

## RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### University Libraries

University Libraries enhance the research and teaching endeavors of the university community through the acquisition and dissemination of information. University Libraries are comprised of the Henry T. Sampson Library and four branch libraries. Occupying a central location on the JSU campus, the Henry T. Sampson Library is a facility of over 150,000 square feet and houses in excess of one million resource items. Included among the collections in the Sampson Library are the following:

- African-American Collection - a major collection of resources by or about African-Americans and Africa.
- Special Collections - a non-circulating collection of documents with major concentrations of resources detailing the history of Jackson State and African Americans.
- Periodicals - the library currently subscribes to more than 1,500 electronic journals with an additional number in print format.
- Government Documents - the library is presently a selective depository for federal documents.
- Media Resources - a number of audiovisual resources are available to enhance classroom instruction.

**Library Services** - The Department is a client-oriented agency, and offers some of the following services:

- Information Literacy (IL) Instruction - a major initiative that provides instruction in locating, evaluating, and using resources. IL is provided through formal classroom lectures, as well as through individualized instruction. Electronic and printed guides, handbooks, pathfinders and bibliographies made available to patrons, also contribute to the IL initiative.
- Reference Assistance - librarians are available at all times to help patrons locate, select and interpret the appropriate information and resources.
- Interlibrary Loan - resources not held by the library are made available through this service. Some nominal fees may be incurred.

**Facilities** - The library is furnished to meet the comfort and needs of library users and is fully accessible for those with disabilities, with most of the library collections housed in open access areas. Additionally, the library also provides these specialized facilities:

- Computer Lab - a workstation computer facility is located on the first floor.
- Auditorium - with seating for approximately 150, the auditorium is located on the second floor and is used for campus-based activities.

- Group Study Sections - sections are provided for groups engaged in study.

**Library Technology** - Electronic library resources are available from campus as well as from remote locations and may be accessed from the library website at <http://sampson.jsu.edu>. In addition to the online public access catalog (OPAC), other electronic resources include, indices, abstracts, full text articles and journals, and online books.

**Branch Libraries** - The branch libraries listed below support the academic program(s) indicated:

- Public Health Library - located in the Jackson Medical Mall, this library supports the College of Public Service, as well as some of the special programs located in the Medical Mall.
- Cleopatra D. Thompson Curriculum Research and Development Center Library - housed in the College of Education and Human Development, main campus, this library provides general support in the education curriculum and the Early Childhood programs.
- Jake Ayers Research Library - housed at the e-Center, the Ayers Library supports the Executive Ph.D. program.

The general public is invited to use any of the Jackson State libraries. Borrowing privileges, however, are reserved for university students, staff, and faculty. Regulations concerning the use of the facility are on the library website as well as in library handbooks and guides.

### JSU Global

JSU Global, formally known as International Programs, is located on the 3rd floor of the Charles F. Moore Building. Established in September 1993, JSU Global engages in a variety of activities. With the overall aim of internationalizing Jackson State University, specific goals include internationalizing the curriculum; expanding the foreign language program; enhancing student involvement in international exchanges, work abroad programs and internships; increasing faculty participation in international exchanges, research, and internships; establishing language houses; increasing international student enrollment; establishment of an international village; increasing global awareness of the larger community; enhancing programs for international students; establishment of an international business center; instituting an intensive English language training program; and increasing faculty involvement in technical assistance and training projects. The Office is also responsible for facilitating the local programming of the

International Visitors Center and coordinating the activities of the Mississippi Consortium for International Development.

In an effort to prepare Jackson State University students for the new millennium, a major priority of JSU Global is to provide students with the opportunity to participate in education abroad experiences. Countries in which students can enhance their ability to compete in a global society include Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico, Honduras, South Africa, Russia, Lesotho, Ghana, Japan and other countries throughout the world.

