

PAB PUBLIC INFORMATION, FALL 2023 - 2024

The Planning Accreditation Board requires this information be posted for the Masters in Urban & Regional Planning program at Jackson State University, Jackson Mississippi.

2023-2024 Tuition and Fees

In State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$8,795.00 (See link below)
Out of State Residents, per full-time academic year	\$10,795.00 (See link below)

Jackson State University Tuition and Fees Sheet Academic Year 2023 -2024 (Fall, Spring, Summer)

<https://www.jsums.edu/businessfinance/files/2023/09/FY-23-24-Fees-Sheet-06272023.pdf>

Student Retention Rate

Percentage of students who began studies in fall 2022 and continued into fall 2023	95%
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Student Graduation Rate

Percentage of students graduating within 4 years, entering class of 2019	95%
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Number of Degrees Awarded

Number of degrees awarded for 2022-2023 Academic Year	2
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AICP Pass Rate

Percentage of master's graduates taking the AICP exam within 3 years who pass, graduating class of 2019	0%
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Employment

Percentage of all graduates obtaining professional planning, planning-related, or other positions within 12 months of graduation, graduating class of 2022	100%
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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The following provides a snapshot of several departmental activities, capstone projects, community activities, and conference participation to demonstrate students' achievement. Measures of student achievement highlighted include attainment of learning outcomes, acquisition of key skills and competencies, and community engagement. Successful completion of course activities by students ultimately improves students' academic achievement.

Student community activities

Highly impactful for students' learning are open forums and discussion groups that enable students to share ideas, explore subjects, and discuss details to improve their comprehension on a single platform. These enable students to develop a deeper understanding of a subject and allow the instructor to observe students as they ask questions and contribute to the discussion.

Chat & Chew - April 13, 2023: Housing, Tax Credits, and Code Enforcement Issues in Jackson Mississippi

Panelists:

- Ms. Chloe Dotson, Planning Director, City of Jackson
- Ms. Ester Ainsworth, Zoning Administrator, City of Jackson MS
- Dr. Robbie Smith, Manager, Office of Housing and Community Development, Department of Planning, City of Jackson MS
- Mr. Brandon Morey, VP of Tax Credit, Mississippi Home Corporation



Learning outcomes: Students became knowledgeable on how housing can create better educational opportunities for children, contribute to healthier people and neighborhoods, and build stronger economic foundations for families and communities. **19 students attended these two sessions.**

**HEED Seminar presentations on housing foreclosure and on housing rights
November 27 & 28, 2023**



Housing Education and Economic Development, Inc.
3405 Medgar Evers Blvd. • P. O. Box 11853 • Jackson, MS 39283-1853 • 601.981.1960

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn the protocols for counseling homeowners in financial crisis.
- Default and delinquency were addressed, including reasons for default;
- Understanding the players in the mortgage marketplace;
- Knowledge on legal information about foreclosure laws and timelines; and understanding homeowner and lender rights and obligations

A total of 35 persons attended these two sessions.

Conference Participation

JSU Research Engagement Week

The Jackson State University Research Engagement Week held on October 23-27, 2023 was an opportunity for faculty, staff, and students to share their research on issues, solutions, and policies that impact our society. The fall 2023 theme was “Pathways to Research Excellence”. Fourteen tracks were offered for student and faculty to present under. Two students from DURP presented under the theme Track 2: Climate Change and Environmental Justice. Topics included challenges stemming from climate change such as sea-level rise, stronger hurricanes, heat domes, and increased flood risks; development of resilient communities including energy transition, renewable energy development, electric vehicles, and carbon capture; environmental justice; climate gentrification; the impact of more expensive insurance on affordable housing, environmentally-driven migration, and the Justice40 initiative.

Learning Outcomes:

- Spatially represent and analyze an urban place, and conveying this analysis to others in meaningful ways;
- Reflect upon the implications of their analysis in terms of climate, environmental justice and urban planning concerns

Four students presented their research.

HBCU Climate Change Conference

The Deep South Center for Environmental Justice in collaboration with the Bullard Center for Environmental & Climate Justice at Texas Southern University hosted its Ninth Annual HBCU Climate Change Conference October 11-15, 2023. The conference brought together over 400 HBCU faculty and students, researchers, climate professionals, and environmental justice and coastal community residents impacted by toxic facilities and severe weather events related to climate change to bridge the gap between theory and the experiential realities of climate change. The conference addressed issues related to climate justice, adaptation, community resilience, global climate issues, and other major climate change topics (i.e. transportation, energy sources, carbon emissions, green jobs/green economy, just transition, and community economic development). Two faculty members and four students attend the conference. Three students presented their research. Terysia Browne presented a poster on “Assessing The Socio-economic Impact Of Increased Heat Exposure Caused By Climate Change On Residents In Tropical And Subtropical Regions”. David Thomas and Kourtne Starling also presented their research on climate change issues.

