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## *Jackson State University*

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

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 including 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 (Addendum: June 18, 2020)**

The mission of Jackson State University, an HBCU and comprehensive urban research university, is to provide quality teaching, research and service at the baccalaureate, masters, specialist, and doctoral levels to diverse populations of students and communities using various modalities to ensure that they are technologically-advanced, ethical, global leaders who think critically and can address societal problems and compete effectively.

### **STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES**

#### **Tradition**

The University believes that its role as a historically black university inspires and exemplifies positive societal change.

#### **Accountability**

The University believes in the principled exercise of leadership and the sanctity of the public trust.

#### **Learning**

The University believes in an experimentally enhanced learning environment where teaching, research, and service are integrated and mutually reinforcing.

#### **Nurturing**

The University is committed to creating a community, which affirms and welcomes persons from diverse backgrounds and experiences and supports the realization of their potential.

### **Service**

The University responds to the needs of society to the best of its ability and expects its graduates to do likewise.

### **Responsibility**

The University believes in and accepts its duty to enhance each generation's capacity to improve the human condition.

### **PRINCIPLES FOR COLLEGIATE CODE OF CONDUCT**

Jackson State University, adopted a Collegiate Code of Conduct, 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 appreciating 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:

1. **Integrity**—Respect and embrace the principles of academic honesty.
2. **Philosophy**—Embrace an academic philosophy for positive progress toward competency in goals, critical and logical thinking, and a commitment to excellence.
3. **Class Attendance**—Participate actively in classroom and other learning environments and commit to becoming a lifelong learner.
4. **Diversity**—Celebrate the similarities and differences in our cultures, races, and ethnic origins.
5. **Communication**—Encourage open communication and expression which is guided by respect for others.
6. **Behavior**—Understand that sexual or social harassment will not be tolerated. Always dress for success.
7. **Profanity**—Discourage the use of profanity and offensive actions out of respect for others.
8. **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.
9. **Service**—Engage in civic opportunities to share knowledge and skills with local, national, and world communities.
10. **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 only in appropriate settings.
11. **Assessment**—Conduct periodic assessments of academic, personal, and career progress. Stay focused on your purpose for being at the University.
12. **Safety**—Be alert to threats to safety and security and inform appropriate authorities of such situations.
13. **Freedom**—Respect the freedom of others to express themselves in matters relating to academic and philosophical opinions.

### **EXPECTED EDUCATIONAL RESULTS**

The University seeks to ensure that it is responsive to the clientele it serves by producing graduates who are capable of performing responsibly, competently, and effectively in their chosen careers. Jackson State University expects its graduates to become active leaders and participants in the activities of the local community, their home community, and the world through

actions such as volunteerism, consultancies, civic and political appointments, and elections. Through numerous degree programs ranging from the baccalaureate to the doctoral levels, students are nurtured in an environment that supports research, exploration, and discovery in the learning process. The students acquire a general education and are trained to become well-rounded professionals in a variety of disciplines through the University's academic schools and colleges. Further, Jackson State University provides continuing educational opportunities, especially to non-traditional students. Training for all students is facilitated through research laboratories, traditional and innovative classroom instruction, distance learning instruction, technologically advanced libraries, and through internships and alliances with external agencies and organizations. Additionally, institutes, centers, and specialized educational and research services contribute to the experiential growth of students and faculty.

The knowledge, experiences, skills, and qualities acquired by graduates of Jackson State University include the following:

- The ability to communicate effectively through both oral and written expression;
- The ability to demonstrate competence and creativity in a discipline for the purpose of obtaining and maintaining rewarding employment, and/or engaging in entrepreneurial activities;
- The ability to analyze, synthesize, and evaluate ideas and data using logic and quantitative reasoning;
- A familiarity with, and the ability to effectively use current and appropriate technology;
- A social consciousness which will enable one to think critically and responsibly about moral, social, economic, health, cultural, technological, and political issues and to contribute to the improvement of society;
- The achievement of a level of social maturity which will empower one to exercise good human relations skills, informed decision making, motivation, and persistence;
- A knowledge and recognition of the value of one's own ethnic and cultural heritage, and of the similarities and difference inherent in a multi-cultural society; and
- A demonstration of leadership and professionalism through the pursuit of research and educational experiences required in one's chosen career.

## HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Jackson State University's distinguished history began in 1877 as the Natchez Seminary, a private church school set up in Natchez, Miss., under the auspices of the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Beginning with only 20 students, the seminary educated newly freed African Americans as ministers and teachers.

In 1882, the society moved the school to Jackson, Miss., to the land where Millsaps College now stands. The seminary was renamed Jackson College in recognition of its new location in central Mississippi. Three years later, construction began on the site that is now the university's main campus.