### **English as a Second Language Institute (ESLI)**

Individuals from around the world come to Jackson State University to study English as a second language. The English as a Second Language Institute (ESLI), accredited by the American Association of Intensive English Programs (AAIEP), provides a curriculum that has been developed within the context of the national standards for foreign language learning as well as AAIEP standards. Non-credit courses offered by the ESLI program are periodically updated to be compatible with the goals of the program and to reflect the best current knowledge in the field. ESLI is an integrated, multi-skill program that links grammar, listening, reading, communicative functions and topics which provide training in four categories:

- First-time international students who plan to enroll in long-term academic programs;
- English as a second language classes for international students who require additional ESL training;
- Survival English training for internationals; and
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) preparation.

ESLI offers five levels of training: Beginning, High Beginning, Low Intermediate, High Intermediate, and Advanced with an average instructor-student ratio of 1:4. Four classes are held daily, Monday through Friday, for a total of 25 classroom hours per week. After classes, students are required to visit the multi-media language lab where audio/video equipment and computers with Internet access are at their disposal. For more information about the ESLI, call (601) 979-1611 or 1606 or view the website [www.jsu.edu/global](http://www.jsu.edu/global).

### **International Visitors Center of Jackson**

As a member of the National Council of International Visitors, the International Visitors Center of Jackson (IVCJ) is a part of a network of organizations with the expertise to host international visitors traveling under the auspices of the U.S. Department of States' Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The IVCJ arranges for international visitors to meet with JSU administrators, faculty and students in order to provide a total perspective of the university. Additionally, IVCJ has been instrumental in developing potential economic linkages between international entities and the state of Mississippi. In conjunction with JSU Global, IVCJ cooperates in the sponsorship of an annual International Festival that

provides a week of symposia, essay competitions, displays of traditional dress, art, song and dance, and a scholarship banquet whose proceeds benefit international students matriculating at Jackson State University. Participants include the JSU Family, elementary and secondary school students throughout the area, and business and professional representatives. The event calls attention to the efforts of OIP and IVCJ in promoting cross-cultural awareness and understanding. For more information, call (601) 979-1611.

### **The Study Abroad Program**

The Study Abroad Program at Jackson State University was established in 1993. It provides the opportunity for JSU students and faculty to experience other cultures, develop friendships and make international professional contacts through the unique perspective of academic coursework. Within its broad mission of internationalizing JSU, the Study Abroad Program allows students and faculty to develop a global awareness by broadening intellectual and cultural horizons through educational opportunities at foreign universities. Interested students and faculty should visit JSU Global to inquire about a summer, a semester, or even a year of study opportunities in the country they have always dreamed of visiting. For more information, call (601) 979-1611.

### **Information Technology**

**The Department of Information Technology** is responsible for the management of the university's network and communications infrastructure, enterprise resource planning system, and other information technology (IT) services that support all levels of research, learning, teaching, and business. IT consists of three units: Academic IT, Computing and Communications, and Information Systems and Integration, all staffed to deliver customer-friendly support to all JSU campuses.

**Academic IT** serves as a liaison between IT and the University. Academic IT's vision focuses on the technological efficiency of academics in utilizing available technology. Academic IT's main goal is to facilitate self-directed manipulation of technological applications. Areas of emphasis include faculty training, LMS support, training and integrations, technology integration in the classroom, technology integration in departments, accreditation evaluations, cybersecurity, campus email, campus apps, JSU website, and campus-wide software (approval and negotiation). Academic IT is responsible for the following products:

- Campus-wide Software Licenses: Microsoft 2016 Office Suite and Office 365, Microsoft Windows 10, SAS, SPSS, Mathematica, Adobe Creative Cloud and Professional, Qualtrics, Edmentum/Plato Learning
- Learning Management System: CANVAS

- Mobile Apps: University App by Ellucian, DoubleMap (Bus Route) and CBORD Get App

**Computing and Communications** - At the core of JSU's IT infrastructure, is a high-speed metropolitan area network that provides ubiquitous connectivity for students, faculty, staff, and administrators. This network provides access to the resources housed in JSU's data centers, as well as those available through the Internet. The Computing and Communications team is charged with managing the University's computing, data, voice and video resources, and services.

**The Computing Team** provides campus-wide desktop computer support to students, faculty, and staff. Other services include telephone, network and operations, campus-wide computer labs, campus-wide server administration, Xerox copier support, video support, and campus operators.

