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## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Minimum requirements for graduation vary among degrees and majors. There is a program section in this Graduate Catalog for each major and concentration. These program sections clearly outline the admission requirements, curriculum, and graduation requirements for each program.

### ONLINE GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND CERTIFICATES

For a complete list of degrees that can be earned online, please visit Online@JSU's website: <http://www.jsu.edu/online/prospective-students/degrees.html>.

### GRADUATE DEGREE TITLES

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)  
 Doctor of Science (DSc)  
 Education Specialist (EdS)  
 Master of Arts (MA)  
 Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
 Master of Fine Arts (MFA)  
 Master of Public Administration (MPA)  
 Master of Science (MS)  
 Master of Science in Education (MSE)  
 Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)  
 Master of Social Work (MSW)

### GRADUATE MAJORS AT THE DOCTORAL LEVEL

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)  
 Doctor of Science (DSc)  
     Emergency Management

### GRADUATE MAJORS AND CONCENTRATIONS AT THE EDUCATION SPECIALIST LEVEL

Education Specialist (EdS)  
     Education  
         Library Media (P-12)  
         Physical Education (P-12)  
         Teacher Leader  
     Counselor Education  
         Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
         School Counseling (P-12) (certification only)  
     Instructional Leadership (P-12)

### GRADUATE MAJORS AND CONCENTRATIONS AT THE MASTER'S LEVEL

Art/MFA  
     Visual Communication Design  
 Biology/MS  
 Business Administration/MBA  
     Accounting  
     General  
 Computer Systems and Software Design/MS  
     General  
     Information Security and Assurance  
 Counselor Education/MS  
     Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
     School Counseling (P-12) (certification and non-certification admission options)

Criminal Justice/MS  
 Early Childhood Education (P-3)/MSE  
 Early Childhood Special Education (P-3)/MSE  
 Elementary Education (K-6)/MSE  
 Emergency Management  
     Master of Science/MS  
     \*Graduate Certificate/CER  
 English/MA  
 History/MA  
 Instructional Leadership/MSE  
 \*Instructional Leadership Certification (reduced credit hour option at the master's level)/CER  
 Instructional Technology/MS (non-professional educator certification)  
 Liberal Studies/MA  
 Library Media (P-12)/MSE  
 Manufacturing Systems Technology/MS  
 Mathematics/MS  
 Music/MA  
     General Music  
     Music Education  
         Instrumental  
         Vocal/Choral  
 Nursing  
     Population Health/MSN  
         Emergency Management  
         Nurse Educator  
     \*Graduate Certificate/CER  
         \*Emergency Preparedness Nursing Coordinator  
         \*Nursing Education  
 Physical Education/MSE  
     P-12 Teacher Education  
     Human Performance (non-professional educator certification)  
     Nutrition (non-professional educator certification)  
 Psychology/MS  
 Public Administration/MPA  
     Administrative Management  
     Criminal Justice  
     Education  
     Emergency Management  
     Political Science  
 Reading Specialist (P-12)/MSE  
 Secondary Education/MSE  
     Biology (6-12)  
     Business Marketing Education (6-12)  
     English Language Arts (6-12)  
     Family and Consumer Sciences (6-12)  
     General Science (6-12)  
     General Social Studies (6-12)  
     History (6-12)  
     Mathematics (6-12)  
 Social Work/MSW  
 Special Education Collaborative Teacher (K-6) (6-12)/MSE  
 Sport Management/MS  
     Sport Management (teacher and non-professional educator certification)

**\*GRADUATE NON-EDUCATION CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS**

\*Emergency Management/CER

\*Emergency Preparedness Nursing Coordinator/CER

\*Nursing Education/CER

**\*GRADUATE EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

\*Instructional Leadership Certification (reduced credit hour option at the master's level)/CER

\*Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## HISTORY OF JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

From modest beginnings, Jacksonville State University has evolved into the educational center of Northeast Alabama. The Alabama Legislature in the 1882-83 session created a state normal school when Governor Edward O'Neal signed into law a bill creating the school on February 22, 1883. Jacksonville State Normal School acquired the facilities and equipment of Calhoun College, consisting of twelve acres of land and a two-story brick building. The Board of Directors elected James G. Ryals, Jr., as the first president. The school opened with three instructors: W. J. Borden, mathematics; Eliza A. Bowen, English; and Ida J. Woodward, primary department.

As stipulated in the establishing act, the Normal School conducted a preparatory school for children of the town and surrounding areas. At the end of the first year, on August 15, 1884, William Mark Haymes, President of the Board of Directors, reported that funds totaling \$4,751.25 had been received, including \$2,500 from the state, that 25 students were enrolled in the normal school, and that 222 were in the preparatory school.

The Normal School remained in operation until 1930 when it became Jacksonville State Teachers College, reflecting an increasing higher education role for the institution. Five years later, the college earned regional accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1957, the name again changed, to Jacksonville State College, when the first graduate program, the master's degree in elementary education, was created. On August 2, 1966, the Legislature authorized the State Board of Education to elevate the college to university status. On August 17, 1967, the Legislature established an independent board of trustees for the university and divested jurisdiction from the State Board of Education.

Jacksonville State University has been served by twelve presidents: James G. Ryals, Jr. (1883-85), J. Harris Chappell (1885-86), Carlton Bartlett Gibson (1886-92), J.B. Jarrett (1892-1893), Jacob Forney IV (1893-1899), Clarence William Daugeette (1899-1942), Houston Cole (1942-1971), Ernest Stone (1971-1981), Theron E. Montgomery (1981-1986), Harold J. McGee (1986-1999), William A. Meehan (1999-2015), and John M. Beehler (2015-present).

Jacksonville State University has developed into a modern comprehensive regional university serving northeast Alabama on a 459-acre campus with 58 buildings. In addition, the university operates off-campus centers at JSU-Gadsden, JSU-McClellan, and Brookstone. Through its programs of teaching, research, and service, Jacksonville State University has served the region and state for more than 135 years.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Jacksonville State University, as a learning-centered community, provides distinctive educational, cultural and social experiences to prepare students to be competent, ethical professionals and engaged, responsible, global citizens.

## **VISION STATEMENT**

Jacksonville State University will be recognized nationally for excellence in providing a transformational learning environment that supports student success and engagement, regional stewardship and innovation.

## **CORE VALUES**

Jacksonville State University is committed to:

- Student-Centered Culture
- Excellence
- Transformation
- Innovation
- Engagement
- Stewardship
- Integrity
- Inclusivity

## **KEY STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

1. Increase Enrollment
2. Expand Regional Stewardship
3. Enhance University Resources
4. Expand Innovative Educational Experiences
5. Enhance Branding and Marketing
6. Enhance Human Capital
7. Enhance University Infrastructure

## GRADUATE STUDIES CALENDAR

Jacksonville State University is on a semester calendar that includes a fall and spring semester. Summer terms vary in length from four to six weeks to the entire summer.

The University Academic Calendar for 2018-2019 is available online:  
[www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/index.html).

**In addition to the University Academic Calendar for 2018-2019, the Office of Graduate Studies sets several important dates for graduate students:**

### FALL SEMESTER 2018

Aug 27	Applications for Graduation/Comprehensive Examination for the Fall Semester 2018 Due in Graduate Studies
Aug 27	Applications for Graduate Certificate (Non-Education) for the Fall Semester 2018 Due in Graduate Studies
Oct 24	Final Thesis and Dissertation Draft for Fall 2018 Graduation Due in Graduate Studies for Review by 4:30 p.m.
Dec 5	ALL Comprehensive Examination Results from Faculty Due in Graduate Studies by 4:30 p.m.
Dec 5	Final Signed Thesis and Dissertation Copies for Fall 2018 Graduation Due in Graduate Studies by 4:30 p.m.

### SPRING SEMESTER 2019

Jan 14	Applications for Graduation/Comprehensive Examination for the Spring Semester 2019 Due in Graduate Studies
Jan 14	Applications for Graduate Certificate (Non-Education) for the Spring Semester 2019 Due in Graduate Studies
Mar 13	Final Thesis and Dissertation Draft for Spring 2019 Graduation Due in Graduate Studies for Review by 4:30 p.m.
Apr 24	ALL Comprehensive Examination Results from Faculty Due in Graduate Studies by 4:30 p.m.
Apr 24	Final Signed Thesis and Dissertation Copies for Spring 2019 Graduation Due in Graduate Studies by 4:30 p.m.

### SUMMER SEMESTER 2019

TBA	Applications for Graduation/Comprehensive Examination for Summer 2019 Due in Graduate Studies
TBA	Applications for Graduate Certificate (Non-Education) for Summer 2019 Due in Graduate Studies
Jun 19	Final Thesis and Dissertation Draft for Summer 2019 Degree Conferral Due in Graduate Studies for Review by 4:30 p.m.
Jul 24	ALL Comprehensive Examination Results from Faculty Due in Graduate Studies by 4:30 p.m.
Jul 24	Final Signed Thesis and Dissertation Copies for Summer 2019 Degree Conferral Due in Graduate Studies by 4:30 p.m.

Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

## ADMISSION TO GRADUATE STUDIES

Applicants must meet admission requirements for the program to which they are applying. For specific requirements of a particular program, see the appropriate program section of this catalog.

To apply for admission to Graduate Studies, a prospective student must complete an online Graduate Application for Admission and pay the \$35 application fee at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>. Applications must be submitted with payment by Discover, MasterCard, or VISA.

Applications will be valid for a period of two years. Anyone wishing to reapply after the two-year period must submit a new graduate admission application, along with the \$35 application fee, and comply with new admission criteria, where appropriate. This will include any returning students who have previously completed a graduate degree or certificate program.

Applicants who wish to transfer to JSU and be accepted into a graduate degree or certificate program must be in good academic standing at their current institution and meet the admission requirements for the program to which they have applied.

If a student wishes to complete more than one graduate degree or graduate certificate at a given time, the student must contact the Director of Graduate Studies prior to application.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

The general deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission.

For most programs, though, the Office of Graduate Studies will continue to accept and process applications up until classes begin in a given semester; however, Graduate Studies cannot guarantee an admission decision in time to start classes that semester for applications received after the deadlines.

Several programs have earlier, firm deadlines; therefore, applicants should see the catalog sections of the individual programs for complete, program-specific information.

First time enrollees must seek immediate advisement to register for classes and will continue contact with their assigned advisors throughout the program.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered for admission to a graduate, education specialist, doctoral, or graduate certificate program, applicants must hold a degree from a regionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

The Director of Graduate Studies will make the final decision regarding a student's application for admission to graduate studies at JSU.

Specific admission criteria can be found in each individual program section of this catalog, and all required application materials must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted\*. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)

\*Many programs will review application packages and make admission decisions based on official transcripts of degrees still in progress. However, applicants must

- submit their final transcripts with degrees posted before registering for their first or second semester of graduate coursework at JSU, depending on the program.
4. Additional items may be required by programs, such as Graduate Reference Forms; official test scores on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT), General Test of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT); valid professional educator certificates; background checks; resumes; etc. A complete list of all required application items for a given program can be found in each individual program section of this catalog.
  5. If English is not the applicant's native language, the applicant is required to submit or complete one of the following items. This is not required for international students who have earned a bachelor's or higher degree from a United States regionally accredited institution.
    - a. An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score report. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 213 on the computer-based TOEFL, or 79 on the internet-based TOEFL is required for admission.
    - b. An official International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score report. A minimum score of 6.0 on the IELTS is required for admission.
    - c. An official Pearson Test of English (PTE) score report. A minimum score of 56 on the PTE is required for admission.
    - d. Or an official International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) score report. A minimum score of 3.9 on the iTEP is required for admission.
    - e. Alternatively, the applicant may successfully complete Level 4 of the Intensive English program at JSU's English Language Institute. Explore this option at [www.jsu.edu/eli](http://www.jsu.edu/eli).

Note: Students with degrees from the following countries, which have English as the official language, are exempted from the above tests: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Canada (except Quebec), Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshal Islands, Micronesia, New Zealand, Solomon Island, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and United Kingdom.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPLICANTS

An international student is anyone who is not a U.S. citizen or classified as a permanent resident of the United States. International students who seek admission to JSU must hold either a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution or a degree equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited U.S. institution. Federal financial aid is not available to international students.

The Director of Graduate Studies will make the final decision regarding a student's application for admission to graduate studies at JSU.

Specific admission criteria can be found in each individual program section of this catalog, and all required application materials must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
  2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
  3. Official Degree Certificate/Diploma and Transcripts\*. Submit official bachelor's degree certificate/diploma in issuing institution's sealed envelope, AND submit complete and official college/university transcripts in issuing institution's sealed envelope. These must be translated in English.
- \*An evaluation of Foreign Education Credentials will be completed by the Office of International House & Programs at JSU. When needed, a course-by-course evaluation report prepared by an evaluator acceptable to the university will have to be submitted in addition to the official transcripts and bachelor's degree

certificate/diploma. Please check with the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) for a complete list of service providers acceptable to JSU. Applicants to JSU's Alternative Class A teacher education programs should see that section of this catalog for a list of service providers accepted by the Alabama State Department of Education.

4. Copy of bank letter or bank statement showing a minimum balance of \$30,500 (U.S. dollars). The letter or statement should bear the bank's seal/stamp along with an authorized signature.
5. Submit a copy of passport.
6. If English is not the applicant's native language, the applicant is required to submit or complete one of the following items. This is not required for international students who have earned a bachelor's or higher degree from a United States regionally accredited institution.
  - a. An official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score report. A minimum score of 550 on the paper-based TOEFL, 213 on the computer-based TOEFL, or 79 on the internet-based TOEFL is required for admission.
  - b. An official International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score report. A minimum score of 6.0 on the IELTS is required for admission.
  - c. An official Pearson Test of English (PTE) score report. A minimum score of 56 on the PTE is required for admission.
  - d. Or an official International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) score report. A minimum score of 3.9 on the iTEP is required for admission.
  - e. Alternatively, the applicant may successfully complete Level 4 of the Intensive English program at JSU's English Language Institute. Explore this option at [www.jsu.edu/eli](http://www.jsu.edu/eli).

Note: Students with degrees from the following countries, which have English as the official language, are exempted from the above tests: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Canada (except Quebec), Fiji, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshal Islands, Micronesia, New Zealand, Solomon Island, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and United Kingdom.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. Official copies of the bachelor's degree certificate/diploma AND complete and official college/university transcripts must be on file in the Office of Graduate Studies before a student will be allowed to enroll in classes.
2. International students will be required to enroll as full time students with at least nine credit hours each semester. At least six of those hours must be taken in a face-to-face format, if the student plans to reside in the United States. Our graduate classes are scheduled to accommodate this requirement, and it is the university's expectation that all students abide by this law. Failure to do so could result in the student's being classified as out-of-status with United States Immigration.
3. If the student plans to earn a degree online and does not plan to travel to the United States, the stipulation above does not apply. Please refer to Online@JSU's website to view a listing of programs that can be earned completely online: <http://www.jsu.edu/online/prospective-students/degrees.html>.
4. International graduate students with prerequisite/foundation/deficiency courses must maintain at least 12 semester credit hours at all times. The classes can be a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses. International students must have at least nine semester credit hours of traditional or web-assisted/hybrid classes (non-online courses) out of a total of 12 credit hours.
5. International students are required to carry health and repatriation insurance.



6. Government sponsored students, such as Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission (SACM) Scholarship, Embassy of Kuwait Scholarship, and Embassy of UAE Scholarship students, etc., will have to check with their embassy and/or government before enrolling in any number of online courses.

### **CHANGE OF MAJOR OR CONCENTRATION**

If at any time a student wishes to change from one major or concentration to another, the student must submit a Change of Major form to Graduate Admissions through our online application system: <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>.

The student must meet the admission requirements of the newly selected major or concentration as specified in the catalog current at the time the student is changing. The student must be in good academic standing in his or her current major.

Due to Federal financial aid regulations, the graduate admissions office will not be able to process change of major requests until the end of each semester. Please be aware, change of major requests will only be processed at the end of each semester through the day before the next semester begins.

### **APPLICANTS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

A student who holds a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution may enroll in graduate courses for professional development. All of the following documentation must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission as a non-degree seeking graduate student. Applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing all other general application requirements. Federal financial aid is not available to professional development students.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

If, at a later date, the student decides to pursue a degree at JSU, the student must petition, in writing, to the Director of Graduate Studies that the course(s) taken as a non-degree student be counted toward the degree. The student must also meet the admission requirements for the degree program.

