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**Graduate Calendar  
2009 - 2011**

**FALL SEMESTER 2009**

August

13-14	Thurs-Friday	Faculty/Staff Seminar 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
18	Tuesday	Residence Halls Open for Returning Students, 9:00 a.m.
19-21	Wed-Friday	Registration for Readmitted and Returning Students 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
19-20	Wed-Thurs.	Evening and Graduate Registration 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
24	Monday	Classes Begin
24	Monday	A Late Registration Fee of \$70.00 Begins
25	Tuesday	Graduate Orientation, Administration Tower, 4:30 p.m.
26	Wed.	Graduate Orientation, Medical Mall, 4:30 p.m.
27	Thurs.	Graduate Orientation, University Center, 4:30 p.m.
31	Monday	A Late Registration Fee of \$105.00 Begins

September

7	Monday	HOLIDAY - Labor Day
8	Tuesday	Classes Resume, 7:00 a.m.
8	Tuesday	Last Day to Complete Registration and Pay Fees
8	Tuesday	A Late Registration Fee of \$145.00 Begins
8	Tuesday	Last Day to Add a Course
18	Friday	Last Day a Course May be Dropped with No Grade
18	Friday Evening	Class Schedules will be Purged for Non-payment of Fees

October

13	Tuesday	Graduate Council Meeting, H. T. Sampson Library, 10:00 a.m.
12-16	Tues-Thurs.	Academic Advisement Week @ JSU
15	Thursday	Application for Graduate English Competency Examination Due in Division of Graduate Studies, due before 4:00 p.m.
15	Thursday	Application for Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination Due in Division of Graduate Studies, due before 4:00 p.m.
19-24	Mon-Sat.	Mid Semester Examinations
22	Thursday	Founders' Day Convocation
23	Friday	Founders' Day Banquet, 7:00 p.m.
26	Monday	Mid Semester Grades Due
30	Friday	Last Day to Drop a Class with "W" Grade

November

7	Saturday	Graduate English Competency Examination, 8:00 a.m.
7	Saturday	Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination, 8:00 a.m.

10 Tuesday

9-December 7

23-28 Mon-Sat.

30 Monday

30 Monday

December

3 Thursday

4 Friday

5 Saturday

7-12 Mon-Sat.

12 Saturday

12 Saturday

12 Saturday

14 Monday

Graduate Council Meeting,  
Jackson Medical Mall, 10:00 a.m.  
Early Registration and Payment of Fees for Spring Semester and Summer Session  
Fall Break/Thanksgiving Recess  
Classes Resume, 7:00 a.m.  
Last Day to Withdraw from the University

Last day to submit "Committee Report of Defense Results" to the Division of Graduate Studies for December Conferral of Degrees, due before 4:00 p.m.  
Last day for clearance via "On-line Graduation Clearance" by the Division of Graduate Studies for December Conferral of Degrees.  
Classes End  
Final Examinations  
Conferring of Degrees--Fall 2009  
Fall Semester Ends, 12:00 Noon  
Holiday Recess Begins  
Grade Reports Due in the Office of the Registrar and Records

**FALL INTERCESSION 2009**

December 14 - January 6, 2010

**SPRING SEMESTER 2010**

January

7-8 Thurs.-Fri.

10 Sunday

12-13 Tues-Wed.

12-13 Tues-Wed.

14 Thursday

14 Thursday

18 Monday

19 Tuesday

19 Tuesday

20 Wed.

21 Thurs.

21-24 Thurs-Sat.

25 Monday

25 Monday

25 Monday

February

5 Friday

9 Tuesday

Faculty & Staff Spring Seminar  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Residence Halls Open, 9:00 a.m.  
Registration, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Evening and Graduate Registration  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Classes Begin, 7:00 a.m.  
A Late Fee of \$70.00 Begins  
HOLIDAY - Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday  
A Late Fee of \$105.00 Begins  
Graduate Orientation,  
Administration Tower, 4:30 p.m.  
Graduate Orientation,  
Medical Mall, 4:30 p.m.  
Graduate Orientation,  
University Center, 4:30 p.m.  
AGEM Winter Scholar Symposium  
Last Day to Complete Registration and/or Pay Fees  
A Late Fee of \$145.00 Begins  
Last Day to Add a Course

Last Day to Drop a Class With No Grade  
Graduate Council Meeting,  
University Center, 10:00 a.m.