**The Communications Team** currently operates a metropolitan area network that connects every building in which the University does business. The University's network, depicted in Figure 1, consists of a fiber-optic based, 10 gigabit Ethernet campus backbone, with direct fiber links to three satellite campuses: the University Center complex, Jackson Medical Mall, and the Mississippi e-Center. All buildings on the respective campuses are connected via fiber with at least fast Ethernet (1 gig) speed. Within all buildings, the functional areas (offices, classrooms, labs, dormitory rooms, etc.) are connected to the network using fiber and CAT5 structured wiring. In addition, wireless access is provided for 100% of all University premise. Internet access is provided via a 2gig connection to the commodity Internet and a 2x10gbps connection to the Internet2. The campus research network capacity is 100gbps.

The team provides voice services that are provided through the AT&T Hosted Voice Service (HVS) telephone system, which is state-of-the-art Internet telephony fully implementing voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP). All popular calling features are available, including call waiting, 3-way calling, speed dialing, caller ID, and voice mail. The Communications department also procures and delivers cable TV service to the JSU community. Currently, there are more than 1,500 active drops on the main campus, including approximately 1,200 dormitory rooms. JSU's television station, W23BC, is part of the Jackson, MS area Comcast cable TV lineup (Channel 14).

**The Information Systems and Integration Team** is responsible for providing enterprise business support for the campus. The campus uses the Enterprise Resource Planning System, Banner 9. Banner support has been outsourced to Ellucian Managed Services and the system is hosted by Ellucian Cloud Services. Other Ellucian products which supplement Banner include the report

writing and analytic system, COGNOS, the degree audit system, Degree Works, and a document management system, BDMS. In addition to Banner support, this unit is responsible for supporting the campus Marketplace and providing assistance with the development of online storefronts for the campus. The team is also responsible for providing specialized support to administrative units across the campus.

### **Office of Research and Economic Development**

The Office of Research and Economic Development at Jackson State University is the conduit for the university's interactions with the local community, state, nation, and the world in the area of sponsored programs. The achievements of the university's faculty, staff and students, along with the expertise of the university's scholars are shared with the broader community. The Division creates, promotes and supports a research environment by helping faculty, staff and students identify opportunities and secure externally funded grants, contracts and cooperative agreements.

### **Sponsored Programs Unit**

The Sponsored Programs Unit (USP) is the centralized unit charged to coordinate research and sponsored program activities campus-wide. The Unit strives to maintain a supportive environment for research and scholarly endeavors, and encourages the faculty and staff to seek external funding to support the mission of the university and to explore alternative means to advance their professional interest. USP seeks to ensure that the most up-to-date funding information is available. To that end, the following services are offered: (1) identifying funding opportunities (2) coordinating proposal and budget development and (3) assisting with project implementation and management.

### **Mississippi Urban Research Center**

The Mississippi Urban Research Center (MURC) seeks to improve the quality of urban life through the conduct of basic and applied research. The Center collects, analyzes, evaluates and disseminates data on critical urban issues to policy makers, service providers, urban planners, educators and community leaders. Additionally, the MURC conducts instructional and training programs for persons working in or expected to pursue careers in urban public service.

### **Jackson Heart Study Community Outreach Center**

The Jackson Heart Study is the first large-scale study of cardiovascular disease in African-Americans. Jackson State University is responsible for developing a data center and mobilization of the community. The primary mission of the center is to assure the validity of research findings, provide comprehensive statistical data, in addition to administrative support.

### **Technology Transfer and Commercialization**

The Division of Research and Economic Development manages the technology transfer, licensing, and commercialization process at Jackson State University. The Tech Transfer Unit assists faculty, staff and students in

identifying research with potential commercial interests and help to develop strategies for how to exploit these interests. Strategies may include patenting, copyrighting and trademarking; seeking licensing opportunities; and promoting startups. The Unit also manages the university's intellectual property portfolio, establishes collaborations between industry and JSU researchers on SBIR and STTR projects, and facilitate the process of obtaining Mississippi Urban Research Authority (MURA) approved status to have material and financial interest in companies.