### **APPLICANTS FOR ACCELERATED SENIOR PRIVILEGE**

The Accelerated Senior Privilege allows a graduating senior to take up to six graduate hours of coursework during his or her final undergraduate semester. Accelerated Senior Privilege will also be extended to graduating seniors at other colleges and universities, provided all conditions specified below are met.

A graduating senior may apply to Graduate Studies for accelerated senior privilege by submitting the following items to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.

3. A Verification Form completed by the academic advisor or certification officer of the school of the student's undergraduate major and submitted to Graduate Studies which verifies the following:
  - A. The student holds an overall GPA of 3.00 and a GPA of 3.00 in the undergraduate major;
  - B. The student has passed the English Competency Examination (ECE); and
  - C. The student is within six semester hours of successfully completing undergraduate degree requirements.

The Verification Form can be found online: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/student-resources/accelerated-senior-privilege.pdf>

In addition, the following restrictions are placed on accelerated senior privilege:

1. The student may take no more than six semester hours of graduate level courses prior to the completion of all undergraduate degree requirements. The student will not be allowed to register for additional graduate level courses until all undergraduate degree requirements have been met;
2. The student must not exceed a total course load (undergraduate and graduate) of 13 semester hours in the fall and spring and 7 semester hours in each of the summer terms. Any exception to this regulation must be approved by the department head and the Director of Graduate Studies;
3. The student must provide all admission requirements for their desired graduate program to Graduate Studies prior to the end of the semester of senior privilege and prior to pre-registering or registering for further coursework;
4. MBA students must provide an official GMAT score of at least 400 prior to enrolling in senior privilege classes; and
5. The student must provide to Graduate Admissions three Graduate Reference Forms prior to the end of the semester of accelerated senior privilege enrollment. These forms must be completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

## TRANSIENT STUDENT APPLICANTS

A graduate student in good standing at a regionally accredited college or university may be admitted to Jacksonville State University as a transient student. All of the following documentation must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission as a transient student and prior to enrolling in graduate coursework. Federal financial aid is not available to transient students.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. A letter of good standing from the dean of the graduate school of residence or an official transcript.

In addition, it is the student's responsibility to request that a JSU transcript be forwarded to the college of residence upon completion of the course(s).



## STUDENT POLICIES AND RIGHTS

### POLICIES OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

#### A. Notification of Non-Discrimination Pursuant to Title VI

Jacksonville State University has filed with the Federal Government an Assurance of Compliance with all requirements imposed by or pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulation issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of age, religion, race, color, sex, handicap, veteran status, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored by this institution. Under this Assurance, this institution is committed not to discriminate against any person on the grounds of race, color, sex, handicap, veteran status, or national origin in its admission policies and practices or any other policies and practices of the institution relating to the treatment of students and other individuals, including the provision of services, financial aid and other benefits, and including the use of any building, structure, room, space, material, equipment, facility, or other property. Any person who believes himself/herself or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected to discrimination prohibited by Title VI or the Act and Regulation issued thereunder may, by himself/herself or a representative, file with the United States Commissioner of Education or with this institution, or both, a written complaint.

#### B. Notification of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Jacksonville State University does not discriminate on the basis of handicap. This requirement, not to discriminate in educational programs and activities, extends to employment by the University and admission thereto.

Inquiries concerning the application of Section 504, the ADA, and the implementing regulations may be referred to the Section 504 and ADA coordinator, Director of Disability Support Services.

#### C. Notification of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Sex

Jacksonville State University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities which it operates. Jacksonville State University is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments (PL92-318) of 1972 and Department of Education regulations to implement Title IX, Prohibition of Sex Discrimination in Educational Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, not to discriminate in such a manner. This requirement not to discriminate in educational programs and activities extends to employment by the University and to admission thereto. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and the implementing regulations may be referred to the Chief Diversity Officer/Title IX Coordinator, Jacksonville State University, 102 Bibb Graves Hall, or Director, United States Office for Civil Rights.

#### Grievance Procedures:

A student who wishes to initiate a grievance or complaint involving sex discrimination should confer first with the faculty member, administrative person, or student directly involved. If the matter is not resolved and the student wishes to appeal beyond the accused faculty member or administrative person, he or she may go to the department head, then the dean of the college, if applicable, and finally, to the appropriate vice president. If the accused is another student, the person with the grievance may bring a charge of personal abuse to the university Director of Community Standards and Student Ethics, 301 Theron Montgomery Building (TMB). After exhausting the informal remedies, the student may institute a formal written complaint. The formal procedure for handling such complaints may be obtained from the Vice President for Student Affairs.

### PRIVACY RIGHTS OF STUDENTS

At least annually, the university notifies its eligible students of its policy on privacy rights of a student as follows:

1. Access to records.
  - a) Subject to the limitations contained in (b) which follows, the education records of an eligible student shall be accessible to such students. Such right of access shall include the right to be provided a list of the types of education records which are maintained by the institution and are directly related to students; the right to inspect and review the content of those records; the right to obtain copies of those records, which may be at the expense of the eligible student (but not to exceed actual cost to the institution of reproducing such copies), the right to a response from the institution to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of those records; the right to an opportunity for a hearing to challenge the content of those records; if any material or document in the education records of the student includes information on more than one student, the right to inspect and review only such part of such material or document as related to such student or to be informed of the specific information contained in such part of such material.
  - b) The following materials will not be available to an eligible student: financial records of the parents of the student or any information contained therein; confidential letters and statements of recommendations, which were placed in the education records prior to January 1, 1975, if such letters or statements are not used for purposes other than those for which they were specifically intended; if the student has signed a waiver of the student's right of access, confidential recommendations (1) respecting admission to any education agency or institution, (2) respecting an application for employment and (3) respecting the receipt of an honor or honorary recognition.
2. Procedures for granting access.
  - a) An eligible student desiring access to his/her education records shall make a request in writing to the appropriate office. Requests concerning (1) admissions should be made to the Office of Admissions; (2) student records should be made to the University Registrar (3) financial records should be made to the Vice President of Finance and Administration/CFO; (4) financial aid records should be made to the Director of Student Financial Services; (5) placement, counseling, disciplinary, health and security records should be made to the Vice President for Student Affairs; (6) school and departmental records should be made to the dean of the appropriate school; (7) employment records should be made to the Director of Human Resources.
  - b) In the event the records are not produced for inspection as set out above, or there is some question as to the right or duty of the office to produce them for inspection, the matter shall forthwith be submitted to the head of the office involved for determination. An appeal of his decision may be made immediately to the President of the University, who may notify the Records Grievance Committee, if appropriate.
3. Challenges of the content of records.
  - a) Any dispute with an eligible student regarding the content of his/her education records will be settled, if possible, through an informal meeting and discussion with the student.
  - b) If the dispute is not settled through informal meeting and discussion referred to above, either the student or the appropriate official of the university may request a formal hearing on the matter. The hearing shall be conducted and the decision rendered by the Records Grievance Committee appointed by the President. At said hearing, the eligible student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues involved. A decision shall be rendered in writing by the committee within a reasonable period of time after the conclusion of the hearing, in no case to be more than 15 days.
4. Release of personally identifiable records.

- a) An eligible student may request in writing that directory information not be made accessible to any party except those set forth in (b) below. Any such request shall be made within seven days after the formal registration period ends; this request may not be withdrawn during the semester in which made. Directory information includes the student's name, mailing address, telephone listing, JSU email address, enrollment status (full-time, part-time), currently enrolled or not, class/level, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, prior post-secondary institution(s) attended, JSU photograph(s), dates of attendance, thesis/dissertation title, degrees and awards received. The university reserves the right to deny directory information.
- b) Without the written consent of an eligible student, other education records shall not be made accessible to any party other than the following: other university officials and teachers who have a legitimate education interest in such records; officials of other schools in which the student seeks and intends to enroll; the Comptroller General of the United States; the Secretary of the Office of Education; the U.S. Commissioner of Education; the Director of the National Institute of Education; the Assistant Secretary for Education; authorized state educational authorities; the appropriate authorities in connection with the student's application for or receipt of financial aid; state and local officials or authorities to which such information is specifically required to be reported or disclosed by state law adopted prior to November 19, 1974; organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies or institutions for the purpose of developing, validating, or administering predictive tests, administering student aid programs, and improving instruction, if such studies are conducted in such manner as will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by persons other than representatives of such organizations, and such information will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is conducted; accrediting organizations in order to carry out their accrediting functions; parents of a dependent student or such parents, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; or in compliance with judicial order, or pursuant of any lawfully issued subpoena, upon condition that the students are notified of all such orders or subpoenas in advance of the compliance therewith by the educational institution.
- c) The written consent of the eligible student referred to in (3b) above must be signed by the student, must be dated, shall include a specification of the records to be released, the reason for such release, and the names of the parties to whom such records will be released shall be provided to the eligible student upon payment of the reproduction cost.
- d) The restriction on the release of education records or personally identifiable information contained therein, as set out in (3b) above, shall not prohibit the release of information from the education records of an eligible student to appropriate persons in connection with an emergency if the knowledge of such information is necessary to protect the health or safety of a student. The factors which should be taken into account in determining whether records may be released under this section include the following: the seriousness of the threat to the health or safety of the student or other persons; the need for such records to meet the emergency; whether the persons to whom such records are released are in a position to deal with the emergency; and the extent to which time is of the essence in dealing with the emergency.
- e) No personal information on a student will be released without a written statement from the university to the party receiving the information that no other party is to have access to such information without the consent in writing of the eligible student.

5. The USA Patriot Act (USAP) amends the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to permit educational institutions to disclose education records to federal law enforcement officials without student consent as follows:
  - a) By certifying that “specific and articulable facts” support the request, a U.S. Assistant Attorney General or higher-ranking official may obtain an *ex parte* court order that requires an educational institution to turn over education records considered relevant to a terrorism investigation.
    - Institutions do not violate FERPA by responding to such an order without student consent.
    - The institution need not make a record of the disclosure, as FERPA ordinarily requires.
    - A college or university “shall not be liable to any person” for good faith disclosure of education records in response to such an *ex parte* order.

6. Release of Student Transcript.

In accordance with the Buckley/Pell Amendment to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act 1974, Jacksonville State University requires a signed letter of authorization or a signed JSU Transcript Request Form, with the original signature of the student making the request or a request through the secure national Student Clearinghouse website in order to release that student’s transcript(s). Additionally, the signed request must include the name and address of the institution or individual who is to receive the transcripts(s), and the appropriate payment for the transcript(s). Official transcripts may not be faxed to an individual due to the many questions of legal validity and real identity of the recipient of the fax message. A transcript cannot be released to another individual without written authorization from the student. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Transcripts may be mailed directly to an institution or individual from the JSU Registrar’s Office, or issued directly to the student in a sealed JSU envelope. Official transcripts may NOT be released if the student account currently has a balance or HOLD at the time the transcript request is processed. All accounts in the Office of Student Accounts must be clear. Transcript requests received in the Registrar’s Office will be processed in a timely manner. Any request that is held until semester grades are posted or until degrees are conferred will be processed on the next business day after such occurrence. Payment must be made upon request, however, and all accounts must be clear at the time the transcript request is processed. Any transcript request received in the Registrar’s Office without a proper signature or without appropriate payment or with a record “HOLD” will be returned to the student with instructions to resubmit the request with the appropriate inclusions. JSU reserves the right to alter, amend, release or modify this policy at any time and will publish at least annually its policy on release and costs of student transcripts.

## **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

The student’s social security number is confidential. However, the Federal Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 requires all institutions to report certain data using the social security number. Therefore, the social security number must be provided to Jacksonville State University in accordance with the legislation. Federal law requires that students who apply for financial aid must use their social security number. Authority for requesting the disclosure of a student’s social security number is in Section 7 (a)(2) of the Privacy Act 1974 (5 U.S.C. 522a).

## **UNIVERSITY CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

The Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics stands to support the Jacksonville State University mission through remaining student centered and educational in its disciplinary procedures. The Code of Student Conduct is a way for the University to

publically expect all students (undergraduate, graduate and non-degree seeking) to maintain standards and respect for the University community. The Code of Student Conduct is designed to support students in an educational and restorative way who allegedly engage in misconduct; as defined as any behavior inconsistent with University policies or local, state, federal and international laws. The Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics upholds the mission and goals of the institution while recognizing and respecting the rights, privileges and responsibilities of JSU students. (Misconduct can be further outlined within the Student Handbook, available online at <http://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/handbook.html>).

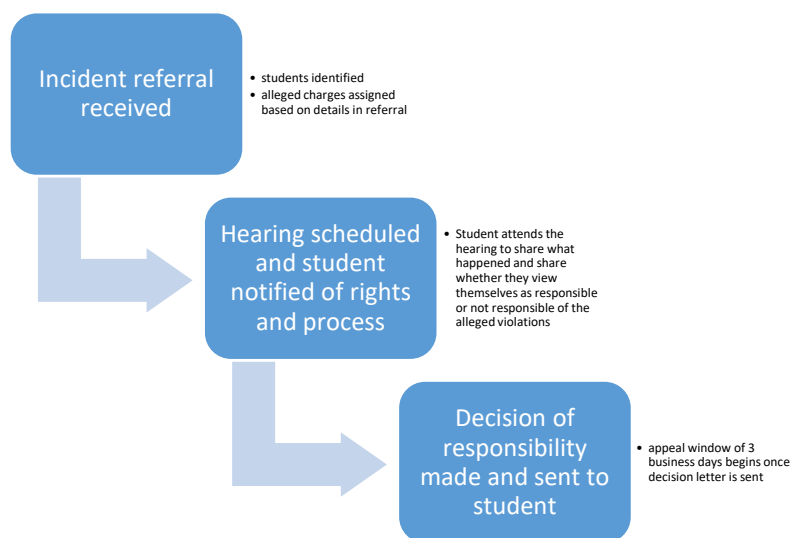
The Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics has outlined values that are critical to the follow-through of a fair and equal disciplinary proceeding for those students allegedly in violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

- I. Professional responsibility: Balance developmental and educational needs of the student with the obligation of Jacksonville State University to protect the safety and welfare of the academic community. In situations where the behavior of a student poses a risk to self or others, Jacksonville State University staff must take action consistent with applicable laws and regulations.
- II. Nondiscrimination: Protect human rights and promote appreciation of diversity and multicultural practice at Jacksonville State University.
- III. Equal and Consistent Treatment: Treat all students with impartiality and accept all students as individuals with rights and responsibilities. Seek to create and maintain a campus climate in which learning and personal growth and development take place. Follow procedural guidelines when enforcing the Code of Student Conduct; as outlined by Jacksonville State University's Code of Student Conduct.
- IV. Confidentiality: Confidentiality is maintained with respect to all privileged communications and to educational and professional records considered confidential. Information is only shared in accordance with institutional policies and relevant statutes, where given informed consent, or when required to prevent personal harm to self or others.
- V. Respect: Opportunity for every student and University employee to be treated with respect and dignity with the freedom of speech and open exchange of ideas.

Jacksonville State University's conduct system has authority in all non-academic disciplinary matters. The University reserves the right to discipline students and recognized student organizations for acts of misconduct wherever they occur. The University, at its discretion, may pursue disciplinary action against a student while the student is also subject to criminal proceedings. The University reserves this right, even if criminal charges are pending, reduced, or dismissed. As a Jacksonville State University community member, students are expected to uphold and abide by all local, state, federal and international laws. Referrals received from any University or police authority, regardless of location, are subject to the possible Code of Student Conduct proceedings for the accused.

In an effort to remain student centered in its practice, the Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics disciplinary process depends largely on the participation and involvement of students. The Director for Community Standards and Student Ethics has been designated as the supervising official and gatekeeper for the Code of Student Conduct and its disciplinary procedures. Violations of University policies, local, state, federal or international laws should be reported to the Director of Community Standards and Student Ethics. Jacksonville State University Handbook is available online at <http://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/handbook.html> or a hard copy may be obtained from the Dean of Students office, 402 Theron Montgomery Building.

A brief outline of students' procedural assurances is outlined here (the procedural assurances in its entirety can be located in the student handbook as referenced above at <http://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/handbook.html>).



## ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG POLICY

### Purpose

The purpose of the Jacksonville State University (JSU) Alcohol and Other Drug Policy is to promote student responsibility, respect for the community and self, and to establish a University community that is safe, healthy, and conducive to academic endeavors. While students must define their own values and make their own choices, the University expects all of its members to comply with both JSU Policy and federal, state and local laws as they apply to alcohol and other drugs. Furthermore, the University recognizes the harmful effects of alcohol abuse, illicit and illegal drug use and prohibited prescription drug practices such as pharma shopping, selling prescription drugs or using prescription drugs other than as prescribed.