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2023 Deep South Planning Conference

Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association, 2023 Deep South Planning Conference was hosted by the Mississippi and Alabama Chapters of the American Planning Association, sponsored by the International City/County Management Association. The Deep South Planning Conference was held in Starkville, Mississippi on October 18-20, 2023. Conference attendees were exposed to the latest planning trends and projects across both Mississippi and Alabama. Two faculty members and four students attended and presented work that being conducted on the life and legacy of Margaret Walker, an American novelist and poet who was one of the leading black woman writers of the mid-20th century. As a civil-rights activities, her work and activities had a strong influence on urban and regional planning.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students work effectively in collaborative and team-based contexts including organizing and completing planning tasks and fostering collective decision-making collaboratively and professionally.

Seven students and faculty attended and presented their project.

Selected Conferences for faculty with their students - Spring of 2024

- Merem, E. C. (2024 March). “Assessing Cotton Production Potentials in Nigeria’s Northern Region,” Conference Abstract Accepted to be Presented at 32nd Joint Conference of National Association of African American Studies (NAAAS). Arlington, TX. February 15-17, 2024.
- Merem, E. C. (2024 March). Analyzing Sheanuts Land Use In Nigeria. Abstract a For the Conference of Minority Public Administrators (COMPA). New Orleans, LA March 2- 5, 2024.
- Merem, E. C. (2024 March). The Analysis of Water Resources Management Issues In South Africa. Abstract Submitted for the 97th Annual Louisiana Academy of Science Conference. LSU Alexandria, LA. March 4th, 2024.
- Merem, E. C. (2024 March). Assessing Solar Energy Potentials in Nigeria. Paper Abstract Accepted for Presentation at the 33rd Annual International (West Coast) Conference on Soil, Water, Energy, and Air (AEHS). San Diego, CA. March 18-21, 2024.

Group Projects and Peer-Based Feedbacks

Jackson State University-University of California, Berkeley Student Exchange Project

Investigators:

Bernece S. Herbert, PhD., Associate Professor & Chair, Urban & Regional Planning, JSU
G. Mathias Kondolf, PhD., Professor, Landscape Architecture & Environmental Planning, UC Berkeley

Sponsored by MarTREC, JSU, the Farrand Endowment Innovation Fund, Berkeley California, &

AAG Bridging the Digital Divide Grant, JSU

Team:

- 12 students
- 4 faculty members
- 1 researcher
- 2 Army Corps of Engineers



Motivations:

- Repeated flooding of the Pearl River and its tributaries in Jackson
- No comprehensive flood management plan has been implemented
- Limited community access to ecosystem services
- Limited inclusion of community in decision-making and planning processes

Objectives:

Develop recommendations for a Comprehensive River Management Plan that highlight:

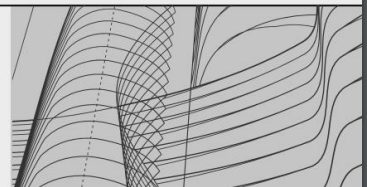
1. Flood mitigation along the Pearl River and its tributaries
2. Social Justice and Equity
3. Community voices
4. River and Creek Access
5. Ecological Function

Capstone Project





PORTFOLIO DOWNTOWN "THE JACKSON'S: DISTRICT"

Design Studio 541 | Fall 2023
Jackson State University
Urban and Regional Planning



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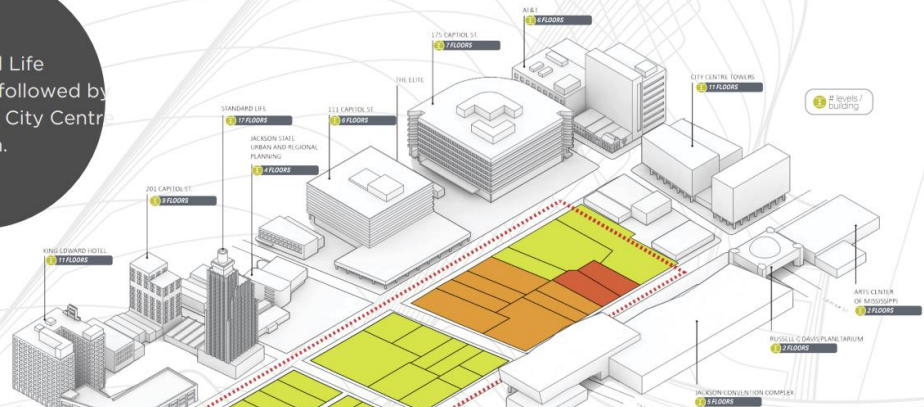
ABOUT ME

I am an aspiring urban planner currently pursuing my studies at Jackson State University. As a dedicated student with a profound interest in the intersection of architecture and urban design, I am driven by a passion to positively impact society through thoughtful and sustainable design.



PART II

- The highest is Standard Life Building with 17 floors, followed by King Edward Hotel and City Centre Towers at 11 floors each.