### **School of Public Health**

#### **The Jackson Heart Study Graduate Training and Education Center**

The Jackson Heart Study (JHS) Graduate Training and Education Center (GTEC) is dedicated to increasing the capacity of graduate Public Health and Liberal Arts students from Jackson State University and medical, nursing, and pharmacology students from University of Mississippi Medical Center to develop “the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health”. This is done through the Daniel Hale Williams Scholar program that provides a certificate enrichment curriculum that occurs concurrently with the students’ regular academic program. GTEC aspires to improve the science and practice of keeping the public safe and healthy by empowering graduate students to enhance their ability to improve community health as they matriculate through the program with the potential to assume careers in public health or related fields.

Reducing the gap in public health expertise operating in underserved communities, *improving health care delivery*, and eliminating or reducing health disparities are important goals of the GTEC experience. GTEC believes that this can be achieved by recruiting public health professionals to take advantage of the training and resources available from the DHW scholar program. Scholars can upgrade their capacity in academic sessions that cover topics such as epidemiology and basic public health skills, and information relevant to public health practitioners.

### **College of Business**

#### **Small Business Development Center**

The JSU – SBDC is part of a network of Small Business Development Centers across the nation bringing expert business knowledge to small businesses at no cost. The Vision and Mission of the JSU-SBDC are as follows:  
**Vision** – “to transform Mississippi one business at a time.”  
**Mission** – to provide high quality technical assistance to aspiring business owners with the goal of getting businesses open or expanded on a sound business and financial footing. The Center has a business library that covers a wide range of business related topics and other resources. Also, clients can access demographic and industry data to help develop their business plan. Contact: JSU – SBDC at 601-979-1100 or via the website: [www.mssbdc.org](http://www.mssbdc.org).

### **College of Education and Human Development** **Cleopatra D. Thompson Curriculum Research and Development Center**

The Cleopatra D. Thompson Curriculum Center, located in Room 314 of the Joseph H. Jackson College of Education Building, serves as the bridge for relevant PK-12 curricula, technology, and best practices for instructional delivery. The center has been redesigned to support the seamless transition between higher education and PK-12 for our college faculty, pre-service teachers, and all education majors. Faculty, students, and staff have access to a variety of multi-media resources and curricular materials for PK-12 classrooms. Special appropriations were allocated to completely upgrade all elementary and secondary textbooks, literature from various countries, and a variety of resources used by candidates in all academic departments. Students and staff have access to tools and materials for designing and constructing two-three dimensional instructional aids. A readily accessible model library of elementary and secondary curriculum materials and textbooks have been collected to assist teacher training courses and to provide practicum experiences for prospective and in-service teachers through simulated classroom experiences.

### **College of Liberal Arts**

#### **Interdisciplinary Alcohol/Drug Studies Center**

This Center is an interdisciplinary unit which provides graduate education, research and service delivery in substance abuse. The Center has five program components: education, research, training, prevention and intervention.

#### **Margaret Walker Center**

Both an archive and museum, the Margaret Walker Center is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation, and dissemination of African American history and culture. Founded by Margaret Walker in 1968, the Center seeks to honor her academic and artistic legacy by expanding and promoting its manuscript holdings and oral history collections, interpreting African American history and culture through its museum and exhibits, coordinating public programs on campus and throughout the community, preserving historic structures central to the African American experience, and advocating Black Studies at Jackson State University.

#### **The Richard Wright Center for Writing, Rhetoric, and Research**

The Richard Wright Center provides an environment for intellectual engagement outside the classroom. At any stage of the creative and research processes, students and faculty have the opportunity to interact with trained tutors using technology as they develop written, oral, and visual representations of their ideas for an academic audience. Support is provided through individual and small-group tutorials, workshops, roundtables, and class presentations.