### Outline of Policy Topics

The JSU Alcohol and Other Drug Policy will address the following topics:

1. Jurisdiction of the University
2. Alcohol Policy for Students
3. Other Drugs Policy for Students
4. Assistance for Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse
5. Summary of Federal, State and Local Alcohol and Other Drug Laws

### Jurisdiction of the University

Jurisdiction of the University is generally considered to include student conduct which occurs on, near, or off University property and/or student conduct which has an adverse effect on the University, the members of the University community, or the fulfillment of the University's mission. We expect all our students to uphold our policies and federal, state, and local laws anywhere they go as long as they are a student with JSU or have a relationship with the University.

### Alcohol Policy for Students

Jacksonville State University has established the following policy in regards to alcohol use by students.

1. Alcohol possession and consumption on campus is permitted only for students of legal age (21).
2. It is unlawful and a violation of University Policy to use or possess identification that makes an individual appear older or misrepresents an individual as someone else.
3. The consumption of alcohol stronger than 80 proof is not permitted on campus.
4. It is prohibited to serve, provide, or knowingly allow alcohol to individuals under 21.
5. It is prohibited to serve alcohol to someone who is visibly intoxicated or to pressure someone to consume alcohol.
6. It is prohibited for minors to transport, possess, consume or serve alcohol.
7. Common source and "tap" systems are prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, kegs, beer balls, punch bowls, and punch served out of a cooler or another unusual container.
8. Drinking games are prohibited.
9. Consumption in student rooms should neither infringe on the rights of other students to study nor negate any normal activity.
10. Persons may not transport or consume open containers of alcoholic beverages in public areas.  
\*Public areas include hallways, foyers, stairwells, bathrooms, lounges, or other public areas including outdoor University grounds (e.g., Residential Parking Lots, The Quad, Dillon Field etc.).
11. Full responsibility for compliance with policies and laws belongs to all students.

### **Drug Policy for Students**

The following define the University's policies regarding drug use.

1. Jacksonville State University prohibits illegal drugs on University property and at University events.
2. Students may not be in illegal possession of any controlled substance. Possession means that such substances are on one's person, in one's living environment, automobile or known hiding location.
3. Prescription drugs are permitted on campus if accompanied by an authentic medical prescription. The use and/or distribution of legal medication outside the parameters of the medical authorization is prohibited.
4. Illegal drug paraphernalia, use, possession, sale, distribution, trafficking and manufacturing are prohibited.

### **Assistance for Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse**

The University offers an array of services for students who require help with alcohol and/or drug use issues. Students needing confidential assistance responding to alcohol and/or drug abuse problems are encouraged to speak with a counselor from Counseling Services, 140 Doughty Hall, 256-782-5475. Another confidential resource is the RMC Student Health Center, 256-782-5310.

Besides individual sessions, Counseling Services provides educational programming through New Pathways, a psycho-educational program that includes both individual assessment and group participation, Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC), and Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

### **Summary of Federal, State and Local Alcohol/Other Drug Laws**

The following is a brief summary of some of the laws JSU students must adhere to relating to alcohol and other drugs.

1. *Aiding Underage Possession/Consumption of Alcohol*: It is unlawful to aid a person under the age of 21 in obtaining alcohol, including falsely representing the person is not a minor.
2. *Unlawful Possession, Receipt, Manufacture, or Distribution of Controlled Substances (Including Marijuana)*: It is unlawful to knowingly sell, manufacture, possess supplies to create controlled substances, deliver, bring into the state, receive or be in possession of controlled substances. This includes illegally obtaining prescription drugs and marijuana. Trafficking to persons under 21, or on premises in which a person younger than 18 is present or resides, or in close proximity to a school or college results in significantly enhanced penalties, as does a drug offense that results in the death or bodily injury of a person.
3. *Driving Under the Influence (DUI)*: It is illegal for any person to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. The State of Alabama considers anyone with a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher as under the influence and .02 or higher for someone under the age of 21.
4. *Improper Identification*: It is a criminal offense to use false identification to obtain alcohol.
5. *Minor in Possession*: In the State of Alabama, it is illegal for any person under the age of 21 to purchase, consume or possess any alcoholic beverage of any kind.
6. *Open Beverage*: It is unlawful to have an open container of alcohol in public places on campus, including Dillon Field.
7. *Open House Party*: In the State of Alabama, it is illegal for a person in control of a residence to allow a party to continue if alcohol or controlled substances are possessed or consumed by persons under age 21 and the adult knows this and fails to take reasonable action to prevent it.
8. *Alabama Dram Shop Act*: Individuals who are injured by a person who received alcohol contrary to Alabama law have cause of action for civil damages against the person who provided the alcohol to the underage minor or caused the individual to become intoxicated or furnished a controlled substance to that person.
9. *Alabama Civil Damages Act*: A person may be liable for damages under civil law to a parent or guardian of a minor if that person unlawfully sells or furnished spirituous liquors to their minor child.
10. *Public Intoxication*: It is unlawful for a person to appear in a public place under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or other drugs to a degree that she/he endangers her/himself or another person or property, or by boisterous and offensive conduct annoys another person in her/his vicinity.

### **Violations of this Policy or Laws outlined in this policy**

Violations of this policy or laws listed will certainly result in University disciplinary action which, if found responsible, could result in any or all of the following (this list is not exhaustive):

1. Required education or workshops
2. Housing suspension
3. Loss of privileges
4. Separation from the University; temporarily or permanently
5. Probation or registration holds

Violations of the laws listed in this policy could lead to University or local law enforcement action, which could lead to any and/or all of the following:

1. Court appearances
2. Criminal history and background created or extended
3. Fines
4. Jail time
5. Loss of privileges (license, etc.)
6. Workshop or assessment requirements by law



#### 7. Further disciplinary charges from the University

*For questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact the Office of Community Standards & Student Ethics*

### **TITLE IX GENDER-BASED AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY**

Members of the Jacksonville State University (JSU) Community, guests and visitors have a right to be free from all forms of gender and sex-based discrimination, examples of which include, but are not limited to, acts of sexual violence, sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or discrimination based upon their sex, gender orientation or gender identity, or retaliation for reporting the same. All members of the University community are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not infringe on the rights of others. JSU has a zero tolerance policy for gender-based misconduct and will promptly investigate all allegations brought to the attention of University administrators. Where individuals are found to be in violation of this policy, appropriate sanctions will be imposed.

This policy has been developed to reaffirm the University's commitment to maintaining a safe campus community and to provide proper recourse for those individuals whose rights have been violated. The enforcement procedures utilized in implementing this policy balance the rights of victims, complainants, an accused and witnesses.

As the JSU administration is currently structured, the University's Title IX Coordinator is responsible for implementation and application of this policy: Jennifer Argo, 102 Bibb Graves Hall, (256) 782-5769, [jlargo@jsu.edu](mailto:jlargo@jsu.edu).

Full information on JSU's Title IX Gender-Based and Sexual Misconduct Policy can be found on the JSU website: <http://www.jsu.edu/titleix/title-ix-gender-based-and-sexual-misconduct-policy.html>.

Full information on JSU's Title IX Grievance Resolution Process including Procedures can be found on the JSU website: <http://www.jsu.edu/titleix/title-ix-grievance-resolution-process.html>.

## ACADEMIC REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

### GRADING SYSTEM

The following grades are given in graduate courses; numerical values for letter grades are determined by individual academic programs:

- A Four quality points per credit hour  
 B Three quality points per credit hour  
 C Two quality points per credit hour  
 The maximum number of hours of "C" grades permitted to count toward the doctoral degrees, education specialist degrees, master's degrees, master's level professional educator certification programs, or graduate non-education certificates is six semester hours. If a student earns a grade of "C" or below on more than six semester hours of coursework, the student should consult the Director of Graduate Studies for advisement.
- F Failing - Zero quality points  
 P Passing - Grade given for thesis hours and other selected courses as specified in the course descriptions in this catalog. The grade of "P" does not affect the GPA. The grade of "F" on a pass or fail course is computed as a regular "F" grade. A grade of "P" may only be assigned for the final thesis hours when the student has successfully defended the thesis and all paperwork has been signed by the thesis committee and submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies with the final thesis draft.
- IP In Progress (dissertation research only)  
 I Incomplete  
**Assigning the grade:** The grade of "Incomplete" or "I" may be assigned by an instructor if extreme circumstances prevent a student from completing course requirements, and only if the student is passing the course. The "I" grade does not immediately affect a student's grade point average.  
**Completing the course requirements:** The student is responsible for arranging to complete the remaining course requirements. One calendar year is allowed for completing the work. Grades of "I" will roll to "F" on the day grades are due in each term. Students should not register for the course again. Once the student has completed all course requirements, the instructor submits a grade change to the Registrar's Office for recording. The Registrar then notifies the student of the grade change. Failure to complete course requirements within the established time frame will result in a grade of "F" being assigned.  
**Requesting extensions:** The student must submit a written request for an extension to remove an "Incomplete." All incomplete grade extensions must be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies prior to the last day of classes in the fall and spring semesters and prior to the day before grades are due in the final summer term. The instructor and graduate director must approve the extension before the Registrar processes the request. If at any time during the process, as detailed above, the instructor is not available, the appropriate department head and/or academic dean will represent the instructor's interest.
- NC No Credit  
 When a grade of incomplete is not applicable, the no credit (NC) grade may be given to a student who is otherwise passing but who is unable to complete a course due to circumstances beyond the student's control. An "NC" grade is not calculated in the student's GPA. A grade of "NC" must be approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. A grade of "NC" cannot be retroactively assigned.

WF	Withdraw Failing - Will be counted as a grade of "F" with zero quality points
WP	Withdraw Passing - Zero quality points
X	Audit - No credit

## ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL

### Policy

Occasionally, during a specific semester, students encounter personal, emotional, or financial hardships so devastating that performing academically at a level approximating their usual record of academic achievement becomes impossible. Typically, these students realize their situations in time to take the advisable course of action and withdraw from the university. If that is not done, however, and the student's grades for the semester are decidedly below that student's normal record, the student can petition for academic forgiveness. A student may only petition for academic forgiveness after completing two semesters of coursework toward his or her degree. Academic forgiveness may be granted one time and is irreversible; it is applicable to undergraduate deficiency and graduate coursework. There are two options for academic forgiveness:

1. All coursework taken, even hours completed satisfactorily during the semester for which forgiveness is requested, will be disregarded in the grade point average and as hours earned toward graduation, OR
2. The student may select only specific courses from one semester to be disregarded in the grade point average and as hours earned toward graduation.

### Procedure

Students may petition for academic forgiveness for only one semester (any fall, spring, or summer term) already completed at the university. **This policy was approved and became effective the Fall 2015 semester. Therefore, this policy applies only to those students whose enrollment in graduate courses and subsequent grades occurred in the Fall 2015 semester and thereafter.**

Graduate students have six years (ten years for doctoral students) from the time of initial enrollment in the graduate program to apply for academic forgiveness.

Students applying for academic forgiveness must fill out the Academic Forgiveness Form, which can be found on the Office of Graduate Studies and the Registrar's websites. Once the completed form and the student's record have been reviewed and approved by the department head and Director of Graduate Studies, the Registrar's Office will adjust the academic record and notify the student.

Once granted, academic forgiveness cannot be reversed. Students should be aware that other graduate and professional schools may compute the grade point average to include all hours attempted when considering applicants for admission. A petition will not be considered if the student has received a degree subsequent to the semester in question.

### Restrictions

This Academic Forgiveness option is not available to any Nursing graduate students in any of the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Master of Science in Nursing, and Graduate Certificate programs because of the nature of their programs. (Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

## MEDICAL/COMPASSIONATE WITHDRAWAL POLICY

A student may request and be considered for a medical withdrawal when extraordinary circumstances, such as a serious illness or severe injury, prevent the student from continuing classes. This covers both physical and mental health difficulties.

A student may request and be considered for a compassionate withdrawal when extraordinary personal reasons, not related to the student's personal physical or mental health (for example, care of a seriously ill child or spouse, or a death in the student's immediate family), prevent the student from continuing classes.

Medical or compassionate withdrawals will be considered for the current or immediately preceding semester only.

A student must request a medical or compassionate withdrawal by contacting the office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Bibb Graves Hall, Room 102, (256) 782-5020.

\*\*Students receiving federal financial aid or Veterans Educational Benefits should meet with either Student Financial Services or Veteran Services, respectively, before making a decision to request a medical or compassionate withdrawal.

For the full policy and forms, please visit:

<http://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/medicalwithdrawal.html>.

## **MILITARY WITHDRAWAL**

A Military Withdrawal is necessary when service members receive official military orders requiring military service, such as deployments or extended mobilizations. When this official military service affects the ability of the service member to be successful in their classes, they can file for a Military Withdrawal.

Service members that are considering this Military Withdrawal should consult with the Office of Veteran Services, Student Financial Services, and Residence Life (if applicable) before submitting the Military Withdrawal to see what financial repercussions, if any, the student will face. *Military dependents negatively affected by deployments or extended mobilizations should use the Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal process through the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.*

If approved, the service member will be subject to all JSU refund and academic penalty policies. If you have questions about Military Withdrawals or registering at JSU in the future, please contact the Office of Veteran Services at (256) 782-8838 or [veterans@jsu.edu](mailto:veterans@jsu.edu).

## **SCHOLASTIC AVERAGE**

A graduate student's overall GPA is calculated on graduate-level courses only. The GPA is determined by dividing the quality points earned by the number of hours attempted. The GPA is not rounded. For reporting purposes, the GPA is truncated to two places past the decimal. All graduate coursework is factored into the GPA, even if a student takes courses not required for the degree, changes majors/concentrations, etc.

Any student who does not attain good standing, as specified by his or her program, may be dropped from graduate studies. Good standing is defined as meeting the minimum required GPA for a degree or certificate program. For purposes of this regulation, the summer terms are collectively considered one semester.

Transfer credit cannot be used toward the GPA of JSU coursework to meet the required minimum GPA of specified majors, professional educator certification programs, or [graduate certificate programs](#).

The maximum number of hours of "C" grades permitted to count toward the doctoral degrees, education specialist degrees, master's degrees, master's level professional educator certification programs, or graduate non-education certificates is six semester hours; however, ALL "C" grades are still factored into a student's GPA. If a student earns a grade of "C" or below on more than six semester hours of coursework, the student should consult the Director of Graduate Studies for advisement.

All JSU coursework attempted, including duplications, will be calculated in the GPA (there is NOT a replacement policy at the graduate level).

## **MID-TERM/FINAL GRADES**

At mid-term, a grade is assigned to students who currently have a grade of "F" or "NC" in any class. This grade may be accessed for a limited time via MyJSU. Mid-term grades are reported for fall and spring semesters only. Final grades may be accessed the same as mid-term grades.

## **APPEAL INELIGIBLE STATUS READMISSION PROCESS**

When a student has been removed from graduate study for failing to meet scholastic or other degree requirements, the student may appeal for readmission. Once the student

initiates the appeals process, it may take at least one semester for resolution. The following appeal procedure is available for students who have been declared ineligible to continue as graduate students:

1. The student may submit a written request for readmission to the Director of Graduate Studies. The written request should address the reasons why it would receive favorable action.
2. The written request may be a letter sent through the mail, an e-mail from an official JSU email address, or a letter scanned and sent as an attachment from a non-JSU e-mail address.
3. Upon receipt of the written request, the Director of Graduate Studies will consult the Department Chair and Advisor of the student's major to reach a decision on whether or not the student's appeal will be granted. The student will be notified of this decision via e-mail.
4. If the student's appeal is not granted, the student may submit a written request to the Director of Graduate Studies for a meeting with an Appeals Committee. (Please see #2 for the forms the written request may take.)
5. Upon receipt of the written request, the Director of Graduate Studies will schedule the meeting of the Appeals Committee and notify the student of its date, time, and location.
6. The Appeals Committee will be appointed by the director and will be composed of members from the graduate faculty. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Graduate Studies.
7. The committee will be provided with all available documents, including the student's written request for appeal and the student's undergraduate and graduate course history.
8. The student will be afforded the opportunity to attend the Appeals Committee meeting and to provide additional, relevant information in support of his or her request for readmission. This is an administrative hearing and is limited to the committee members, the Director of Graduate Studies, and the student.
9. The student will be notified of the decision made by the Appeals Committee in writing within 14 working days from the date of the meeting with the Appeals Committee. The final decision rests with the committee and is not open to further appeal.