11 Thursday Application for Graduate English Competency Examination Due in Division of Graduate Studies, before 4:00 p.m.

11 Thursday Application for Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination Due in Division of Graduate Studies, due before 4:00 p.m.

19 Friday Evening Class Schedules Will Be Purged for Non-payment of Fees

March

8-13 Mon-Sat. Mid Semester Examinations

13 Saturday Graduate English Competency Examination, 8:00 a.m.

13 Saturday Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination, 8:00 a.m.

15-20 Mon-Sat. SPRING BREAK

15 Monday Mid Semester Grades Due

15 Monday Preliminary Graduation List Due – Office of the Registrar and Records

22 Monday Classes Resume, 7:00 a.m.

22 Monday Last Day a Course May be Dropped with “W” Grade

26 Friday Final Graduation List Due – Office of the Registrar and Records

April

2-5 Fri-Monday HOLIDAY BREAK

6-9 Tues-Fri. Graduate Student Appreciation Week

12-May 3 Early Registration for the Fall Semester

13 Tuesday Graduate Council Meeting, H.T Sampson Library, 10:00 a.m.

19-23 Mon.-Friday Honors Week @ JSU

22 Thursday Honors Convocation

26 Monday Last Day to Withdraw from the University

29 Thursday Last day to submit “Committee Report of Defense Results” to the Division of Graduate Studies for Spring Commencement, due before 4:00 p.m.

30 Friday Last day for clearance via “On-line Graduation Clearance” by the Division of Graduate Studies for Spring Commencement.

May

1 Saturday Classes End

1-7 Sat-Friday Final Examinations

7 Friday Alumni Day

8 Saturday Commencement

10 Monday Grade Report Due in the Office of the Registrar and Records

17-20 Mon-Fri. AGEM Summer Institute

31 Monday Residence Halls Open, 9:00 a.m.

**SPRING INTERCESSION 2010**

May 10 - 28

**GRADUATE SUMMER SESSION 2010**

June

1 Tuesday Registration, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

1 Tuesday Evening Registration 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

2 Wednesday A Late Registration Fee of \$70.00 Begins

7 Monday Graduate Classes Begin

7 Monday Last Day to Complete Registration and Pay Fees

7 Monday Last Day to Add a Course

8 Tuesday Graduate Orientation, Administration Tower, 4:30 p.m.

9 Wed. Graduate Orientation, Medical Mall, 4:30 p.m.

10 Thurs. Graduate Orientation, University Center, 4:30 p.m.

10 Thursday Last Day to Drop a Class With No Grade

10 Thursday Evening Class Schedules will be Purged for Non-payment of Fees

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17 Thurs. Application for Graduate English Competency Examination Due in Division of Graduate Studies, due before 4:00 p.m.

17 Thurs. Application for Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination Due in Division of Graduate Studies, due before 4:00 p.m.

July

5 Monday HOLIDAY - Fourth of July Observance

6 Tuesday Classes Begin

15 Thursday Last Day to Add a Course

17 Sat. Graduate English Competency Examination, 8:00 a.m.

17 Sat. Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination, 8:00 a.m.

22 Thursday Final Graduation List Due - Office of the Registrar and Records

27 Tuesday Graduate Classes End

28 Wed. Last day to submit “Committee Report of Defense Results” to the Division of Graduate Studies for Summer Commencement, due before 4:00 p.m.