### **College of Science, Engineering and Technology** **Center for Environmental Health**

The Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) Center for Environmental Health (CEH) was established in 1998 with a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Our mission is to develop an innovative biomedical research program in which our investigators become highly competitive and successful in winning mainstream NIH and other federal grants. The Center's long-term goal is to build and sustain a state-of-the-art infrastructure that serves as a platform for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary biomedical research collaborations. In addition, the Center serves as a catalyst for scientific discoveries on the toxic mechanisms and modes of action of environmental hazards, as well as on the prevention and control of environmentally-induced diseases. For nearly a decade, CEH has addressed the challenges posed by environmentally induced diseases. Its multiuser core biomedical research laboratories and highly capable investigators are pursuing a full range of basic science and translational research programs on environmental and public health issues of concern to vulnerable and underserved communities. New scientific discoveries made at the CEH are making substantial contributions to advancing our understanding of the role played by the environment in the development of human diseases and developing cost-effective strategies to prevent/control these illnesses.

### **Student Services**

#### **University Press of Mississippi**

The University Press of Mississippi was founded in 1970 to encourage research and the publication of scholarly work. Functioning as the scholarly publishing arm of the state supported universities in Mississippi, the University Press is governed by a Board of Directors made up of one representative from each of the eight state universities, one representative from the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning, and the director of the Press.

#### **Health Center**

The Health Center at Jackson State University provides students readily available access to a variety of outpatient medical services for acute illnesses and injuries. Campus wide health promotion is also a major focus of the Health Center. The clinic is located on Prentiss Street across from the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The clinic staff includes Physicians, a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, and Licensed Practical Nurses. The clinic services are available to all registered students as well as faculty and staff. There is no additional fee to use the clinic for students and no appointments are necessary. However, appointments for the family planning services and certain special exams (i.e. sports and military pre-participation physicals) may be required. Also, a fee is charged for certain labs, supplies and prescription medications that may be provided on site by the clinical staff. Faculty and staff are encouraged to join the University Health Center Plan. The plan entitles faculty and

staff to certain clinic services or they can opt to pay a fee per visit to be seen by the clinical staff.

#### **JSU Bookstore**

The JSU Bookstore, located on the first floor of the Jackson State University Student Center, is operated as an educational facility coordinated with the academic program. The Bookstore is the campus center for the ordering and selling of textbooks and supplementary reading materials. The Bookstore also carries school supplies and a limited quantity of office supplies. It sells University jewelry (including class rings and pins), pennants, stickers and other insignia items. Commencement caps and gowns are ordered through the Bookstore.

#### **Post Office**

The Jackson State University Post Office, a contract station of the United States Postal Service located on the first floor of Jacob L. Reddix Hall, provides all of the mail services, which can be obtained at larger post offices. Basic services include selling of stamps, stamped envelopes and postal money orders, sending and receiving of registered, certified, insured and express mail, and rental of postal boxes. Campus and interdepartmental mail may be routed through the Campus Post Office without postage. Pick-up and delivery services are provided for administrative offices. The zip code for the University is 39217.

#### **JSU Development Foundation, Inc.**

The Jackson State University Development Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization, was established and incorporated under laws of the State of Mississippi in 1968. Its express purpose is to promote the development of Jackson State University. A Board of Directors composed of eminent community leaders in business, industry and education governs the Development Foundation. The Director of Development serves as the Executive Secretary of the Foundation. Contributions, gifts, and bequests are solicited by the Foundation for the advancement of Jackson State University as an institution of excellence. The accrued interest of funds deposited in the Foundation is expended to provide scholarships for deserving students. Contributions to the Foundation, a tax-exempt organization, are deductible.

#### **JSU National Alumni Association, Inc.**

The Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Inc., is the official body of graduates and former students of the University organized into local chapters and coordinated by a national board. The major purposes of the Association are to perpetuate the memories of University life and to provide a medium through which the interests of the University may be promoted. Active membership in the Association is open to all graduates and former students of the University upon payment of national dues. The Association is responsible for the promotion of a spirit of fellowship and cooperation among graduates and former students for the welfare and benefit of the University. Some of its activities are special projects designed to enhance

interest and support, such as presentation of the Alumnus of the Year Award and the Outstanding Educator Award; the publication of the Alumni Newsletter; and fund-raising programs. The Office of Alumni and Constituency Relations cooperates with the National Alumni Association in implementing the policies and programs.