## **GRADUATE COURSES AND DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

All courses counted toward graduate degrees must be graduate-level courses. Graduate courses are numbered at the following levels: 500, 600, 700, and 800. Some, but not all, 400-level courses have a graduate-level section for which graduate students may enroll and receive graduate-level credit counted towards their graduate degrees. A student who has taken one of these 400-level courses as an undergraduate may not take the course again at the graduate level for graduate credit. When students register for the graduate section of a 400-level course, they should verify that they are on the class roster for the graduate section. This verification can be provided by the instructor of record. At least one-half of the graduate courses for the master's degree must be at the 500 level. Individual programs may limit the number of hours of 400-level graduate coursework that may be counted for the degree. See the individual programs for these limits.

All coursework for the EdS must be at the 500 and 600 level. Courses taken at the 500 level while matriculating in a Class A master's level program, and not used as credit toward the Class A master's level program, may be used as credit toward the EdS Class AA level, up to the prescribed limit for course transfer (six hours) as indicated in the Transfer of Graduate Credit section of this catalog.

Students pursuing the EdS degree may not count 400-level graduate courses toward the degree. Half of the EdS coursework must be at the 600 level.

Courses at the 600 level are offered only to students who hold the master's degree (except for the MFA in Visual Communication Design – those courses are at the 600 level because the MFA is a terminal degree). All coursework for the DNP must be at the 700 level, unless otherwise specified by the director of the program. All coursework for the DSc must be at the 800 level, unless otherwise specified by the director of the program.

The course descriptions are provided in each program section, listed alphabetically in this catalog. The number in parentheses following the course title indicates the graduate semester hour credit value of the course. Prerequisites, if any, are listed at the beginning of the course description. The minimum degree requirements are listed by program. Please refer to the program sections of this catalog.

## DUPLICATION OF COURSES

Credit toward graduation for any course, or part of a course, will not be granted twice. This rule applies to all credit, whether the work is completed at JSU or at other colleges or universities. However, all work attempted, including duplications, will be calculated in the GPA.

## TRANSFER OF GRADUATE CREDIT

Transfer credit from other institutions will appear on the JSU transcript only if used to fulfill degree completion and professional educator certification requirements.

The number of semester hours of graduate credit that may be transferred from a regionally accredited institution to JSU toward a graduate degree program is limited to the following maximums:

- six (6) hours toward a 30 semester hour program;
- nine (9) hours toward a 33 semester hour program; and
- twelve (12) hours toward a 36 or more semester hour program.

Evaluation of transfer credit is made by the appropriate department of the student's major and approved by the Director of Graduate Studies. A student intending to enroll at another institution and transfer a course to JSU must receive approval of the coursework prior to enrolling in the course to ensure the course will be accepted for inclusion in the student's program of study at JSU.

Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA of JSU coursework to the required minimum GPA of specified majors, professional educator certification programs, or graduate certificate programs. The total amount of credit applied from a previously earned graduate degree at JSU and external transfer credit combined is limited to the same maximums as transfer credit that are specified in the Transfer of Graduate Credit section of this catalog. (Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

For the secondary education major, a student may transfer no more than three hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the coursework in the teaching field(s). Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field to the required 3.25.

For the MBA program, transfer credit will be accepted from AACSB International accredited schools only. No transfer credit(s) will be accepted once students are enrolled in the MBA program, except in cases of extreme hardship to be determined by the MBA Director and the Director of Graduate Studies.

The Doctor of the Nursing Practice (DNP), the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BsN) to DNP (both tracks) and the Post-Master's DNP programs do not accept any transfer credits from other institutions. Accordingly, 100% of the credits for the DNP will be earned at JSU.

Only graduate courses with grades "A," "B," "P," and "S" may be transferred to JSU. Grades of "C" or below will not be eligible for transfer.

Transfer credit must meet time limit requirements as stated under the Time Limit on Degree Completion section of this catalog. Any exceptions will be made by the Director of Graduate Studies.



To request graduate transfer credit, a student must submit a Transfer Credit Request Form, listing the transfer course(s) and descriptions. In addition, the student must request that an official transcript from the institution at which the credit was earned be sent directly to Graduate Studies at JSU. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that the transcript has been received. The Transfer Credit Request Form is available from Graduate Studies or online at <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/student-resources/gradxfer.html>.

## SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE

Credits earned while completing one master's degree, but not used for credit toward that master's degree, may be applied toward a second master's degree, if applicable. These credits are granted at the discretion of the Director of Graduate Studies. It is the student's responsibility to apply for this credit from the first master's and submit the request to the Director of Graduate Studies. The total amount of credit applied from a previously earned graduate degree at JSU and external transfer credit combined is limited to the same maximums as transfer credit that are specified in the Transfer of Graduate Credit section of this catalog.

## SECOND CONCENTRATION

Students may elect a second concentration in certain majors. If all requirements for each concentration have been completed prior to awarding of the degree, the comprehensive examination will cover coursework for both concentrations and each concentration will be noted on the student transcript. After completing a degree with one concentration, a student may elect to return to JSU to complete an additional concentration. In this case, the concentration will not appear on the transcript. At the request of the student, a letter of verification will be written by the Director of Graduate Studies, certifying that the student has met the requirements for a second concentration.

## TIME LIMIT ON DEGREE COMPLETION

All graduate work toward an EdS degree, a master's degree, or a graduate certificate (including credit transferred from another graduate program) must be completed within a period of six calendar years, which would include the summer term. All graduate work toward a doctoral degree must be completed within a period of ten calendar years, which would include the summer term. Any exceptions will be made by the Director of Graduate Studies, upon written request of the student.

## TIME LIMIT ON CATALOG REQUIREMENTS

Degree requirements and other university regulations are established by the catalog current at the time of initial enrollment and completion of one or more graduate courses. Any student not completing all degree requirements within the established time limit will lose entitlement to follow the graduate catalog of initial enrollment.

Students may elect to follow any later catalog during their allotted time limit to degree completion.

All degree program and certificate requirements for admission and completion may be subject to change due to governing and accrediting agency changes.

## FULL-TIME/HALF-TIME STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

A graduate student's classification is determined by the number of graduate semester hours for which the student is enrolled in a given semester or term.

Following are the minimum graduate semester hours for master's-level and EdS-level full-time and half-time student classification:

<u>Semester/Term</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Half-Time</u>
Fall Semester	9	6
Spring Semester	9	6
Summer Semester (all summer terms combined)	9	6

Following are the minimum graduate semester hours for doctoral-level full-time and half-time student classification:

<u>Semester/Term</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Half-Time</u>
Fall Semester	6	3
Spring Semester	6	3
Summer Semester (all summer terms combined)	6	3

These classifications apply to all financial aid programs, including VA benefits, and to other programs, such as insurance. For VA benefits only, three-quarter time may apply for seven or eight graduate hours in the fall and spring semesters.

Financial aid classifications, including VA benefits, for the summer sessions are computed annually. For information about summer financial aid classifications, please contact the Office of Student Financial Services, 107 Bibb Graves Hall, (256) 782-5006. For classifications for VA benefits, please contact Veteran Services, Doughty Hall Basement, (256) 782-8838.

## REGISTRATION FOR COURSEWORK

All students must register for coursework before attending classes. Registration information is listed online at [www.jsu.edu/registrar/registration.html](http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/registration.html). The appropriate academic advisor and other members of the faculty advise students in regard to their programs of study as outlined in this catalog. Students may register online through the internet using <http://my.jsu.edu>.

Students registering after the day classes start will be charged a \$100.00 late registration fee. Students will be responsible for class work from the first class meeting and will incur absences for classes missed. After the add/drop date, the student will incur a \$200 reinstatement fee.

## MAXIMUM STUDENT LOAD

The maximum course load for a graduate student is a total of 13 semester hours during the fall, spring, and combined summer terms. Any exception to this regulation must be approved by the department head and the Director of Graduate Studies.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

The university expects every graduate student to attend all scheduled class meetings for courses in which the student is enrolled. Each instructor's policies and procedures on absences and make-up work are announced at the beginning of the term. The student is directly responsible to the individual instructor for absences and for making up work missed.

## AUDITING COURSES

A person not regularly enrolled in the university may audit courses with the approval of the instructor.

Auditors must apply for admission and pay the \$35 non-refundable application fee as well as the \$25 per semester hour fee. Auditors are listed on the class roll but do not participate in classroom discussion, take tests or final examinations, make reports, or receive credit.

Auditors are bound by the same attendance policy as other members of the class.

Once a student registers in a course as an auditor, the status of audit may not be changed to that of credit.

## THESIS OPTIONS AND PROCEDURES

There are two options of graduate study for some degree programs at JSU: the Non-Thesis Option and the Thesis Option. The Thesis Option is available to students in the Biology, Criminal Justice, English, History, Mathematics, Music, and Psychology degree programs.



A student is awarded six semester hours of graduate credit for a successfully completed thesis, by enrolling in 599 two times and receiving a grade of “P” in each 599 class. The requirements for the individual degree programs are listed under “Minimum Requirements for Degree” in each program section of this catalog.

For students choosing the thesis option for their degrees (if available), the thesis defense serves as the comprehensive examination.

#### **Thesis Timeline:**

##### **Prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599:**

1. Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process and a copy of the current *Thesis Guide*. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, (256) 782-5345.
2. Thesis students must submit a Thesis Option form, approved and signed by the student’s Thesis Committee, to Graduate Studies for approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. The Thesis Option form is Appendix B of the *Thesis Guide* and is available online at <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/docs/thesisforms.pdf>.

##### **Prior to completing the first three semester hours of thesis, 599:**

1. Thesis students must submit a Prospectus for Thesis form, approved and signed by the student’s Thesis Committee, to Graduate Studies for approval of the Director of Graduate Studies. The Prospectus for Thesis form is Appendix C of the *Thesis Guide* and is available online at <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/docs/thesisforms.pdf>.

##### **Prior to completing the last three semester hours of thesis, 599:**

1. Thesis students must complete and successfully defend their theses. Thesis submission due dates may be found in the Graduate Studies Calendar section of this catalog and online at [www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html](http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html).
2. When the thesis student has successfully defended the thesis, the thesis committee will sign the Thesis Approval page, which the student prepares as part of the thesis, and the student will bring the approved thesis to the Office of Graduate Studies, 322 Bibb Graves. Upon completing this process, the student will receive a grade of Pass (P) or Fail (F) for the last three semester hours of thesis, 599. A grade of “P” may not be assigned to the last three semester hours of thesis, 599, until the completed thesis has been delivered to Graduate Studies.

## **CANDIDACY FOR DEGREE**

Students become degree candidates when they enroll in the last semester or term of coursework and apply for the degree/comprehensive examination by completing the “Application for Graduation.” The procedure is available online at [www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html](http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html). The due dates for completion and submission of this form are listed at the same link.

## **COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION**

A comprehensive examination (oral, written, or a combination of oral and written) is required of most candidates for degrees. The specific type of examination to be given is determined by each individual department. In preparation for the comprehensive examination, candidates should contact their academic advisor.

The comprehensive examination is to be scheduled during the semester in which the student is enrolled in the last course(s) needed to complete the degree or certification. The Application for Graduation Procedure is online at [www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html](http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html).

Dates pertaining to the comprehensive examination are found in the Graduate Studies Calendar section of this catalog.

The student will be notified of the date, time, and location of the examination by the chair of the Comprehensive Examination Committee. The student will be examined on course content and knowledge of the field of study. It is the student's responsibility to contact each member of the Comprehensive Examination Committee to receive guidelines in preparation for the examination.

If, after applying, the student elects *not* to take the comprehensive examination that semester, the student must submit a new Application for Graduation form by the deadline of the semester in which the student *does* elect to take the comprehensive examination. A \$50 degree fee is charged to students each time they submit a new Application for Graduation form.

If the student does not pass the comprehensive examination on the first attempt, the student must meet with the chair of the Comprehensive Examination Committee to schedule arrangements to retake the comprehensive examination. In order to retake the comprehensive exam in a subsequent semester, the student must submit a new Application for Graduation form. Each time an Application for Graduation form is submitted, a \$50 fee is charged.

Students are allowed a maximum of two attempts to successfully complete the comprehensive examination. If a second attempt is necessary, a passing score on the comprehensive examination must be received by the Graduate Certification Office for the student to remain a candidate for degree completion.

For students choosing the thesis option for their degrees (if available), the thesis defense serves as the comprehensive examination.

## APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

### **Doctoral, Education Specialist, Master's, and Education Certificates**

All students must file an Application for Graduation form the last semester of their enrolled program by the set deadline. This form must be completed online through MyJSU. Application for graduation procedures, along with due dates, are located online at [www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html](http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html).

Students who fail to file the Application for Graduation form by the listed date risk having their graduation delayed until the next regularly scheduled graduation. In addition, a student must submit a new application for graduation by the listed date at the beginning of the semester in which they plan to graduate.

The specific due dates for the application for each semester are listed in the academic calendar.

## APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

### **Non-Education Certificates**

All non-education **certificate graduate** students must file the Graduate Certificate Application (Non-Education) form. This form must be completed online through MyJSU. Application procedures, along with due dates, are located online at [www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html](http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html). Certificates will not be awarded on a retroactive basis.

The specific due dates for the application for each semester are listed in the academic calendar. (Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

## STUDENT OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

To assess and improve its academic programs, the university must obtain periodic measurements of student perceptions and intellectual growth. As a requirement for graduation, every student shall participate in one or more assessment procedures. These procedures include survey questionnaires and examinations in the major field of study.

The information obtained through these assessment procedures is used solely to improve the quality of the educational experience for future generations of JSU students.

For further information about assessment procedures, students should contact the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, (256) 782-8142.

### **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

All students are held responsible for meeting the requirements for graduation as stated in the graduate catalog at the time of initial enrollment and completion of one or more graduate courses. Students who have questions should contact Graduate Studies.

## ACADEMIC AND STUDENT SERVICES

### BOOKSTORE

The University Campus Bookstore is located on the second floor of the Theron Montgomery Building. Students may purchase books and supplies at the university bookstore, including new and used books, school and office supplies, clothing and gifts, software, and study guides.

Textbook buy back days are scheduled for the week of finals at the end of fall and spring semesters, as well as various times during the summer. Extended operating hours and on-line shopping are offered for the convenience of evening students.

### CAREER SERVICES

Career Services engages students in the career development process by assisting in the exploration of career options, gaining experience in a chosen field through the cooperative education and internship programs, defining personal and career interests and goals through the career assessment process, as well as developing career management skills identifiable to successful career goals. These services consist of employability skills workshops, on-campus interviews, job search strategies and listings, career fairs, corporate information, resume editing and individual analysis.

### CHILD STUDY CENTER

The Cynthia H. Harper Child Study Center is operated by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences and supports the instructional goals of the department. The center provides students and faculty opportunities for study and research related to the child. The center provides students enrolled in university courses opportunities to work with children in the preschool setting and provides children enrolled in the center an environment which promotes optimum development. Applications are accepted for children ages three to four years. Fees are due before classes begin and are paid directly to the JSU Office of Student Accounts. Fees per child are \$500 for the fall semester, \$500 for the spring semester, and \$180 for the Summer term. The center is open from 7:15 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, when JSU classes are in session. Application forms may be obtained from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling Services offers individual and group counseling for JSU students, faculty and staff. Personal counseling is conducted in a private setting under the strictest confidence. Counselors are available for crisis response after hours and on weekends through the University Police Department. Counseling Services is the registration site for CLEP, CLA, EPP, R-ACT, MAT, and other examinations. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In addition, Counseling Services coordinates and advises the Peer Educators student group, ACTIVE MINDS student group, SOAR (Survivors Overcoming Abusive Relationships), and New Pathways. Individuals may call (256) 782-5475 or go to [www.jsu.edu/ccservices/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/index.html) to request an appointment.

### DINING FACILITIES

The University Dining Service provides a variety of flexible meal plans to meet student needs. These plans are available for both resident and non-resident students. There are four dining facilities on campus: the Jack Hopper Dining Hall, the Food Court located in the Theron Montgomery Building, the Gamecock Diner located behind Stephenson Hall, and Jazzman's Café located in the Houston Cole Library. Meals may be purchased in all four locations on a cash basis. University Dining Services also provides catering services both on and off campus. For additional information concerning the dining program or catering, contact Dining Services, Jack Hopper Dining Hall, (256) 782-7242, or visit <https://jsudining.sodexomyway.com/>.

## DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES

Disability Support Services (DSS) provides reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. It is the goal of DSS to ensure that students with disabilities have equal opportunity to achieve their personal academic goals while concurrently maintaining the integrity of JSU's academic program requirements. Disability Support Services provides reasonable accommodations through a variety of services and programs.

Accommodations may include:

- Exam Proctoring
- Special Testing Procedures
- Extended Time for Exams
- Priority Registration
- Interpreter Services (ASL)
- Captioning Services
- Readers
- Note Takers
- Brailled Formats
- Enlarged Printed Materials
- Alternative Formats
- Assistive Technology

An individual may come by 139 Doughty Hall or call (256) 782-8380 to set up an appointment to talk with our staff. Individuals may also access our information online at [www.jsu.edu/dss](http://www.jsu.edu/dss).

## HEALTH CENTER

The RMC/JSU Health Center at Jacksonville State University is located between Sparkman Hall and Mason Hall on Trustee Circle. The RMC/JSU Health Center is a primary health care facility operated via a joint partnership with Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center (RMC). The health center provides outpatient medical services, as well as promotes preventive health measures to currently enrolled students, faculty, staff and currently active JSU alumni. Clients are encouraged to make an appointment but walk-ins are welcomed. If you have an urgent need during hours when the health center is closed, you should dial 911 or contact the University Police Department (UPD) at (256) 782-6000.

## HOUSING OPERATIONS AND RESIDENCE LIFE

The Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life provides a variety of living options. There are traditional residence halls and apartments that enhance the community environment.

The Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life operates and maintains nine residence halls and over 700 apartments. To be eligible to live in university housing, a student must be admitted to Jacksonville State University in good standing and enrolled as a student. The student will be required to satisfy these eligibility standards throughout the academic year and to inform the Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life of any changes in their status, which may affect their eligibility.

Students must apply online ([www.jsu.edu/housing/apply.html](http://www.jsu.edu/housing/apply.html)) using their MyJSU username and password. A non-refundable application fee of \$200 is also required at the time of submission. The priority deadline for housing applications is May 1. Room assignments are made based on the date in which applications are received; therefore, space may become limited before the May 1 priority deadline.

Lease rates are subject to change pending approval from the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University. The lease agreement is a legally binding document for the full academic year. Students are financially responsible for all room charges for the fall and

spring semesters. An assigned space must be claimed by 3:00 p.m. on move-in day or the space will be reassigned. Students seeking to cancel their lease agreement should visit [www.jsu.edu/housing](http://www.jsu.edu/housing) for more information regarding deadlines and monetary penalties. For more information regarding rates and/or facilities, please visit [www.jsu.edu/housing](http://www.jsu.edu/housing).

## **ID CARDS**

New ID cards are issued by the ID Office located beside the Food Court in the Theron Montgomery Building. Distance learning students may go to [www.jsu.edu/online/current-students/guide\\_online\\_students.html](http://www.jsu.edu/online/current-students/guide_online_students.html) and click on Student ID Cards. Once the request is received and processed, it will be sent to Institutional Support Services who will print the ID and send it back to the distance education office. The distance education office will send the ID to the student.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The university has an extensive network of computer resources providing access to the internet, the JSU Administrative and Academic Networks, and the Alabama Research and Education Network. Academic computing labs are located throughout the campus and are available to all currently enrolled students. Email accounts are provided to all currently enrolled students. For further information on Information Technology, visit [www.jsu.edu/it](http://www.jsu.edu/it).

## **INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES UNIT**

The Instructional Services Unit (ISU) is a division within the School of Education that provides a variety of support services. It consists of the Teaching/Learning Center (T/LC), Learning Resource Center (LRC), and the Multimedia Instructional Laboratories (MIL). The T/LC is an on-campus, free tutorial service to community students in grades K-12.

The T/LC provides students seeking admission into the teacher education program a practicum experience through the in-house tutoring program. In the tutorial practicum, tutors have available the latest technology and teaching strategies.

The LRC provides contemporary educational materials and equipment to T/LC practicum students, teachers currently employed in schools, JSU students, and JSU faculty. The materials include instructional games, kits, books, and audiovisuals. A wide variety of subjects are represented in the LRC holdings, including reading, language, mathematics, social studies, science, health, perceptual motor, special education, and social-emotional development. Most of the items are available for short-term checkout. Additionally, the LRC offers media preparation services, such as laminating, copying, letter cutting, and transparency making. Word processing, color printing, and internet access are available to students, faculty, and the community through the LRC.

The MIL is the third unit of the ISU. The MIL is located in three computer labs and one mobile cart of laptops. These computers have loaded software, such as Microsoft Office, SPSS, and Black Board Respondus. The MIL also supports the classrooms in four sites.

The ISU is a service unit which is ever changing to better meet the needs of the School of Education.

## **INSURANCE**

The RMC/JSU Health Center maintains information regarding available student injury/accident and sickness insurance plans. Students who meet registered credit hour requirements, as well as eligible dependents, may enroll in this insurance plan. For further information, contact the RMC/JSU Health Center at (256) 782-5310 or electronically at [www.jsu.edu/studenthealth/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/studenthealth/index.html).



## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Office of International House and Programs provides support to international and American students. Assistance in three general areas dealing with international education is the main function of this office.

Services are provided to international students who attend or plan on attending the university. These services include assistance in making the adjustment to life in the United States; orientation to the university and the JSU community; proper maintenance and renewal of student immigration status; and promotion of opportunities available to experience and enjoy American culture and the unique traits of JSU. During their stay on the JSU campus, visiting faculty from universities abroad are provided with support.

This office provides support to JSU students who study abroad and faculty seeking research or exchange programs. Students interested in studying abroad are given information on opportunities and assistance in their study plans. University faculty interested in participating in exchange programs are also provided with information and assistance by this office.

International activities at the university are also supported through this office, including the oversight to international content in the curriculum. Cultural activities, student organizations, and student activities with international relevance are also under the guidance of this office.

For additional information about the Office of International House and Programs, please call (256) 782-5303, go to [www.jsu.edu/international](http://www.jsu.edu/international), or visit the office on the second floor of the International House.

## LIBRARY

The Houston Cole Library, named for JSU's seventh president, is the academic hub of the campus, providing print and non-print resources to the students and faculty, as well as the local community and Northeast Alabama. The library houses an outstanding collection of materials, with more than 800,000 cataloged volumes. Subscriptions include over 1,000 print titles and 100+ electronic databases. Many of the databases provide full-text access to over 100,000 journal titles. In addition, the library is a Selective Depository of U.S. government documents and houses an AV Center and Listening Lab with over 11,000 circulating items and 750 pieces of equipment, and holds over a million microform units and approximately 2,000 maps. The library also features an Alabamiana collection. Course reserves are digitized to provide web access. Universal borrowing agreements and inter-library loan services provide access to library materials held by other institutions. There is a wireless network accessible throughout the building. Circulating laptops may be checked out for in-library use.

Information on the library's collections, patron information, and course reserves is available through the library's website ([www.jsu.edu/library/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/library/index.html)) and online catalog. Web accessible workstations are available on each of the library's public service floors. Photocopiers and printers are located in the lobby. In addition, there is a computer lab on the tenth floor with 14 workstations.

The lab workstations have applications software installed. A smart classroom used exclusively for instructional purposes is located on the ground floor.

The library was built in 1972 as a thirteen-story facility. The building is divided into eight subject floors managed by subject specialist librarians. It is open 87 hours per week. Hours are reduced when students are not on campus. During fall and spring semester final exams, the library is open for extended hours.

## MAIL CENTER

To be assigned a mailbox, students must come to the customer service window at the JSU Mail Center. All correspondence from the university and personal correspondence will be

placed into JSU mailboxes. Stamps, domestic faxing, and mail services are available at the JSU Mail Center.

The JSU Mail Center is located on the 4th floor, TMB, and is open Monday – Thursday from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The Mail Center telephone number is (256) 782-5290, the fax number is (256) 782-5291, or you may visit [www.jsu.edu/mailcenter/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/mailcenter/index.html) for more information.

## **MOTOR VEHICLES**

Any motor vehicle parked on the JSU campus must have a current JSU decal. Students and employees may register online with the University Police by using their MyJSU account. Vehicles should be registered annually at the beginning of the fall semester during the first two weeks of class or at the beginning of the semester in which the student first enrolls. A vehicle obtained after a student enrolls must be registered immediately.

Registration is online and a fee is required for each decal issued. When picking up a decal, a valid driver's license, tag receipt/vehicle registration, and proof of insurance must be presented in order to verify the registration information.

Parking and traffic regulations may be obtained from the University Police Department in Salls Hall or online at [www.jsu.edu/police](http://www.jsu.edu/police).

## **ONLINE@JSU**

Jacksonville State University strives to meet the needs of all students. Distance education enhances our ability to serve the student by utilizing the ever-expanding set of technological tools to reach students who may before have been unable to participate in the university environment. With alternative media, such as online courses, students can participate in the university environment while continuing with work and personal schedules. The greater flexibility in scheduling, provided by distance education courses, enables Jacksonville State University to draw students from all areas of society. These courses provide students with the education and tools they need to reach their goals, whether these goals are professional or personal. Distance education provides an outstanding level of education to every student.

In meeting the needs of the 21st century student, Jacksonville State University is committed to offering courses for online distribution. A growing number of graduate and undergraduate courses, as well as full degree programs and certificates, are being offered through the online format. Convenient to students who are unable to travel to JSU's campus, need increased time, or travel flexibility, online courses save time and travel expenses and can be completed in a convenient location of the student's choice while continuing to provide high quality coursework with excellent faculty. Examinations may be administered online or through a proctor at a distance. Students unable to attend on-campus examinations should review the following website for more information on proctoring specifications: [www.jsu.edu/online](http://www.jsu.edu/online). During online courses, students can communicate with their instructors and classmates through email, threaded asynchronous discussions, and live chats.

For further information, students may contact Online@JSU at (256) 782-8172, toll free at 1-800-231-JAX1, extension 8172, or at [www.jsu.edu/online](http://www.jsu.edu/online). For 24/7/365 Blackboard technical support, please visit [www.jsubbsupport.com](http://www.jsubbsupport.com).

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

The university provides a wide range of public safety services to include law enforcement, security, parking, traffic enforcement, and crime prevention. Students and employees may report criminal incidents, accidents, and/or emergencies to the University Police. The JSU Police Department exists to protect JSU students, faculty, staff, and buildings, enforce the parking and traffic system, prevent campus crime, and serve the university community. Full-time police officers are on duty 24 hours a day. General



information about the University Police Department and services provided may be obtained online at [www.jsu.edu/police](http://www.jsu.edu/police).

### **RESIDENCE HALL AND APARTMENT POLICIES**

All students desiring on-campus housing will need to complete an online application for housing and pay a \$200 non-refundable application fee. Additional information concerning housing and the terms of the lease agreement may be found at [www.jsu.edu/housing](http://www.jsu.edu/housing). The \$200 non-refundable application fee must be submitted online with the application in order to reserve a room. All residents of the Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life must maintain enrollment at Jacksonville State University.

For more information regarding rates and/or facilities, please visit [www.jsu.edu/housing](http://www.jsu.edu/housing). NOTE: Rates are subject to change without notice. All utilities are included in the rates. All leases are nine month leases.

### **VETERAN SERVICES**

Veteran Services (VS) aims to provide VA Educational benefits counseling, academic and career support services, and advocacy for all military-connected students at JSU. We serve all active duty, guard/reserve, veteran, and dependent students who are associated with JSU. It is the goal of VS to ensure that all military-connected students have their VA Educational benefits certified in a timely manner and have the resources necessary to reach their personal, academic, and professional goals. You can reach VS at (256) 782-8838 or [veterans@jsu.edu](mailto:veterans@jsu.edu).

## STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

Jacksonville State University offers a broad program of financial aid to assist as many qualified students as possible. Since the university cannot meet the financial needs of all applicants, students are also urged to investigate outside sources of aid.

Most aid programs are based on the individual need of the applicant. Demonstrated financial need is determined by completing an independent, standardized need analysis form called the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on the web at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The JSU Title IV Code is 001020.

The FAFSA contains questions pertaining to the student's assets, income, year in college, etc. Students who are dependent on their parents, based on Federal student aid guidelines, must also submit information concerning parental income, assets and other items.

Once the applicant completes the FAFSA on the web, the processor sends the applicant a Student Aid Report (paper or by email link) and also forwards information to the college(s) the applicant lists to receive the data. It is the student's responsibility to check his/her JSU email and MyJSU for detailed information. The Student Aid Report is used to determine eligibility for federal financial aid and other financial aid programs, as it contains the expected family contribution to the applicant's cost of attendance.

Applicants and their parents are cautioned to complete all forms as honestly and accurately as possible. Any person who knowingly makes a false statement is subject to a fine or imprisonment or both under provisions of the United States Criminal Code. Applicants are also reminded that they may be asked to substantiate information they submit on the need analysis. Each year the federal government selects approximately 30% of all applicants for verification. Those selected for verification must provide documentation such as, but not limited to, federal tax return transcripts, in order to receive financial aid.

Note that application for financial aid must be made for each academic year; no awards are automatically renewed from year to year. Although the university accepts applications through the academic year, March 15 has been established as the preference deadline for applying for most types of assistance.

Those interested in detailed information on federal financial aid may visit the JSU Office of Student Financial Services or [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

Note that information provided herein is of a general nature and is not intended to explain in detail all financial aid programs. Programs described herein are subject to Federal, State and institutional guidelines and are subject to change without notice.

Students who apply for federal assistance are required to use their Social Security number for identification purposes. The U.S. Department of Education's legal right to require the use of Social Security numbers for eligibility for the Title IV Programs is based on section 484(a)(4)(B) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Complete information on usage of your Social Security number is located in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

### LOANS

Students who must borrow money to finance their education should consider long-term, low interest loans available to those who meet eligibility requirements. Loans must be repaid regardless of whether recipients graduate. The following loans are available to eligible graduate students:

#### **The Federal Stafford Direct Loan Program**

JSU participates in the Federal Stafford Direct Loan Program. Interest rates for the Federal Stafford Direct Loan Program are variable with a cap of 8.25%. Repayment begins six months after the student's enrollment ceases to be at least half-time status. For the most current Federal Stafford Direct Loan information please visit <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>.

There are two types of Federal Stafford Direct Loans for graduate/doctoral students:

**Federal Stafford Direct Unsubsidized Loans** provide low interest rates and are available to all students regardless of financial need (although the FAFSA still must be filed). A credit check is not required to receive these loans. The student is responsible for the interest, which may be paid while the student is in school or accrued and then added to the principal balance when the student enters repayment, which occurs six months after the student is no longer enrolled in school at least half time.

**Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans** are low interest loans that graduate students may obtain to help pay their own education. PLUS loans require a credit check and, in some instances, an eligible cosigner. Repayment of PLUS loans begins following the final disbursement for the year. Graduate students may be able to defer repayment of their PLUS loans until after the student is no longer enrolled in school at least half time, although interest will continue to accrue. Additional paperwork may be required.

Students must also complete a separate Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note. Steps to apply are listed at [www.jsu.edu/finaid](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid) - click the FAQ & Hints tab.

### Loan Limits

For graduate/professional students, a maximum aggregate loan eligibility (including undergraduate loans) is \$138,500, and the award amount is up to \$20,500 per academic year.

JSU no longer participates in the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

To apply for Federal Stafford Loans, submit a FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>) as soon as possible after October 1 (for the year you plan to attend) and check MyJSU for any other documentation that may be required by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Student Financial Services. The Office of Student Financial Services will notify applicants of their eligibility via JSU email. If you have additional questions regarding financial aid or the financial aid process, please visit FAQs & Hints on the web at [www.jsu.edu/finaid](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid).

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Jacksonville State University offers various scholarships each year based on academic achievement. Consult the scholarship listing ([www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships)) for information pertaining to individual requirements and/or restrictions for scholarships offered. Scholarship offers are subject to the applicant being admitted to the university and available funding. The scholarship application varies.

Additional information may be obtained by emailing [scholarships@jsu.edu](mailto:scholarships@jsu.edu) or visiting [www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships).

### VETERANS BENEFITS

Service Members, Veterans, and Dependents may be eligible for educational assistance through a variety of programs. Additional information can be found at [www.jsu.edu/veterans](http://www.jsu.edu/veterans).

For students receiving VA education benefits, any complaint against the school should be routed through the VA GI Bill Feedback System by going to the following link: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Feedback.asp>. The VA will then follow up through the appropriate channels to investigate the complaint and resolve it satisfactorily.