28-29 Wed-Thurs. Final Examinations

29 Thurs. Last day for clearance via “On-line Graduation Clearance” by the Division of Graduate Studies for Summer Commencement

August

2 Monday Last Day to Withdraw from the University

7 Saturday Commencement

9 Monday Grade Reports Due in the Office of the Registrar and Records

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25	Monday	Midterm Grades Due

### November

6	Sat.	Graduate English Competency Examination, 8:00 a.m.
6	Sat.	Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination, 8:00 a.m.
8	Tuesday	Graduate Council Meeting, Jackson Medical Mall, 10:00 a.m.
8-Dec. 2		Early Registration and Payment of Fees for Spring Semester and the Summer Sessions

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29	Monday	Last Day to Withdraw from the University

### December

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3	Friday	Last day for clearance via "On-line Graduation Clearance" by the Division of Graduate Studies for December Conferral of Degrees. Classes End
4	Saturday	Final Examinations
6-11	Mon-Sat.	Fall Semester Ends, 12:00 noon
11	Saturday	Conferring of Degrees-Fall 2010
11	Saturday	Holiday Recess Begins
13	Monday	Grade Reports Due in the Office of the Registrar and Records

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29 Friday Last day for clearance via "On-line Graduation Clearance" by the Division of Graduate Studies for Spring Commencement.

30 Saturday Classes End

30-May 6 Sat-Friday Final Examinations

May

6 Friday Alumni Day

7 Saturday Commencement

9 Monday Grade Reports Due in the Office of the Registrar and Records

16-20 Mon.-Fri. AGEM Summer Institute

**GRADUATE SUMMER SESSION 2011**

May

30 Monday Memorial Day

30 Monday Residence Halls Open, 9:00 a.m.

31 Tuesday Evening Registration 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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9 Sat. Graduate Area Comprehensive Examination, 8:00 a.m.

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27 Wed. Last day to submit "Committee Report of Defense Results" to the Division of Graduate Studies for Summer Commencement, due before 4:00 p.m.

27-28 Wed-Thurs. Final Examinations

28 Thurs. Last day for clearance via "On-line Graduation Clearance" by the Division of Graduate Studies for Summer Commencement

August

6 Saturday Commencement

8 Monday Grade Reports Due in the Office of the Registrar and Records

**SPRING INTERCESSION 2011**

May 9 - 27

## UNIVERSITY DIRECTORY

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**Academic Affairs** Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Life. Administration Tower, Seventh Floor. 601-979-2244.

**Academic Assessment**

Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Academic Information** Graduate Dean, Administration Tower, First Floor. 601-979-2455

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**Alumni Affairs** 601-979-2281.

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**Automobile Registration** Department of Public Safety 601-979-2580.

**Books and Supplies** Bookstore, Student Center, First Floor. 601-979-2021.

**Catalog** Office of Graduate Admissions, Administration Tower, First Floor, 601-979-2455.

**Check Cashing** Local Banks; ATM Facilities, Student Center, First Floor.

**Curriculum Center** School of Education Building, Third Floor, Room 314. 601-979-2435.

**Degree Candidacy**- Graduate Advisor in Major Field.

**Degree Audit** Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Development Office** Administration Tower, Fourth Floor. 601-979-2282.

**Dissertations** Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Drop-and-Add**- Office of the Registrar and Records, B. F. Roberts. 601-979-2300.

**Graduate Area Comprehensive Examinations**, Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Graduate Assistantships and Scholarships** Academic Departments

**Graduate English Competency Examination**

Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Graduate Support and Fellowships**- Coordinator for Graduate Student Services. The Graduate Office. Administration Tower, First Floor. 601-979-2455.

**Graduation Requirements**

Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Human Resources** Z. T. Hubert Building, 601-979-2015.

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**Illness** Health Center. 601-979-2260.

**Information Services Library**

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**Information Technology Office**

Mississippi e-Center. 601-979-2144.

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**Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)** Office of Research Compliance, Sixth Floor Administration Tower, 601 979-2931.

**Institutional Research and Planning**

Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

Mississippi e-Center, 601-979-2615.