### **Institutional Advancement**

The mission of the **Division of Institutional Advancement** at Jackson State University is to work collaboratively to secure financial resources to support its annual fund, student scholarships, faculty/staff development, the endowment, and other institutional priorities and campaign initiatives, strengthen alumni ties and encourage lifelong support of their alma mater, and foster quality communications, internally and externally, to keep stakeholders accurately informed about institutional achievements and our continued educational excellence.

The **Division of Institutional Advancement** strives to achieve its mission through rigorous fund development, stewardship, alumni and donor relations as well as a university-wide marketing communications focusing on consistent messages and branding, public affairs, publications, and web online communication. *These efforts result in building relationships and securing commitments required to advance and sustain the institution's mission and priorities. Additionally, the division leverages the University's intellectual and programmatic resources by increasing philanthropic investments.*

The **Division of Institutional Advancement** carries out its mission through the following departments:

- Alumni and Constituency Relations
- Major and Planned Gifts
- Event and Visitor Services
- University Communications and Marketing
- Community Engagement
- Development Foundation

### **University Communications**

University Communications uses print, broadcast, multimedia, social media and marketing channels to convey clear and consistent communication about the university's achievements and the JSU experience. University Communications also supports academic and administrative departments in such areas as internal communications, event promotion, media relations, graphic design, photography, videography and social media. We can be reached by phone at 601-979-2272.

- **Public Relations** - Public Relations efforts advance the goals of the university by strengthening awareness, engagement and support among constituents vital to the university's success. We seek positive media coverage of the university, its people and programs. We also

communicate externally and internally about the achievements of JSU, its faculty and students through our publications and news site.

- **Marketing** – JSU Marketing is working to better serve the JSU community by reframing their policy and will therefore help the university to better reach their overall goals. Our primary focus will be four key areas that include building brand awareness, increasing enrollment, and promotional support of JSU Athletics and The Division of Institutional Advancement fundraising campaigns. It is our goal and pleasure to work with all departments to ensure university brand consistency. Initiatives that fall outside of these key areas should be submitted to one of the emails below for review, referral, and/or approval.

### **Other Media Outlets**

- **WJSU-FM** - A community resource since June 1, 1976, "Cool and Current" WJSU (88.5 FM) began as a 10-watt station broadcasting from the JSU campus. Now a 24,500-watt entity, the station broadcasts 24 hours daily from the Mississippi e-Center at JSU, reaching Hinds, Simpson, Madison, Rankin and Copiah counties. With membership in National Public Radio, Public Radio International and American Public Media, WJSU offers an intelligent mix of in-depth news, informative talk, jazz and blues. In addition to timely news and timeless music, the station supports community activities and provides practical experience for students majoring in mass communication.
- **JSUTV** – JSUTV, on Comcast Cable Channel 14, offers local programming including Metro Morning Live, JSU events and programs, sports highlights shows, music performances, arts and humanities, community updates, news, public affairs and weather. JSUTV is an affiliate of the America One Network and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The station is broadcast throughout the Jackson Metropolitan area including Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Warren, and Copiah counties. JSUTV reaches approximately 80,000 households.

### **Financial Services**

Financial Services (Business Office) is located on the second level of the B. F. Roberts Building. The primary function of the Business Office is to provide financial services to students, faculty, staff, and other members of the JSU family. The staff strives to provide courteous, accurate, and timely service to the public in all financial areas. The Business Office is organized to include the areas of Student Accounts, Cashiering, Payroll, Requisitioning, Accounts Payable, Student Loans, Grants/Contracts, and Accounting Services.

### **Public Safety (Campus Police)**

The Chief of Public Safety reports directly to the Vice President for Business & Finance. The Chief assumes command of assignment of all police staff members; directs the work of police personnel; observes the efficiency of the police officers, and instructs them in the performance of patrolmen duties; takes personal command of the patrolman organization in times of emergencies; supervises investigations; and coordinates the work of the Police Force members on their assignments.