For Veterans Benefits purposes only, the following full time/part time classifications apply for non-standard terms:

Part of Summer Term	¼ Time	½ Time	Full Time
Summer I	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours
Four Week June	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours
Summer II	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours
Full Summer	1 hour	2 hours	3 hours

## VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Students who have disabilities may be eligible for a special assistance program through the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS). Information may be obtained from the ADRS State Office, 2127 East South Blvd., Montgomery, AL 36116, (334) 228-0220. Disability Support Services (DSS) can provide information and is located in Room 139, Dausette Hall, (256) 782-8380.

## OTHER AID INFORMATION

For information on any other types of aid that may be available to students, please visit [www.jsu.edu/finaid/types/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid/types/index.html).

## ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

All financial aid programs are contingent upon actual enrollment at JSU. Most programs require at least half-time (graduate students – six graduate credit hours; doctoral students – three doctoral credit hours) of financial aid eligible coursework for eligibility during each semester. Federal Stafford Loans and work study require a student to be enrolled in at least half time. **Students who are required to take undergraduate deficiencies must contact the Office of Student Financial Services for eligibility criteria.** Questions pertaining to individual program requirements for maximum benefits should be addressed to the Office of Student Financial Services.

Students who attend during the summer sessions may qualify for financial assistance if they have remaining eligibility and are enrolled at least half time. Students must register and contact the Office of Student Financial Services for more information.

Federal assistance is available only to students who are enrolled in a financial aid eligible program. Special students, professional development, and transient students are, therefore, ineligible for federal aid.

Students receiving financial aid who withdraw or stop attending classes may be required to repay all or a portion of the amount of financial aid received for that term. For more information please review the Federal Official/Unofficial Withdrawal Policy at [www.jsu.edu/finaid](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid) - click forms, then click Federal Return to Title IV Policy.

Graduate students may be required to complete undergraduate preparatory coursework (undergraduate deficiencies) when enrolling in a graduate degree program. Please note that these undergraduate preparatory courses may or may not be eligible for federal financial aid. It is recommended that all graduate students speak with the departments of their majors prior to submitting a graduate admissions application.

### **Graduate Program Time Length for Completion**

Certificate graduate programs that require 12 - 18 credit hours for completion have an expected completion time length of 1 academic year.

Graduate programs that require 30 credit hours for completion have an expected completion time length of 1.5 academic years.

Graduate programs that require 31 - 36 credit hours for completion have an expected completion time length of 2 academic years.

Graduate programs that require 37 - 48 credit hours for completion have an expected completion time length of 2.5 academic years.

Graduate programs that require 60 credit hours for completion have an expected completion time length of 3.5 academic years.

## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

In order to be eligible for federal financial aid, students must be enrolled and making progress in a financial aid eligible program. There are criteria for meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) – cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), pace of progression/completion, completion rate and maximum time frame. JSU reserves the right to monitor satisfactory academic progress periodically throughout the calendar year.

The Satisfactory Academic Progress and Appeals Policy may be located on the MyJSU web page under your financial aid status and on the web at [www.jsu.edu/finaid](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid) - click forms, click the academic year you plan to attend, then click Satisfactory Academic Progress and Appeals Policy.

### **AWARDING, ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL AID**

Students who are determined to be eligible for Federal Stafford Direct Loans and Federal Work Study should receive an email in their JSU email account. (The instructions listed in the email are also located at [www.jsu.edu/finaid](http://www.jsu.edu/finaid) - click FAQ's & Hints.) The initial email will list instructions for completing his/her file through MyJSU. Once the student has completed his/her financial aid file, another email should be sent listing instructions for accepting the Offer of Financial Aid and completing a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling. This assistance and scholarships awarded by the university are credited to the student's account, and a check is issued to the student's campus mail box or direct deposit for the balance, if applicable, approximately two weeks after classes begin. A student must sign up for direct deposit on MyJSU, view account, and make payment.

Students may use their accepted Offer of Financial Aid to confirm classes and/or university housing and meal plan costs, if their assistance has been processed by the required payment dates. Accepted Offers of Financial Aid will appear on MyJSU. More detailed information on paying confirmation costs is located on the web at [www.jsu.edu/bursar/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/bursar/index.html).

### **CANCELLATION OF FINANCIAL AID**

Students scheduled to receive financial aid who do not plan to attend a term for which they have pre-registered must notify, in writing, both the Office of Student Financial Services and the Registrar's Office prior to the first day of classes to cancel their pre-registration and financial aid. **STUDENTS WHO FAIL TO DO THIS WILL BE ENROLLED IN CLASSES AND RECEIVE ACADEMIC AND FINANCIAL PENALTY FOR NOT ATTENDING CLASSES.**

### **EMPLOYMENT OF STUDENTS**

JSU offers five possible employment opportunities for students enrolled through Graduate Studies: (1) Graduate Assistantships; (2) University Student Employee Program; (3) Federal Work-Study; (4) Part-Time Off-Campus Employment; and (5) Cooperative Education. Graduate assistants, University Aide students and Federal Work Study students cannot work more than 26 hours per week.

#### **Graduate Assistantships**

Several salaried assistantships are awarded each year. In addition to a monthly stipend, these assistantships also cover six to nine (6-9) semester hours of graduate tuition for the fall and spring semesters and a total of six to nine (6-9) semester hours of graduate tuition during the summer sessions. Graduate assistants must report to the Human Resources Office in Bibb Graves Hall to produce evidence of identity and employment authorization within three business days of the date employment begins. If you choose to apply for employment as a graduate assistant at JSU, your transcripts and letters of recommendation will be reviewed by personnel from the units who have posted a graduate assistantship. To apply, go to the online employment system via <https://jobs.jsu.edu>. For additional information, contact Graduate Studies, 256-782-5345, or email [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu).

#### **University Student Employee Program – University Aide**

Many JSU students work part-time in campus positions in a variety of departmental areas. These positions do not come through the Office of Student Financial Services and do not require a financial aid application. Once a student is hired, he/she must sign the University Aide Contract with the hiring department.



### **Federal Work-Study (FWSP)**

This program is federally funded and is available to qualified students who demonstrate financial need. Students are employed on campus approximately 15 hours per week at minimum wage and are paid monthly. It is the student's responsibility to find his/her position once he/she has received notice of eligibility. Funds for this program are limited and a limited number of FWSP community service opportunities are available through the Office of Student Financial Services. JSU positions may be listed on the web at [www.jsu.edu/hr/](http://www.jsu.edu/hr/) - click Job Opportunities.

### **Part-Time Off-Campus Employment**

Information concerning employment off campus is available at [www.jsu.edu/careerservices/](http://www.jsu.edu/careerservices/).

### **Graduate Cooperative Education Program at Jacksonville State University**

Cooperative Education is a unique partnership between the university, industry and business community. Professional employment allows students to apply the knowledge learned in the classroom to the workplace, in addition to the development of intellect and culture within their major fields of study. The co-op program is designed to be an integral part of the graduate student's academic program.

Cooperative Education allows graduate students to work full-time/40 hours per week or part-time/20 hours per week in a professional workplace, while pursuing at least three credit hours (alternate schedule) and six credit hours (parallel schedule) at Jacksonville State University.

There are no fees associated with the graduate co-op program, and, if approved, students are provided full-time enrollment status.

For further information please contact Ms. Lola Johnston at 256-782-5092 or [lmjohnston@jsu.edu](mailto:lmjohnston@jsu.edu).

### **CHANGE OF MAJOR AND FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID REGULATIONS**

Due to Federal financial aid regulations, JSU Graduate Admissions will not be able to process a request to change a student's major until the end of each semester. Please be aware that change of major requests will only be processed at the end of each semester through the day before the next semester begins.

### **NONDISCRIMINATION**

All financial aid is awarded without regard to age, sex, race, religion, physical or mental handicap or national origin. Federal financial aid is available only to citizens, eligible non-citizens, national or permanent residents of the United States.

### **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE TAX LAWS**

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 allows qualified students and/or parents to receive benefits when filing federal income tax returns for certain educational expenses. Taxpayers who are interested in this legislation, which includes Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, should contact their tax preparers. There are other provisions for interest paid on educational loans. The university does not provide tax advice and makes no representation on the tax law.

### **SPECIAL NOTE TO STUDENTS**

Information provided in this catalog is of a general nature and is not intended to explain in detail all financial aid programs. Programs described herein are subject to Federal, State and institutional guidelines and are subject to change without notice. Additional information is located in the Student Handbook and publications prepared by the Office of Student Financial Services. These publications also contain information about the usage of Social Security numbers, the Family Rights and Privacy Act and the Student Right to Know Information.

## **INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS**

Federal regulations require educational institutions to disclose certain information to enrolled students, prospective students, parents and employees. This information includes the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, deferment procedures for students receiving FFEL/Direct Loans for Peace Corps or volunteer services, financial assistance programs, general institutional information (such as curriculum and costs), graduation rates, campus security reports, HEOA Text Book Law, drug free workplace policy, athletic program participation rates and financial support data. Detailed information on these items is located on the JSU website at [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu) or at other locations described on the website.

Students may also visit <http://www.jsu.edu/consumer/index.html> to view Jacksonville State University Consumer Information.

## TUITION AND FEES FINANCIAL POLICIES

### Tuition and Fee Rates

As a student at JSU, it is your responsibility to pay all tuition and fees by the published due date. Not doing so will result in your course registration being cancelled.

Current tuition and fees may be found on the Office of Student Accounts' web page at [www.jsu.edu/bursar/fees/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/bursar/fees/index.html).  
**ALL TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

### OUT-OF-STATE FEES

Residency determination and the application of out-of-state fees and tuition will be made in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama. Graduate students should contact the Registrar's Office with any questions. Petitions for in-state tuition that are granted prior to the last day of the drop/add period will be effective that semester. After the last day of the drop/add period, in-state tuition determination will apply to the next academic semester. Determination of in-state tuition is not retroactive.

### PAYMENTS

Payment may be made by one of the following ways: the Office of Student Accounts' cashier window, 2nd floor of Bibb Graves Hall; via the web at <http://my.jsu.edu>; by a valid checking or savings account; by credit card; or by mail with a check or money order, which must be **received** in the Office of Student Accounts by the published due date. Students are responsible for knowing all registration and fee payment dates.

### PAYMENT PLAN

Jacksonville State University offers students an installment plan to budget the costs of tuition, university housing and other fees. Details for the payment plan may be found on the Office of Student Accounts' web page at [www.jsu.edu/bursar/PaymentPlan.html](http://www.jsu.edu/bursar/PaymentPlan.html).

### CHECKS

When paying by check, Jacksonville State University is authorized to either use the information from the check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check. In the event a check presented is not honored by the bank, JSU will charge the current maximum fee allowed by the State of Alabama for each return. Administrative withdrawal from the university could result if a returned check is in payment for tuition and/or fees. After two (2) returned checks, the privilege of paying by check will be forfeited. No counter checks will be accepted.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' FINANCIAL POLICIES

International students are required each semester to pay tuition, fees and residence hall charges in U.S. dollars to confirm registration. International students must conform to United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations concerning the USCIS Form I-20, section 8, for financial assurance. All international students are required to carry health and repatriation insurance. International students are required to be enrolled full-time for at least nine graduate hours each semester, and at least six of those hours must be taken on JSU's campus in a face-to-face format. The U.S. government requires that all international students maintain a physical presence on the campus of the institution in which they are enrolled. Graduate classes are scheduled to accommodate that requirement, and it is the university's expectation that all international students abide by



that requirement. Failure to do so could result in the student being classified as out-of-status with U.S. Immigration.

## WITHHOLDING OF CREDITS

Students are expected to meet all financial obligations to JSU. Registration, transcripts, and/or diploma will be withheld if a student fails to meet their financial obligations.

In the event a student fails to satisfy a financial obligation to the University and the debt is referred to an outside attorney or agency for collection, in addition to the debt (principal plus applicable interest), the student will be responsible for all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the University, including attorney's fees and / or and collection agency fees and expenses, not to exceed thirty-three and 1/3 percent (33.3%) of the debt, plus litigation expenses and court costs, if applicable. Debts owed the University may be referred out for collection as accounts or, where litigation has concluded, as judgments. Delinquent accounts may accrue interest at the contract rate or, where none is stated, at the maximum rate allowed by Alabama law. Any judgment obtained in favor of the University will accrue interest at the rate set by Alabama law for unpaid judgments. By providing your telephone number to JSU, you agree and give express consent that the University or anyone working on their behalf, including third party vendors, may contact you at the number provided by manually dialing the number or by using automated dialing technology.

If you have questions about charges and refunds, please contact the Office of Student Accounts at [bursar@jsu.edu](mailto:bursar@jsu.edu), (256) 782-5458.

## REFUNDS OR CHARGE ADJUSTMENTS

### I. Withdrawal:

Tuition will be refunded as follows for fall and spring semesters:

- 100% of total tuition charged if withdrawal from all courses from the semester occurs by the last day to register for the semester.
- 80% of total tuition charged if withdrawal from all courses from the semester occurs within one (1) week after the close of the registration period.
- 50% of total tuition charged if withdrawal from classes occurs within three (3) weeks after the close of registration.
- No adjustment if withdrawal occurs thereafter.

Note: *Withdrawal* refers to ending enrollment in all classes at JSU for the semester.

Tuition will be refunded as follows for summer semesters:

- 100% of total tuition charged if withdrawal from the summer semester occurs by the last day to register for that semester.
- 80% of total tuition charged if withdrawal from the summer semester occurs within one (1) day after the close of the registration period for that semester.
- 50% of total tuition charged if withdrawal from the summer semester occurs within two (2) days after the close of registration.
- No adjustment if withdrawal occurs thereafter.

Note: *Withdrawal* refers to ending enrollment in all classes at JSU for the semester.

**Students who withdraw while on financial aid may have to repay all or a portion of the amount of aid received and may owe the university money. Please check with the Office of Student Financial Services or the Office of Student Accounts for more details. If you live in university housing, please contact the Office of Housing Operations and Residence Life for the housing refund policy.**

### II. Change of Course(s) or Drop:

Tuition will be refunded as follows for dropped courses during all semesters:

- 100% of total tuition charged for the dropped course if the drop occurs by the last day to register.
  - No refund for dropping of a course after the last day to register for the semester.
- Note: *Drop* refers to dropping one or more courses while still being enrolled in any other course(s) for the semester.

## **Fee Refunds or Charge Adjustments**

### **I. Withdrawal**

University Fees, Program Fees, and Course Fees will be refunded as follows for fall and spring semesters:

- 100% of total university fees, program fees, and course fees charged if withdrawal from all courses from the semester occurs by the last day to register for the semester.
- No adjustments to fees if withdrawal occurs thereafter.

Note: *Withdrawal* refers to ending enrollment in all classes at JSU for the semester.

University Fees, Program Fees, and Course Fees will be refunded as follows for summer semesters:

- 100% of total university fees, program fees, and course fees charged if withdrawal from all courses from the semester occurs by the last day to register for the semester.
- No adjustments to fees if withdrawal occurs thereafter.

Note: *Withdrawal* refers to ending enrollment in all classes at JSU for the semester.

### **II. Change of Course(s) or Drop**

University Fees, Program Fees, and Course Fees will be refunded as follows for all semesters:

- 100% of total university fees that are charged by the credit hour, program fees, and course fees for the dropped course if the drop occurs by the last day to register for the semester.
- No refund of fees for dropping a course after the last day to register for the semester.

Note: *Drop* refers to dropping one or more courses while still being enrolled in any other course(s) for the semester.

## ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Chemistry and Geosciences offers courses in support of the Master of Arts with a major in liberal studies. A graduate degree program is not offered in anthropology.

### ANTHROPOLOGY COURSES (AN)

- 410G. Archaeological Field School (3).** Designed to provide the student field experience in methodology and techniques of archaeological data recovery.
- 412G. Lab Techniques in Archaeology (3).** Instruction and experience in the techniques of artifact preparation, analysis, cataloging, and storage. (May be used in the social science teaching field with a major in secondary education.)
- 490G. Advanced Seminar in Anthropology (3).** Prerequisite: AN 224 or permission of instructor. Examination of current issues in anthropology. (May be used in the social science teaching field with a major in secondary education.)

## **ART VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**

The Department of Art offers courses leading to the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree with a major in visual communication design. The Department of Art is accredited with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD), and a member of the College Art Association (CAA).

Visual Communication Design includes: graphic design for print and web, typography, art direction, motion and interactive design, illustration, photomedia and other specializations. Designers analyze, plan and create visual solutions to communication problems.