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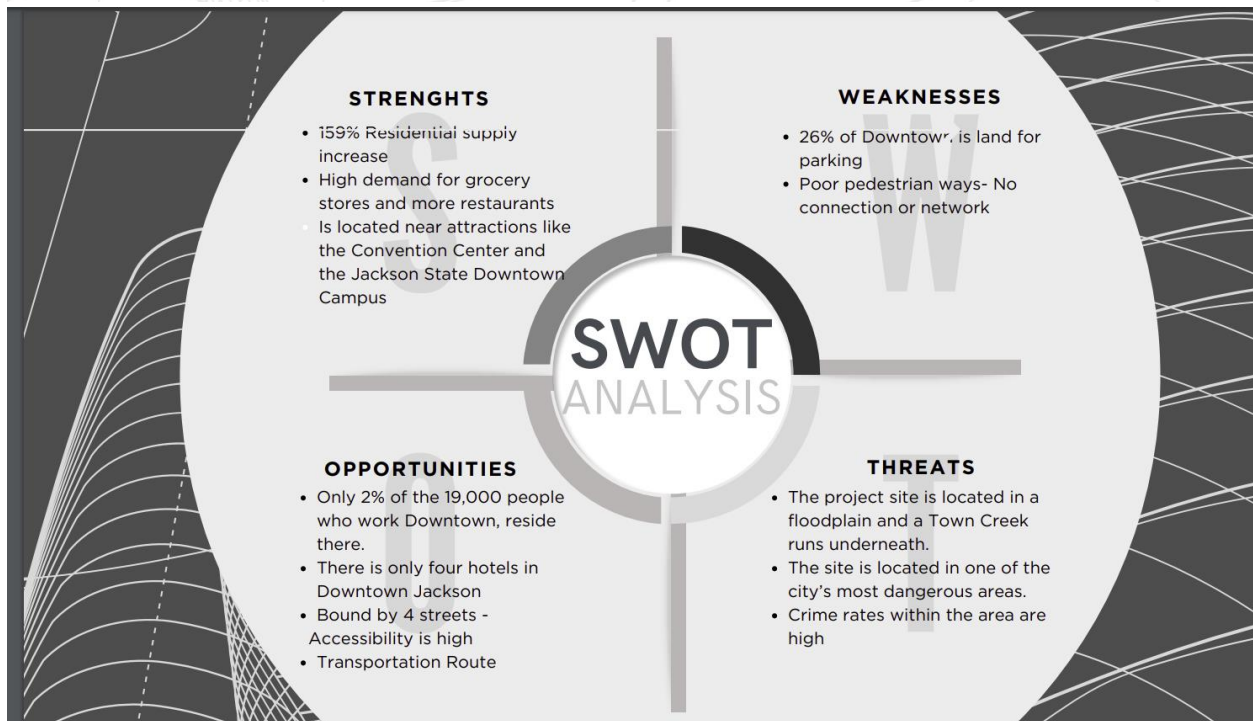
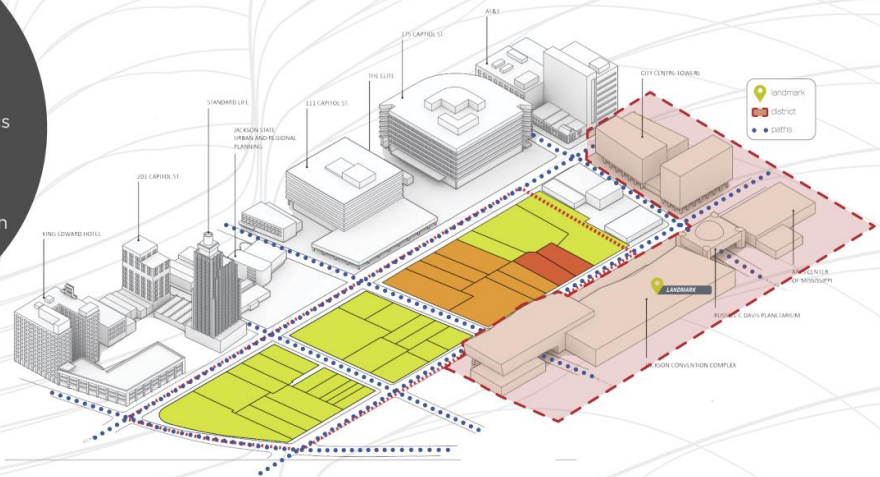
SITE ANALYSIS

VISUAL ANALYSIS

Kevin Lynch's principles of The Image of the City:

- Paths
- Districts- Physical characteristics thematic continuities like: - texture detail and degree of maintenance
- Landmarks- Jackson Convention Center Complex

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Learning Outcomes:

- Create a series of maps of coherent formal, conceptual, and procedural relationships with one another
- Demonstrate proficiency in urban design in the utilization and application of materials
- Demonstrate problem-solving skills by providing a step-by-step approach to specific issues in-class projects