The Public Safety Department was organized under legislative authority granted by Senate Bill No. 1408 and approved April 12, 1954. Officers of the force are vested with the powers and authority to take such action as is necessary to enforce University rules and regulations, including the arrest of violators.

The Public Safety Department is responsible for the general welfare, protection, and security of the students and faculty of the University. In this respect, it is particularly concerned with the following responsibilities: (1) the enforcement of campus regulations governing the parking of automobiles and traffic violations; (2) the maintenance of sound security measures of properties belonging to the University; and (3) the enforcement of rules governing standards of conduct.

### **Housing/Residence Life**

The mission of The JSU Housing Department is to create an environment that is conducive to living and learning that fosters an appreciation for diversity in all students, as well as fosters communities that create a sense of belonging and provides active learning environments that stimulate the mind, challenges and encourages academic, personal, cultural and social growth and development by providing, facilities that are technologically sound, well maintained, attractive, functional, clean, safe, economical and adaptable. Currently, seven residence halls accommodate more than 2,000 students who wish to reside on campus. Housing/Residence Life is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the residence halls as well as all activities that occur in residence life, such as learning communities, programming, intramural sports, social activities, and leadership workshops. The Residence Hall Association (RHA) assists with enrichment activities and speaks to the interests and concerns of hall residents. The residence halls are located on the north side of campus, in "residence row". The Housing/Residence Life Office is located in Campbell Suites North.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Housing/Residence Life Office.....	601-979-2326
Alexander East Hall.....	601-979-2656
Alexander West Hall.....	601-979-2658
Campbell North.....	601-979-5537
Campbell South.....	601-979-5134
Dixon Hall.....	601-979-2691
McAllister.....	601-979-2085
Tiger Plaza.....	601-714-5856
Tiger Pointe.....	601-944-0291
Transitional Hall.....	601-979-6029
University Pointe.....	601-979-6886

### **Dining Services**

The primary purpose of the Department of Dining Services, an auxiliary agency of the University, is to enhance campus life through services, superior food quality, and efficient dining service management.

There are six basic Board Membership Plans offered:

- Tiger Platinum: All-access Meal Plan 7 days a week - 19 meals per week. This plan includes \$250 Tiger Bucks.
- Tiger Gold: All-access Meal Plan 7 days a week - 19 meals per week. This plan includes \$100 Tiger Bucks.
- Tiger Silver: All-access Meal Plan 5 days a week - 15 meals per week. This plan includes \$100 in Tiger Bucks.
- Block 25 Meal Plan provides 25 meals per semester.
- Block 50 Meal Plan provides 50 meals per semester.
- Block 50 Plus Meal Plan provides 50 meals per semester and includes \$100 in Tiger Bucks.
- Block 100 Meal Plan includes 100 meals per semester.

Residential student meal plans are automatically enrolled with their JSU Housing assignment. The default meal assignment for residential freshman is the Tiger Platinum plan. Freshmen cannot alter meal plans. Commuter Meal Plans are voluntary, meaning that is it not mandated or required. Tiger Bucks will not be active on a student's account until their registration has been completed with the Business Office. Tiger Bucks can be used at all SodexoMagic on-campus eateries. Student meal plans can only be adjusted within the first two weeks of the semester.

### **Latasha Norman Center for Counseling**

The Latasha Norman Center for Counseling is a short-term student support service and is committed to working with JSU students experiencing certain adjustment challenges as they matriculate through their academic program and college experience. The mission is to provide services and activities that can assist JSU students as they transition and seek assistance with building their problem solving skills, managing relationships, and becoming more independent and confident.

The Latasha Norman Center for Counseling does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, sex, age, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic status, or religious choice. Jackson State University recognizes and accepts its obligations under the Americans

with Disabilities Act of 1990, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability and require the University to provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified disabled students in all University programs and activities.