The MFA in Visual Communication Design at JSU is a terminal degree that allows students to concentrate in one specific discipline under the umbrella of Visual Communication Design (for example, web design or illustration) OR to complete individually crafted interdisciplinary programs of study also under the umbrella of Visual Communication Design. The course of study integrates both research and studio components and is designed to assist students in developing a professional portfolio by the completion of their degree. The 60 hour MFA program, with a possible completion time of three years, also prepares graduates to teach at the university level.

Both scholarships and teaching assistant positions are available to qualified applicants.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

The general application deadline is February 1 for fall and October 1 for spring. Applicants will only be accepted for enrollment each fall and spring semester. Preference will be given to applicants for full-time study. Contact the Department of Art for more information at 256-782-5626.

### **APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MFA WITH A MAJOR IN VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**

Applicants for the MFA degree with a major in visual communication design must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602. The application deadline for priority acceptance is February 1 for fall enrollment and October 1 for spring enrollment. Applicants may be considered after these deadlines based on availability. Preference will be given to applicants for full-time study. Contact the Department of Art for more information at (256) 782-5626 or Graduate Certification at (256) 782-5345. Applications will be accepted on an on-going basis with the review process starting in mid-January.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts(s) from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Two of these must be from educators and/or professionals in the field of visual communication and design. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

5. Statement of Purpose – A statement of purpose should outline the applicant’s current or previous work as relevant to plans and objectives for advanced graduate study; describe professional goals; and state the areas of research and investigation the applicant would like to pursue and study in a visual communication and design program.
6. Applicants must submit a portfolio of 20 examples of current work demonstrating proficiency in the area of visual communication design. Work should be submitted in the form of a single PDF, including titles, dates, media, and any relevant information or project descriptions. Applicants should demonstrate competence and understanding of design related digital technology, including proficiency in industry standard page layout, illustration, and image manipulation software. Prerequisites and/or technical experience specific to this field of study may be required prior to admission. Submissions will not be returned.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MFA WITH A MAJOR IN VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**

In addition to meeting general admission requirements of Graduate Studies, applicants for the MFA with a major in visual communication design must have an undergraduate major in art, graphic design, or its equivalent, as determined by the head of the Art Department. Applicants to the MFA must meet the following admission requirements:

**Grade Point Average** – At least 3.00 for the final 60 semester hours (90 quarter hours) of undergraduate study.

**Deficiencies** – Admission to the MFA program is based on the extent and quality of undergraduate preparation, including courses in studio art, art history, and other academic subjects. Quality of studio preparation is judged on the basis of careful evaluation of work done at the undergraduate level. Prior to the admission of the successful applicant, the graduate faculty will determine the individual’s deficiencies in art studio, art history, and general education, and inform the student of the findings. The prospective student will be given a clear indication of the prerequisites required, emphasizing that no coursework taken to compensate for deficiencies in undergraduate preparation can be counted as contributing to the minimum number of credit required for the MFA degree.

#### **Unconditional Admission**

Unconditional admission is determined by the faculty in the art department.

#### **Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant’s major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MFA WITH A MAJOR IN VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN**

**Minimum semester hours required:** 60

**Coursework required:** A minimum of 39 credit hours of studio - 30 credit hours must be in visual communication design studios; a minimum of nine credit hours in art academic

courses (research, theory and art history); suggested six credit hours of approved non-Art academic elective studies; remaining credit hours (6) may be applied to any combination of studio, art academic or elective courses.

**Studio Project required:** No other options are available.

**Studio Project:** All MFA candidates must present for review at a public exhibition or other approved public venue.

**Other requirements:** Continuation in the MFA program beyond the first 30 semester hours requires an evaluation and recommendation of the MFA Committee.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## VISUAL COMMUNICATION DESIGN COURSES (ART)

- 602. Visiting Designer/Artist Project (3) (3) (3) (3).** Design studio with visiting designer/artist. May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of twelve hours, with permission of the instructor and graduate coordinator.
- 605. Graduate History of Graphic Design (3).** In depth study of major works, movements and artists associated with the history of graphic design. Course should be taken in the second semester of enrollment. Offered in the spring semester.
- 606. Design Education Pedagogy/Andragogy (3).** History, practice and theory of graphic design education.
- 619. Design Studio (3) (3).** Graduate design studio work. Students will author designer-focused projects with interpretation of complex media and materials at multiple levels using both traditional and modern techniques. May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head.
- 620. Advanced Design Studio (3) (3).** Prerequisite: ART 619. Continuation and application of Design Studio Graduate design studio work. Students will author advanced designer-focused projects with interpretation of complex media and materials at multiple levels using both traditional and modern techniques. May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head.
- 625. Design Research, Readings and Seminar (3).** Presentation, analysis, and discussion of readings in visual communication and design theory and criticism. Should be taken in the first semester of enrollment. Offered in the fall semester.
- 626. Contemporary Visual Studies (3) (3).** May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head. Study of major works, themes, movements and theories in contemporary art and design.
- 636. Design Research, Readings and Seminar (3) (3).** May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head. Presentation, analysis, and discussion of readings in visual communication and design theory and criticism.
- 638. Special Topics in Graphic Design (3) (3) (3).** Prerequisite: ART 329 and/or permission of instructor. An in-depth independent investigation of topics and techniques in the field of graphic design, such as exhibition design, time-based media, advanced motion studies, experience design, etc. Course may be repeated up to nine credit hours.
- 640. Contemporary Media/Communication Studio (3).** Design studio in new media. Students will utilize time-based and digital techniques to create modern projects for interactive, time-based, web, and app based media. Should be taken in the first semester of enrollment. Offered in the fall semester.
- 641. Traditional/Communication Studio (3).** Design studio in traditional graphic design media. Course should be taken in the second semester of enrollment. Offered in the spring semester.
- 642. Design Studio (3) (3).** Graduate design studio work. Students will author designer-focused projects with interpretation of complex media and materials at multiple levels using both traditional and modern techniques. May be repeated for credit up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head.
- 643. Design Studio Exhibition Research (3).** Prerequisites: Successful completion of Candidacy Review and Thesis Proposal approval. The student will begin the planning and research for their final MFA Exhibition.
- 644. Design Studio Exhibition Research II (3).** Prerequisites: ART 643, successful completion of Candidacy Review and Thesis Proposal approval. As the MFA capstone course, the student will prepare and produce the final MFA Exhibition. Students will be assigned a grade of pass or fail only.
- 645. Advanced Design Studio (3) (3).** Prerequisite: ART 642. Continuation and application



of design studio graduate design studio work. Students will author advanced designer-focused projects with interpretation of complex media and materials at multiple levels using both traditional and modern techniques. May be repeated for credit up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head.

- 650. Art Theory (3) (3).** May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head. An investigation of the theoretical background associated with artistic production.
- 660. Advanced Contemporary Media/Communication Studio (3).** Prerequisite: ART 640. Building on Contemporary Media/Communication Studio Design studio in new media. Students will utilize time-based and digital techniques to create modern projects for interactive, time-based, web, and app based media.
- 677. Seminar in Art History (3) (3).** Prerequisites: Six hours of 300+ art history courses and/or permission of instructor. A course for students to investigate special topics in art history in a seminar format which focuses on independent research and presentation. Topics may include such things as Post-Impressionism, Far Eastern Art, The History of Photography, American Printmaking, etc. Course may be repeated for up to six credit hours.
- 679. Graduate Independent Study in Art History (3) (3).** May be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of six hours, with permission of the instructor and department head. Intensive graduate independent study for students within art history, coordinated and approved by a faculty advisor. Selected topics to be coordinated with instructor.
- 680. Graduate Seminar in Art History (3).** Intensive seminar and research course to explore many varied aspects of visual communication and design history and theory.
- 690. Graduate Independent Study (3) (3) (3) (3).** Each course may be repeated for credit, up to a maximum of twelve hours, with permission of the instructor and department head. Intensive graduate independent studies coordinated and approved by a faculty advisor.

## BIOLOGY

The Department of Biology offers courses leading to the Master of Science (MS) with a major in biology and supporting courses for the Master of Arts with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in biology or general science, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and the EdS degrees.

Students accepted to the MS with a major in biology must decide on a track, either non-thesis or thesis. Students must meet with the biology graduate program coordinator to discuss degree benchmarks and determine a track of study prior to admission into the program. An advisory committee will be selected to assist the student in developing a degree plan that satisfies university and departmental degree requirements. Requirements and benchmarks for non-thesis and thesis tracks are available on the JSU biology department website ([www.jsu.edu/biology/academic\\_programs.html](http://www.jsu.edu/biology/academic_programs.html)) and in the biology department office.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN BIOLOGY

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4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN BIOLOGY

Applicants to the MS with a major in biology must meet both graduate school requirements and biology department requirements.

#### **Unconditional Admission**

Applicants to the MS with a major in biology must have an undergraduate major in biology or its equivalent, as determined by the biology department, including courses equivalent to Introductory Biology I (BY 101, 103), Introductory Biology II (BY 102, 104), Genetics (BY 322), Ecology (BY 332), and Cell Biology (BY 373). Applicants with majors

in other natural sciences or mathematics will be considered for admission; however, additional courses may be required.

To obtain unconditional admission into the MS program with a major in biology, applicants must meet the following requirement:

A minimum overall undergraduate GPA of 2.50 including a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the major.

### **Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of a graduate faculty sponsor(s) and approved by the graduate program committee or the department chair.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must meet immediately with Dr. Lori Hensley, the Biology Department Head, to discuss program benchmarks and timelines. The student must also achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN BIOLOGY**

### **Non-Thesis Option**

A minimum of 36 graduate semester hours (18 must be at the 500 level), including successful completion of an acceptable original research paper. A minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all graduate work in biology is required. The 36 graduate semester hours for the non-thesis option will include the following courses:

#### **Non-Thesis Option: (total hours: 36)**

1. Four (4) 500 level courses (12 semester hours):  
choose from BY 521, 533, 538, 540, 542, 546, or 562;
2. Two (2) 500 level seminar courses (4 semester hours):  
choose from BY 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, or 577;
3. BY 595 Research Project (3 semester hours); and
4. Seventeen (17) hours of committee approved electives (17 hours).

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **36 Graduate Semester Hours Required for the Non-Thesis Option**

### **Thesis Option**

Space is limited for the thesis option of the program; therefore, students interested in the thesis option should contact the Chair of the Biology Department, Dr. Lori Hensley, at [lhensley@jsu.edu](mailto:lhensley@jsu.edu), to inquire about applying for the thesis option after being accepted to the Master of Science in biology program.

A minimum of 30 graduate semester hours (15 hours must be at the 500 level), including successful completion of an acceptable thesis and a comprehensive examination. A minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all graduate work in biology is required. The 30 graduate semester hours for the thesis option will include the following courses:

#### **Thesis Option: (total hours: 30)**

1. Two (2) 500 level courses (6 semester hours): choose from BY 521, 533, 535, 538, 540, 542, 546 or 562;
2. Two (2) 500 level seminar courses (4 semester hours): choose from BY 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, or 577;
3. BY 415G Biometrics (or MS 504) (3 semester hours);
4. BY 599 Thesis I and II (6 hours); and
5. Eleven (11) hours of committee approved electives (11 semester hours).

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### 30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for the Thesis Option

The thesis option also includes completion of a committee-directed research project. A typical research project is completed in less than three years and includes the following timeline benchmarks:

**YEAR ONE:** Assignment of a major advisor and thesis committee, develop a research proposal (includes completion of thesis I, BY 599), meet with thesis committee.

Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, 256-782-5345.

**YEAR TWO:** Completion of research project, write thesis, provide thesis committee written thesis at least three weeks prior to thesis defense.

See Thesis Options and Procedures in this catalog for more information.

Students not meeting benchmarks may be provided additional time as determined by their thesis committee, the department chair, or the Director of Graduate Studies. More details on thesis guidelines may be found on the JSU biology website ([www.jsu.edu/biology/academic\\_programs.html](http://www.jsu.edu/biology/academic_programs.html)) and in the biology department office.

## BIOLOGY COURSES (BY)

- 402G. Medical Microbiology (4).** Prerequisites: BY 323 or 283 and permission of the instructor. Study of pathogenic bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites of humans and some domestic animals; identification of pathogens, disease processes, and public health emphasized; lecture and laboratory.
- 403G. Immunology (3).** Prerequisite: BY 373; BY 323 recommended. Study of immunity and how the immune system responds to specific infectious and non-infectious agents; comparative immunology of invertebrate and vertebrate animals, immunological disorders, and application of immunological techniques; lecture and laboratory.
- 405G. Animal Behavior (3).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Genetic and anatomical bases of behavior; impact of behavior on the ecology of animals emphasized; lecture, discussion, demonstration and library studies.
- 406G. Ornithology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. History, classification, anatomy, physiology, ecology, and distribution of birds; laboratory emphasis on field identification and ecology; lecture, laboratory, and field studies.
- 407G. Mammalogy (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Aspects of the biology, ecology, taxonomy, and distribution of southeastern mammals; lecture, laboratory, and field studies.
- 408G. Public Policy and Ecosystems (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Lecture, laboratory, and field study. The course will address the history, evolution, and recent developments in natural resource policy and how it influences ecosystem structure and function. Topics include fish and wildlife conservation, forest planning and management, agricultural policies, public lands, (Bureau of Land Management lands, national forests, national wildlife refuges, national parks, and wilderness areas), endangered species, and policies that influence private lands. The relationship between policies and ecosystem structure and function will be addressed in class and in labs by debates and field exercises.
- 412G. Plant Reproduction and Development (4).** Prerequisites: BY 322, 373; CY 105, 106, 107, 108 recommended. Study of structural and functional aspects of reproductive and developmental phenomena in vascular plants; lecture and laboratory.
- 413G. Animal Reproduction and Development (4).** Prerequisites: BY 322, 373; CY 105, 106, 107, 108 recommended. Study of the structural and functional aspects of reproductive and developmental phenomena in animals with emphasis on the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved; lecture and laboratory.
- 415G. Biometrics (3).** Prerequisites: BY 322, 332, or 373 and MS 204. An introduction statistics for biology majors. This course will introduce students to appropriate statistics for analyzing biological data including how to select random samples, use of basic statistical packages, post-hoc statistical testing and the use of linear regression and will use real-world examples of statistics in ecological, toxicological, and physiological research; lecture and laboratory. Recommended as an elective for non-thesis option students.
- 422G. Biology of Cryptogams (4).** Prerequisites: BY 332, 373. The study of blue-green algae, algae, slime molds, bryophytes, and lichens; lecture, laboratory, field, and library study. Extensive field and laboratory identifications.
- 427G. Independent Studies in Biology (1).** Prerequisite: BY 370. Laboratory or field research investigation dealing with an aspect of biological sciences; biology sponsor required for topic approval and supervision. Grade: Pass/Fail.
- 434G. Animal Systems Physiology (4).** Prerequisites: BY 373; CY 105, 106, 107, 108; CY 231, 232 and one semester of physics recommended. Systematic survey of organ system physiology in vertebrates; systems analysis, biophysics, and bioengineering emphasized; lecture and laboratory.
- 435G. Landscape Ecology and Management (4).** Prerequisites: BY 332, MS 204. Lecture, laboratory, and field study. The role of spatial and temporal heterogeneity in the

- management of wildlife and natural resources is emphasized. Topics addressed include detection and description of heterogeneity, landscape dynamics and models, ecosystem management, adaptive management, genetics in conservation and management, population dynamics, community management, landscape-level conservation, managing biodiversity, and human interactions with ecosystems.
- 438G. Freshwater Biology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Analysis of the unique ecology and biology of the freshwater environment; extensive field work; research project; lecture, laboratory, and field studies.
- 439G. Microbial Ecology (4).** Prerequisites: BY 323, 332. Microbial component of the global ecosystem including interactions among microorganisms and between microorganisms, plants, and animals, biogeochemical cycles, and application to various technologies; lecture, laboratory, and field studies.
- 440G. Evolutionary Biology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 322. Study of the processes and mechanisms which lead to evolutionary change in the biota; lecture, laboratory and field studies.
- 442G. General Entomology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Lecture, laboratory, and field study of insects and other arthropods, with an emphasis on the taxonomy, morphology, physiology, and ecology of the insects.
- 445G. Ecotoxicology (4).** Prerequisites: BY 332, 373. Recommended: BY 322. This course is a survey of ecotoxicology. The study of the integration of the major processes involved with transport, exposure and response of biological systems to xenobiotics, how toxicants mediate interactions between organisms and their biotic and abiotic environments and, the impact and toxic effects of pollutants on diversity, growth and metabolism of living organisms, populations, communities, and the ecosystem; lecture, laboratory and field study.
- 450G. Molecular Biology (4).** Prerequisites: BY 322, 373 or permission of the instructor. Study of the processes involved in the expression of biological information at the molecular level; lecture and laboratory.
- 451G. Plant Anatomy (4).** Prerequisite: BY 373. Study of the comparative structural organization of the vegetative and reproductive parts of seed plants, from cells to tissues to systems; lecture and laboratory.
- 452G. Plant Taxonomy (4).** Prerequisite: BY 322 or 332. Survey of plant nomenclature, identification systems, description, evolution, and classification; vascular plants emphasized; lecture, library, laboratory, and field studies.
- 453G. Dendrology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Lecture, laboratory and field study. The identification, taxonomy, ecological characteristics, distribution and economic importance of trees native and ornamentals native to North America.
- 454G. Tropical Biology (3).** Prerequisites: BY 101, 102, 103, 104, and permission of instructor. An extensive field trip to study the flora and fauna of tropical regions. A written and oral report is required.
- 455G. Plant Ecology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 322 or 332. Major plant communities of the southeastern U.S. and their relationships with major abiotic features; autecological field studies of plant species and populations included; lecture, laboratory, library and field studies.
- 458G. Herpetology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Recommended: BY 320. Taxonomy, ecology, physiology, and external anatomy of amphibians and reptiles; conservation and field methodology emphasized; lecture, laboratory and field studies.
- 460G. Ichthyology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. An overview of the evolution, ecology, behavior, physiology, and conservations of fishes. Preparation and presentation of an original library or lab/field research project required. Lecture, laboratory, and field study.
- 473G. Advanced Cell Biology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 373. Recommended: BY 322, CY 231, 232, 362 and 363. A study of molecular aspects of cell structures and their functions using both descriptive and biochemical approaches. Lecture and laboratory.

