



JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

2026 – 2027

All dates, deadlines, and fees are subject to change without prior 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

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
Commencement	December 4		
Residence Halls Close	December 6 (Graduates Only)		

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

March 26: Holiday (JSU Offices Closed Friday Only)

March 26-29: Holiday Break (No Classes)

April 23: Last Day of Classes for Full Term Classes

April 26-30: Full Term Final Examinations

April 30: Final grades are due for all commissioning military students

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

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
Graduate Commencement	April 30		
Undergraduate Commencement	May 1		
Residence Halls Close	May 2		
Final Grades Due to Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m.	May 3		

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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Event	First Session	Second Session	8-week Session
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
Residence Halls Close	July 30		