### **Institutional Assessment**

A wide range of tests is available at Jackson State University. Presently, testing services administers several national testing programs, a special University testing program and others. The national testing program includes the following:

- *The Graduate Record Examination (GRE)*. The Graduate Record Examination is administered to graduating seniors and is used to evaluate the students' aptitudes and levels of achievement in various fields of concentration. The test is often used as a selective device for graduate school because of the validity of its descriptive and predictive data. The General Test is computer-based and it is administered locally at the Sylvan Learning Center. The Subject-Test is a paper-pencil test and administered on campus.
- *PRAXIS*. Students who plan to enter the teaching profession take the Praxis Examination. The test is used to meet entry-level licensure for employment by many states.
- *The Graduate English Competency Examination (GECE)*. Every entering graduate student at Jackson State University must have evidence of the ability to express himself/herself in writing before becoming a candidate for a degree. The GECE is required of all first-time students enrolled in Graduate Studies. It is to be taken by new students at the scheduled time prior to or immediately after enrollment. The GECE is given during both the Fall and Spring semesters and during the summer term.
- *The Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)*. The Graduate Management Admission Test is required for business administration majors. It is a computer-adaptive test that is available in Jackson, MS at the Sylvan Learning Center.
- *The Miller Analogies Test (MAT)*. The MAT is required for several programs. This exam is administered on campus on the second Wednesday of each month. Application deadline is one week prior.

*\*The student should consult the major department and the academic school for specific required examinations.*

### **Oak Ridge Associated Universities**

Since 1994, students and faculty of Jackson State University have benefited from its membership in Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU). ORAU is a consortium of 96 colleges and universities and a contractor for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. ORAU works with its member institutions to help their students and faculty gain access to federal research facilities throughout the country; to keep its members informed about opportunities for fellowship, scholarship, and research

appointments; and to organize research alliances among its members. Through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), the DOE facility that ORAU operates, undergraduates, graduates, postgraduates, as well as faculty enjoy access to a multitude of opportunities for study and research. Students can participate in programs covering a wide variety of disciplines including business, earth sciences, epidemiology, engineering, physics, geological sciences, pharmacology, ocean sciences, biomedical sciences, nuclear chemistry, and mathematics. Appointment and program length range from one month to four years. Many of these programs are especially designed to increase the numbers of underrepresented minority students pursuing degrees in science- and engineering-related disciplines. A comprehensive listing of these programs and other opportunities, their disciplines, and details on locations and benefits can be found in the *ORISE* Catalog of Education and Training Programs, which is available at <http://www.ora.gov/orise/educ.htm>, or by calling either of the contacts below.

ORAU's Office of Partnership Development seeks opportunities for partnerships and alliances among ORAU's members, private industry, and major federal facilities. Activities include faculty development programs, such as the Ralph E. Powe Junior Faculty Enhancement Awards, the Visiting Industrial Scholars Program, consortium research funding initiatives, faculty research and support programs, as well as services to chief research officers. For more information about ORAU and its programs, visit [www.ora.gov](http://www.ora.gov).

### **The Academic Common Market**

Jackson State University participates in the Academic Common Market (ACM), which is a tuition-savings program for college students in the 16 Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) member states who want to pursue degrees that are not offered by their in-state institutions. Students can enroll in out-of-state institutions that offer their degree program and pay the institution's in-state tuition rates. Hundreds of undergraduate and graduate programs are available for residents of SREB states. The ACM eliminates unnecessary duplication of academic programs among participating states, recognizing that it is impractical for any institution or single state to develop or maintain degree programs in every field of knowledge.

The ACM program is not competitive or merit-based, but applicants must meet state residency and college program requirements. Some institutions and states may impose additional acceptance requirements, such as full-time enrollment status or GPA requirements. The following states participate in the ACM: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia. For more information about the Academic Common Market, please visit: [http://www.sreb.org/page/1395/academic\\_common\\_market\\_faqs.html](http://www.sreb.org/page/1395/academic_common_market_faqs.html) or contact JSU Academic Affairs.



**TOURS**

Visitors are always welcome at Jackson State University. Campus tours are routinely scheduled at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. daily with prior notice Monday through Friday. Tours are approximately two hours in length. Individuals and groups interested in touring the campus should contact the Undergraduate Recruitment at (601) 979-5845.