After the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the institution began to broaden its course of study, and in 1924, the college awarded its first degree. By 1934, the American Baptist Home Mission Society had withdrawn its support for the college, which began efforts for the state to take control of the college.

In 1940, the school reorganized its curriculum as a two-year program and changed its name to the Mississippi Negro Training School. The state Institutions of Higher Learning then expanded the curriculum to a four-year teacher education program. The

first graduating class under state support received Bachelor of Science degrees in Education in May 1944, two months after the school was renamed the Jackson College for Negro Teachers.

By 1967, the state had taken control of the school and renamed it Jackson State College. Through a legislative act in 1974, the college became Jackson State University. Five years later, the Institutions of Higher Learning officially designated JSU Mississippi's Urban University.

During the 1990s, the university's academic achievements were bolstered by the establishment of the School of Social Work; the formation of the School of Engineering; the opening of the School of Allied Health Sciences; the accreditation of the School of Business; and the expansion of the Master's in Public Policy and Administration to departmental status, which made it the only such department in Mississippi's higher education system. The university's infrastructure also grew with a \$13.5 million expansion and renovation of the H.T. Sampson Library, which doubled its size, the completion of a \$2 million restoration of historic Ayer Hall and the start of construction on a home for the School of Liberal Arts.

Jackson State made history in 1999 when it landed the Jackson Heart Study, the largest single-site, prospective, epidemiologic investigation of cardiovascular disease among African Americans ever undertaken. The study was initially funded through a \$12.9 million research grant and in 2005 was extended through 2013 with an additional \$54 million.

Jackson State saw much advancement during the first 10 years of the new millennium, including the creation of a five-square-mile urban laboratory surrounding the campus called e-City, which is a technology-based economic, housing and community development initiative. Out of that initiative came the Mississippi Learning Institute, which is a partnership with city and state educational leadership that provides a reading-based, math-oriented system for pre-K through undergraduate education.

Other successes in the new millennium include acquiring a \$20 million facility from Allstate Corporation for only \$3 million, which became home to the Mississippi e-Center @ JSU. The facility is now a technological hub for corporate, community and academic advancement. The university also undertook \$200 million in construction, which resulted in a new College of Liberal Arts, College of Business, Walter Payton Recreation and Wellness Center, Student Center, School of Engineering and the retail and residential development One University Place. The construction also brought new residence halls and apartments and the renovation of the Gibbs-Green Pedestrian Walkway. Also known as "the plaza," the decorative brick walkway provides an expanded pedestrian mall that beckons students and visitors from downtown Jackson to campus.

Jackson State's connection to downtown continued to be enhanced in 2010 with the establishment of the Civil Rights corridor along John R. Lynch Street. The corridor, which is home to the historic COFO Education Center, educates a new generation about the movement for equality.

Today, Jackson State continues its legacy of academic excellence while it secures its future. The university continues to be a top producer of African-American educators and biological and biomedical scientists, and *Washington Monthly* magazine ranks the university annually among the top colleges in the nation for social mobility, research and service. Jackson State

also remains one of the top “Military Friendly Schools” in the country and one of two Historically Black Colleges or

Universities in the country for research and development expenditures.

With an enrollment of over 9,000 students, Jackson State University provides students from more than 50 foreign countries and all of Mississippi’s 82 counties with the academic opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills to succeed. The university is accredited by the Commission of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award 45 bachelor’s degrees, 34 master’s degrees, a specialist in education degree and 13 doctoral degrees.

Today, Jackson State continues its legacy of academic excellence while it secures its future. The rankings published by *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* in 2011 named JSU No. 2 in the country for educating African American teachers. The ranking is consistent with the university’s ongoing standing, where it has been either No. 1 or No. 2 since 2005. Jackson State’s physical sciences master’s programs ranked No. 2, and when considering all disciplines combined, Jackson State ranked No. 7 nationwide.

## **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; Undergraduate Studies; Graduate Studies; and International Studies. Details for each graduate academic program are presented in the appropriate section of this catalog.

## **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.

Each year, a bulletin giving full information on the Summer Sessions is issued. This bulletin is posted on the JSU website.

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- American Council on Education
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- Association of Departments of Foreign Language
- Association of State Colleges and Universities
- Cooperative Education Association
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Institute of International Education
- Council of Historically Black Graduate Schools
- Council of Southern Graduate Schools
- Midwest Association of Graduate Schools Mississippi Academy of Sciences
- Mississippi Association of Colleges
- Mississippi Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Mississippi Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Mississippi Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Mississippi Counseling Association
- National Association of College Deans, Registrars and Admissions Officers
- National Association of Veterans Programs Administrators
- National Center for Public Service Internship Program
- National Collegiate Honors Council
- National Commission on Accrediting
- National Council for Small Business Management Development
- National Student Exchange
- North American Association of Commencement Officers
- Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Southern Business Administration Association