**Institutional Review Board (IRB)** Office of Research Compliance, Sixth Floor Administration Tower, 601 979-2931.

**International Students** Division of International Studies. 601-979-3794.

**Job Placement** Placement Office, Ground Floor, H.T. Sampson Library. 601-979-2477.

**Library** H. T. Sampson Library. 601-979-2123.

**Lost and Found** Department of Public Safety, 601-979-2580.

**Mississippi Urban Research Center** Jackson Medical Mall 601-979-2931

**Name and Address Change**- Office of the Registrar and Records, B. F. Roberts. 601-979-2300.

**Office of the President** Ninth Floor, Administration Tower, 601-979-2323.

**Office of Research Compliance** Sixth Floor Administration Tower, 601 979-2931

**Office of Support Services for Students and Employees** B.F. Roberts Hall, (601) 979-3704 or (601) 979-6919 [TTY]

**Parking Violations** Department of Public Safety, 601-979-2580.

**Payment of Fees** Office of Financial Services. B. F. Roberts. 601-979-2215.

**Placement Center** Placement Office, H. T. Sampson Library. Ground Floor. 601-979-2477.

**Postal Service** Jacob L. Reddix Campus Union, First Floor. 601-979-2031.

**Research Projects** Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Registration** Degree Seeking Students in academic department; Non-Degree Seeking in the Division of Graduate Studies

**Schedule Changes** Academic Department

**Scholarships** Coordinator for Student Support Services. Administration Tower, First Floor. 601-979-2455.

**Specialist Thesis/Project** Graduate Advisor in major field

**Student Regulations** Assistant Vice President for Student Life, 601- 979-2241.

**Summer School Information**- Division of Graduate Studies Administration Tower, First Floor. 601-979-2455.

**Thesis** Graduate Advisor in major field.

**Transcripts** Office of Registrar and Records, B. F. Roberts. 601-979-2300.

**Tuition Waivers** Graduate Advisor in Major Field.

**Universities Center** Education and Research Center, Ridgewood Road. 601-432-6138.

**Veterans Affairs** Office of Registrar and Records, B. F. Roberts. 601-979-2300.

## *Jackson State University*

- ◆ Mission/Purpose Statement
- ◆ History of the University
- ◆ Accreditation/Memberships

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Jackson State University, a coeducational institution, is supported by the State of Mississippi. It is controlled by the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, appointed by the governor. The University is supported by legislative appropriations supplemented by student fees and federal and private grants.

Jackson State University is located in Jackson, Mississippi, the capital and largest city of the state. Jackson is the geographic, political, industrial, and cultural center of the state. The metropolitan area consists of a growing population presently estimated at 568,000. The location of the University in the densely populated section of central Mississippi is such that nearly one-half of the students come from within a fifty-mile radius of the institution; however, the population includes students from every county in the state. A significant number of students also come from outside the state and from foreign countries.

The campus is a scenic 175-acre tract situated one mile west of the main business district of the city and is easily accessible from U.S. Highways 80, 49, and 51, and Interstates 20, 220, and 55. A modern airport with direct connections to major cities—north, south, east, and west—is about fifteen minutes away.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Building on its historic mission of empowering diverse students to become leaders, Jackson State University will become recognized as a challenging, yet nurturing, state-of-the-art technologically-infused intellectual community. Students and faculty will engage in creative research, participate in interdisciplinary and multi-instructional/organizational collaborative learning teams and serve the global community.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The University produces technologically-advanced, diverse, ethical, global leaders who think critically, address societal problems, and compete effectively.

### **Principles for Collegiate Code of Conduct**

Jackson State University, in the 2002-2003 academic year, adopted a Collegiate Code of Conduct for students, faculty, and staff which is designed to enhance students' success inside the classroom as well as in their campus life. It is intended also to assist with building characteristics which will serve as guideposts for lifelong success, understanding and appreciation of differences among diverse groups of people, and ultimately leading to a more harmonious learning environment which fosters respect for others and one's self.

The tenets for this covenant are:

- **Integrity**—Respect and embrace the principles of academic honesty.
- **Philosophy**—Embrace an academic philosophy for positive progress toward competency in goals, critical and logical thinking, and a commitment to excellence.

