

UNDERGRADUATE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION (UEPE)

The Undergraduate English Proficiency Examination (UEPE) is a Jackson State University graduation requirement. Designed to measure the basic writing skills of Jackson State University students, the UEPE consists of several topics from which students choose and compose a well-developed and well-organized essay. The University mandates that this assessment be taken at the completion of the sophomore English requirements (English 104 and 105 or English 111 and 112). Additionally, students should have earned credit or be currently enrolled in English 205 to be administered this assessment.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE UEPE

All students who intend to take the Undergraduate English Proficiency Examination must register through the prescribed university process. The English Proficiency Examination is offered each semester during the academic year. Registration deadline is the same as the last day to complete registration and pay fees outlined in the academic calendar. Students are given 60 minutes in which to plan, draft, and compose a multi-paragraph essay on one of the assigned topics.

SCORING CRITERIA

Each test is read and scored by two raters using a scale of 1 to 6. A score of “1” represents the lowest possible score and “6” represents the highest possible score. A score of 4, 5, or 6 from both raters represents a passing score.