25        | February 12 | April 9  |
| Fall 2027 Enrollment Services                               | April 12        |             |          |
| Honors Week   | April 12-16     |             |          |
| Deadline for Final Thesis/Dissertation Revisions            | April 16        |             |          |
| Last Day to Withdraw from the University                    | April 23        |             |          |
| Honors Convocation  | April 28        |             |          |
| Spring Term Ends  | April 30        | March 5     | April 30 |
| <b>Graduate Commencement</b>                                | <b>April 30</b> |             |          |
| <b>Undergraduate Commencement</b>                           | <b>May 1</b>    |             |          |
| <b>Residence Halls Close</b>                                | <b>May 2</b>    |             |          |
| <b>Final Grades Due to Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>May 3</b>    |             |          |

## SPRING 2027 INTERSESSION

May 3-28, 2027

## SUMMER SESSION 2027

**May 27:** Residence Halls Open for the First Summer Session, 9:00 a.m.

**June 28-29:** First Session Final Examinations

**June 29:** Residence Halls Open for the Second Summer Session, 9:00 a.m.

**July 5:** Independence Day Observance (Offices Closed)

**July 28-29:** Second Session Final Examinations

*Note: The 8-week Online Session does not observe holidays and university closures.*

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| <b>Event</b>  | <b>First Session</b> | <b>Second Session</b> | <b>8-week Session</b> |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Classes Begin   | June 1               | July 1                | June 3                |
| Late Registration Begins with \$150.00 Late Fee Assessed    | June 1               | July 1                | June 3                |
| Last Day for Course Cancellations/Adjustments               | June 1               | July 1                | June 3                |
| Last Day to Register/Add Courses                            | June 4               | July 6                | June 10               |
| Last Day to Drop a Class with No Grade (100% Refund)        | June 4               | July 6                | June 17               |
| Summer 2027 Graduation Applications Open                    | June 7               |                       |                       |
| Enrollment Census Date                                      | June 4               | July 6                | June 17               |
| Census Report Due to Registrar's Office                     | June 7               | July 7                | June 18               |
| Class Schedule Purged for Non-payment of Tuition and Fees   | June 8               | July 8                | June 21               |
| Satisfactory Payment Arrangements Deadline                  | June 8               | July 8                | June 21               |
| Enrollment Census Drop                                      | June 9               | July 9                | June 22               |
| Deadline to Petition for Census and Financial Reinstatement | June 11              | July 13               | June 25               |
| Financial Aid Disbursement                                  | June 17              | July 16               | July 16               |
| Last Day to Withdraw from a Course with a "W" Grade         | June 18              | July 19               | July 9                |
| Last Day to Withdraw from the University                    | June 25              | July 22               | July 22               |
| Graduate Area Comprehensive Exam (GACE)                     | June 26              |                       |                       |
| Defense Deadline for Dissertations, Theses, and Projects    | June 28              |                       |                       |
| Last Day to Submit Graduation Application                   | July 12              |                       |                       |
| ProQuest Upload Deadline                                    | July 12              |                       |                       |
| Summer Term Ends  | June 29              | July 29               | July 29               |
| Final Grades Due to Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m.         | June 30              | July 30               | July 30               |
| <b>Residence Halls Close</b>                                | <b>July 30</b>       |                       |                       |