- **Class Attendance**—Participate actively in classroom and other learning environments and commit to becoming a lifelong learner.
- **Diversity**—Celebrate the similarities and differences in our cultures, races, and ethnic origins.
- **Communication**—Encourage open communication and expression which is guided by respect for others.
- **Behavior**—Understand that sexual or social harassment will not be tolerated. Always dress for success.
- **Profanity**—Discourage the use of profanity and offensive actions out of respect for others.
- **Accountability**—Accept personal responsibility for one's actions and life choices and realize that embracing negative elements of an unhealthy lifestyle will interfere with success.
- **Service**—Engage in civic opportunities to share knowledge and skills with local, national, and world communities.
- **Respect**—Embrace and respect tradition by participating in rituals and observances, especially those that contribute to the history and heritage of the University. Respect others by using cell phones and other electronic devices on in appropriate settings.
- **Assessment**—Conduct periodic assessments of academic, personal, and career progress. Stay focused on your purpose for being at the University.
- **Safety**—Be alert to threats to safety and security and inform appropriate authorities of such situations.
- **Freedom**—Respect the freedom of others to express themselves in matters relating to academic and philosophical opinions.

## **HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY**

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The distinguished history of Jackson State University began on October 23, 1877. The University started as Natchez Seminary, a private school, under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York for the purpose of educating Mississippi's newly freed slaves. Beginning with only 20 students, the school operated for 63 years as a private church school. In November of 1882, the Society moved the school to Jackson to the site where Millsaps College now stands. A part of this transition was the renaming of the school to Jackson College in recognition of the institution's new, central location in the City of Jackson. Natchez Seminary soon relocated from its site in north Jackson to a tract of land in the southwest section of the city. Construction on the new site began in 1902 and the University remains on this site today.

In 1924, the first bachelor degree was awarded. During this period, the major educational activities were directed toward teacher education for in-service teachers. When the American Baptist Home Mission Society withdrew its support from the institution in 1934, it became apparent that state support was needed to sustain the school. The school was transferred from the private control of the church to the state education system and renamed Jackson State College.

Initially, the school had been specifically designated by the state to train rural and elementary teachers. In 1942, the Board of Trustees expanded the curriculum to a full four-year teacher education program culminating in the Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. The first four-year graduating class under state support received degrees in May 1944. A Division of Graduate Studies was organized during the summer of 1953 and the program of Liberal Arts started in the fall of that year.

During the late sixties, the entire curriculum was reorganized and the following schools were established: The Schools of Liberal Studies, Education, Science and Technology, Business and Economics and the Graduate School. Through a legislative act, Jackson State College was designated Jackson State University on March 15, 1974. Jackson State College gained university status in accordance with the expanded breadth and quality of its faculty and academic programs. From 1967-1977, the faculty had tripled in size and the number of faculty members with graduate degrees increased eightfold. In 1979, the University was officially designated the state's Urban University by the Board of Trustees, State Institutions of Higher Learning.

In the late 1980s, the University and its surrounding community were enriched through the expansion of the Universities Center; the establishment of the West Jackson Community Development Corporation to improve blighted housing around the campus; the organization of a Staff Senate; and the creation of a Center for Professional Development and the Center for Technology Transfer.

In the 1990s, a Campus Master Plan that projected the growth of the University into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century was developed. Fifteen new graduate and undergraduate programs evolved. These academic achievements were bolstered by the establishment of the School of Social Work, the formation of the School of Engineering, the fall 1998 opening of the School of Allied Health Sciences, the School of Business received by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a \$13.5 million expansion of the H. T. Sampson Library which doubled the capacity of the original structure; and the occupancy of the \$17.2 million School of Liberal Arts building in 2001.

In Fall 2000, the University received doctoral research intensive status with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This prestigious designation was based on the awarding of more than 20 doctoral degrees from the Division of Graduate Studies and the \$40 million in federally funded research contracts secured through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

As the University entered the New Millennium and celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2002, it developed and implemented its strategic plan—Beyond Survival: The Millennium Agenda for Jackson State University. The five-point strategic plan moved Jackson State University to a new level of academic excellence. Thus, Vision 2020 was created to fulfill the first strategy—Remodel the Learning System at JSU. In 2002, the University was reorganized into six colleges: College of Business; College of Education and Human Development; College of Liberal Arts; College of Public Service; College of Science, Engineering and Technology; and the College of Lifelong Learning.

The University has always played a major role in the Jackson community. In keeping with that tradition, the University made substantial contributions to the region, not only in producing effective, competent graduates, but also in furthering the overall economic prosperity of the region. A five-square mile urban laboratory designated e-City has been developed whereby University resources, intellectual and otherwise, are used in a technology based economic, housing, and community development initiative. To further the University's contribution to the City of Jackson, a joint venture with Jackson Public Schools was formed to establish the Mississippi Learning Institute, a pre-K through 16 reading based and math oriented professional development system. Also, a private/public JSU high-tech partnership, the *Mississippi e-*

*Center*, facilitates access to experientially enhanced, high-tech learning opportunities.

In 2004, a \$20 million College of Business was completed. In 2006, a 91,000 square foot student health and wellness center opened. For the first time in the University's history, private bond financing was secured to renovate facilities and to build new facilities such as the new Campbell College Suites which opened in 2007. A new Campus Union, and a new president's house are scheduled to open in 2008. The campus transformation and wide array of academic programs will enhance Jackson State's presence.

For the more than 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Jackson State, JSU provides traditional and non-traditional students of diverse backgrounds the academic opportunities to develop knowledge and skills that will empower them to succeed in an increasingly complex and technologically advanced world. JSU has expanded online course offerings, and students are also afforded the opportunity to excel in areas beyond academic disciplines including art, culture, music, and numerous intercollegiate sports and championship competitions. Jackson State's long-term cooperative projects, corporate partnerships, its increasing presence among top universities for the amount of research dollars awarded to the University, and community initiatives strengthen the University's commitment to its students, faculty, staff, and alumni as well to the West Jackson Community, the city, the state, the nation and several international countries.

#### **Organization of the Instructional Programs**

The academic programs of the University are organized into the College of Business, College of Education and Human Development, College of Liberal Arts, College of Public Service, College of Science, Engineering and Technology, College of Lifelong Learning, the Division of Undergraduate Studies, the Division of Graduate Studies, and the Division of International Studies. Details for each graduate academic program are presented in the appropriate section of this catalog. The Jackson State University Undergraduate Catalog lists information on the undergraduate academic programs and the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

#### **SUMMER SESSIONS**

In breadth of offerings, the work of the Summer Sessions is substantially the same as that of the academic year. The summer programs provide opportunities for students who are interested in advancing their general culture, meeting teaching requirements, accelerating their college work, or pursuing the master's, specialist, or doctoral degree.

To complement its regular work, the University offers a variety of workshops, institutes, and special programs. In general, the teaching staff of the regular year stays in residence for the summer. Visiting professors are brought in when there is a need to supplement the staff or when there is a need for specialized courses.

In April of each year, a bulletin giving full information on the Summer Sessions is issued. Requests for this bulletin should be addressed to the Registrar, or the Coordinator of Graduate Admissions.

## ACCREDITATIONS

Jackson State University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the bachelor's, master's, education specialist, Doctor of Education, Doctor of Philosophy, and Doctor of Public Health degrees.

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is to be contacted only if there is evidence that appears to support an institution's non-compliance with accreditation requirements or standards.

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- American Chemical Society
- American Psychological Association
- Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
- Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology
- Council on Rehabilitation Education
- Council on Social Work Education
- Council on Education for Public Health
- Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs
- Council on Accreditation in Audiology and Language-Speech Pathology
- National Association of Industrial Technology
- National Association of Schools of Art and Design
- National Association of Schools of Music
- National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration
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Southern Business Administration Association  
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