- 475G. Economic Botany (4).** Prerequisite: BY 322 or 332. Collection identification, culture and preservation of plants for illustration and utilization in the classroom and laboratory; two class periods and one laboratory period per week.
- 476G. Invertebrate Zoology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 332. Systematics, ecology, physiology, and phylogenetic relationships of invertebrate animals; lecture, laboratory, and field studies.
- 477G. Cell and Tissue Culture (4).** Prerequisites: BY 101, 102, 103, 104, 373, CY 105-108. Recommended: BY 322, 412, 431 and CY 231. Cell and Tissue Culture is an advanced biology course dealing with in vitro manipulation of cells, organs, and tissues; both solid and suspension culture and their application to biotechnology. Lecture and laboratory.
- 478G. Endocrinology (3).** Prerequisites: BY 373 and BY 434 or permission of the instructor. Introduction to vertebrate endocrine systems and the variety of chemical messengers involved in the regulation of physiological processes. Topics will include discussions of the history and methodologies of endocrinology, hormone synthesis, physiological effects of hormones, and the mechanism of hormone actions.
- 479G. Plant Physiology (4).** Prerequisite: BY 373; BY 451 recommended. Mineral nutrition, water relations, photosynthesis, metabolism and transport in vascular plants; lecture and laboratory.
- 480G. Advanced Topics in Biology I (1).** Prerequisite: BY 322 or 332 or 373. Lecture and discussion; topics to be posted in the Biology Department.
- 481G. Advanced Topics in Biology II (1).** Prerequisite: BY 322 or 332 or 373. Lecture and discussion; topics to be posted in the Biology Department.
- 503. Special Problems in Biology (2).** Special topics approved by instructor after consideration of student's background.
- 504. Problems in Biology (1).** Special topics approved by instructor after consideration of student's background.
- 525. Physiological Adaptations (3).** Prerequisites: graduate standing and BY 434 or its equivalent. An in-depth survey of selected topics in comparative physiology. Interactions between organisms and their environments will be examined with an emphasis on molecular and cellular adaptations. Phenotypic differences in adaptations will serve as a central theme for this course. Designed to expose students to the various topics through lecture, primary literature, and lab presentations/activities.
- 533. Advanced Plant Biology (3).** Prerequisite: graduate standing. Study of plant biology consisting of lectures, discussions, investigative laboratory exercises on the topics of plant classification, plant anatomy and reproduction, plant growth and development, the physiology and biochemistry of plants, plants genetics and molecular biology, plants interactions with their environments, and the impacts of plants to our society. Designed to expose students to the various topics through lecture, primary literature, and lab presentations/activities.
- 535. Functional Vertebrate Anatomy (3).** Prerequisite: BY 320 or equivalent, or permission of the instructor. Lecture and demonstration. This course will emphasize the adaptations of vertebrate animals as revealed by morphology and will study the anatomy of vertebrates, as it relates to topics such as locomotion, reproductions, digestion, and physiology. In addition, molecular and morphological phylogeny of vertebrate groups using datasets will be studied. Designed to expose students to the various topics through lecture, primary literature, and lab presentations/activities.
- 538. Population and Community Ecology (3).** This course addresses theoretical and applied issues at both the population and community levels. Topics include population and community structure/stability, trophic relations, population interactions, population and community dynamics, landscape ecology, and others. Discussion of primary literature will be required.



540. **Invertebrate Relationships (3)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. An analysis of recently published research in the anatomy, morphology, phylogeny, and physiology of invertebrate animals. The major invertebrate phyla (including parasitic forms) will be emphasized. Designed to expose students to the various topics through lecture, primary literature, and lab presentations/activities.
542. **Biodiversity: The Kingdoms of Living Things (3)**. Prerequisite: BY 332 or its equivalent. Lectures and demonstrations. Biodiversity emphasizing systematic, phylogeny, structure, function, life cycles, ecology, and economics. Designed to expose students to the various topics through lecture, primary literature, and lab presentations/activities.
546. **Molecular Genetics (3)**. Prerequisites: BY 322 or its equivalent or permission of the instructor. A survey of molecular genetics focusing on the analysis of genomes, genes, and chromosomes. Discussion of modern genetic analysis techniques will be integrated into these topics. Biotechnology topics will include nucleic acid isolation methods, PCR, gene expression analysis, gene cloning, expression systems, proteomics, DNA sequencing, and molecular phylogenetic analysis.
562. **Symbiotic Associations (3)**. Prerequisites: BY 322, 332, 373 or equivalent and one 400 level organismal courses. Analysis of the nature and mechanism of symbiotic associations, including commensalism, mutualism, parasitism, that involve interactions between organisms. Designed to expose students to the various topics through lecture, primary literature, and lab presentations/activities.
570. **Seminar in Developmental Biology (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in developmental biology of cells, tissues, and organ systems in plants, animals, or microbes; independent library research required.
571. **Seminar in Organismal Biology (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research focusing on specific groups of organisms; independent library research required.
572. **Seminar in Ecology (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in plant, animal, or microbial ecology; independent library research required.
573. **Seminar in Cell Biology (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in cellular biology; independent library research required.
574. **Seminar in Evolutionary Biology (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in evolutionary biology; independent library research required.
575. **Seminar in Genetics (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in plant, animal, or microbial genetics; independent library research required.
576. **Seminar in Physiology (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in plant, animal, or microbial physiology; independent library research required.
577. **Seminar in Systematics (2)**. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Presentation, discussion, and analysis of recently published research in systematic biology; independent library research required.
594. **Biology Research Methods (1)**. Prerequisite: Approval of instructor. Introduction to diverse research methods and literature in the biological sciences. Includes topics such as, but not limited to, techniques in environmental analysis, microscopy, protein and nucleic acid analysis, biometry and population dynamics, and physiology.
595. **Research Project (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Completion of at least 20 hours of graduate study in biology, and permission of the instructor. Completion of an acceptable original research paper; non-thesis option only. Grade: Pass/Fail.

596. **Research I (1) (1).** Prerequisites: Approval of Application for Thesis Option and permission of the instructor. Original field and/or laboratory research in the biological sciences; thesis option only. Grade: Pass/Fail.
597. **Research II (2) (2).** Prerequisites: Approval of Application for Thesis Option and permission of the instructor. Original field and/or laboratory research in the biological sciences; thesis option only. Grade: Pass/Fail.
598. **Research III (3) (3).** Prerequisites: Approval of Application for Thesis Option, BY 594, and approval of instructor. Master's thesis research. May be duplicated for credit for a total of six (6) semester hours. Grade: Pass/Fail.
599. **Thesis (3) (3).** Prerequisite: Approval of Application for Thesis Option. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog. Grade: Pass/Fail.

### MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES CONSORTIUM

Graduate students may take marine biology courses for credit toward the MS with a major in biology and supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in biology or general science, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and the EdS degrees.

These courses are offered only at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab (Dauphin Island, Alabama) which is sponsored by the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium (MESC). The Consortium is composed of 23 Alabama colleges and universities. Special laboratory fees, tuition, and frequency of courses are determined by the Sea Lab staff. Information concerning number of class periods and laboratories, application, and registration may be obtained from the Marine Biology advisor, Room 242 Martin Hall, in the Biology Department at JSU.

### MARINE BIOLOGY COURSES (MBY)

- 411G. **Marine Ecology (4).** Prerequisites: Graduate standing in biology; marine invertebrate zoology or marine biology (one semester of physics recommended). Bioenergetics, community structure, population dynamics, predation, competition, and speciation in marine ecosystems will be studied; lecture and laboratory work will be included, although considerable time will be spent in field work; individual species will be studied as they relate to ecological principles which they exemplify, thus providing both a taxonomic and ecologic background.
- 412G. **Coastal Ornithology (4).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. Study of coastal and pelagic birds with emphasis on ecology, taxonomy, and distribution; identification, population dynamics, and behavior of coastal birds; lecture, laboratory, and overnight trips to offshore islands.
- 415G. **Marine Botany (4).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. General study of coastal and marine flora with emphasis on taxonomy, morphology, physiology, ecology, and distribution; community structure in various ecosystems will be studied; students will have an opportunity to examine pelagic, marshland, estuarine, beach, sand dune, and inlet niches.
- 420G. **Coral Reef Ecology (4).** Examines the ecology and evolution of coral reef communities, sea grass beds, and mangrove swamps with exploration of such issues as the degradation of reef-building corals and sea urchins, over-fishing and pollution. Students will participate in lectures and field exercises in the vicinity of Dauphin Island, and will take a one-week field trip to Andros Island, Bahamas.
- 421G. **Special Topics: Marine Conservation Biology (4).** Intended to develop a student's understanding of conservation biology by building upon the foundations of ecology; lectures and field exercises; requires students to develop a topical term paper and give a presentation.

- 423G. Marsh Ecology (4).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. Study of floral and faunal elements of various marine marsh communities; interaction of physical and biological factors will be emphasized; structured to provide field experience in addition to lecture material; trips will be scheduled to acquaint students with regional examples of marsh types.
- 427G. Marine Technical Methods I (2).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. Introduction to instruments and procedures normally utilized aboard a marine research vessel; includes physical, biological, chemical, and geological parameter measurements and sample collections; basic positioning and communication procedures included.
- 428G. Marine Technical Methods II (2).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. Introduction to the laboratory methodology associated with the usual chemical parameters of nutrient analysis; laboratory approach will be pursued; shipboard and other specific skills will be developed.
- 460G. Dolphins and Whales (2).** Designed to enable students to make rapid, accurate, and thoughtful use of a customized reference file and laboratory and field notes to respond to questions about the classification, anatomy, and ecology of marine mammals; lecture and laboratory.
- 461G. Marine Behavioral Ecology (4).** Examines how animal behavior is influenced by and interacts with its environment, and the ecological and evolutionary significance of these behaviors in a marine setting; lectures, laboratory, and field exercises (some overnight).
- 462G. Marine Protozoology (3).** Study of the major groups of protists from a variety of marine habitats including their taxonomy, structure, ecology of methods of identification; lectures, laboratory, and field trips.
- 463G. Marine Fish Diseases (3).** Introduction to marine animal diseases, specifically finfish and shellfish; practical microbiological techniques for isolation and identification of diseases; lecture, laboratory, and field trips.
- 464G. Introduction to Neurobiology (5).** Introduction to the neuroanatomy and neurophysiology of marine invertebrates and vertebrates; Neuroism computer package used to help illustrate the basic principles and to allow a detailed exploration of neurophysiology and neural networks; lecture and laboratory.
- 486G. Marine Vertebrate Zoology (4).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. Study of marine fish, reptiles, and mammals, with a comprehensive treatment of their systematics, zoogeography, and ecology; lectures will encompass subject matter on a non-regional basis; field and laboratory work will stress the vertebrate fauna of the northern Gulf of Mexico; students will have the opportunity to assemble a collection of vertebrate species.
- 487G. Marine Invertebrate Zoology (4).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing in biology. Examination of the systematics, ecology, physiology, and phylogenetic relationships of locally occurring marine invertebrate taxa; lecture, laboratory, and field work required; students have an opportunity to acquire collections of local fauna.
- 501. Field Marine Science - Florida (2).** Prerequisite: MBY 309. This course will consist of a 10-day field exercise in representative tropical sites in the southeastern Gulf of Mexico. Lecture, field exercises, research exercises.
- 502. Field Marine Science - Maine (2).** Prerequisite: MBY 309. Consists of a 12-day field exercise in coastal Maine with emphasis on rocky intertidal, kelp bed and eelgrass habitats; lecture, field exercises, research exercises.
- 505. Fisheries Techniques (3).** Prerequisite: An ichthyology course or MBY 486 or an introductory course in fisheries; introductory statistics recommended. Detailed, semi-quantitative to current biological and technological methodologies for studying fishes and aquatic habitats, with an emphasis on study design and integration across sub-disciplines.

515. **Marine Resource Management (2).** Designed to acquaint students to the management of marine resources, development of legislation, evolution of policy, legal processes, and impacts on human resources; lecture and discussion sessions.
530. **Marine Microbial Ecology (3).** General survey of the types of micro-organisms found in the marine environment; emphasis will be on the interaction of micro-organisms with each other and with their environment; lecture and discussion sessions.
540. **Marine Biology for Teachers (6).** Prerequisites: One year of general biology and graduate standing in biology. General survey of marine plants, invertebrates, and vertebrates, the communities they form and the physical and chemical factors which influence their lives; second component will cover materials and methods of instruction on marine topics.
542. **Marine Plankton (3).** Prerequisite: MBY 566. Familiarizes students with the taxonomic breadth of phytoplankton, bacterioplankton, and zooplankton in estuaries, coastal seas, and open oceans; lecture and discussion sessions.
554. **Marine Biogeography and Paleobiology (3).** Prerequisite: BY 332 or MBY 411. Broad overview of the time course of evolutionary changes in the structure and function of marine ecosystems, and will consider the interacting roles of both historical and current factors as they influence the distribution and abundance of marine organisms; lecture and discussion sessions.
555. **Marine Biogeochemical Processes (2).** Prerequisites: Graduate standing in biology and a background that includes inorganic and organic chemistry, geology, marine ecology or oceanography. Interaction between biological, chemical, and geological processes in the marine environment; examination of the cycling of major elements, how these cycles differ between different marine ecosystems and how these processes serve to regulate ecosystem functioning.
558. **Advanced Marine Ecology (2).** Prerequisites: BY 332 and MBY 411. Study of the understanding of ecological processes with an emphasis on the mechanisms that control the distribution of plants and animals at scales ranging from the individual to the ecosystem; lecture and discussion sessions.
559. **Benthic Ecology (2).** Prerequisite: BY 332 or MBY 411G. Evolutionary history and the ecology of marine benthic communities from the earliest fossils to the present; topics include predation, competition, adult/larval interactions, dispersal mechanisms, productivity, materials cycling, and the relative importance of grazing and detritus in different ecosystems.
564. **Marine Zoogeography (4).** Prerequisite: 12 semester hours of biology. Study of physical, chemical, and biological factors influencing distribution of marine organisms; importance of continents; open oceans, and species competition on animal distribution; special attention to zoogeographical patterns in the Gulf of Mexico, western North Atlantic, and Caribbean regions.
566. **Biological Oceanography (3).** Focuses on patterns and processes that are of consequence to the interaction of organisms and the sea and encompasses both pelagic and benthic environments; lecture, laboratory, and discussions.
567. **Fisheries Oceanography (2).** Examination of the relationships between fish and life history, recruitment dynamics and harvest potential, and local-, meso-, and global-scale oceanographic processes; lecture and discussion sessions.
572. **Coastal Ecosystems Dynamics (2).** Prerequisite: MBY 566 recommended. Investigation of the basic principles of ecosystem structure and function; course divided into two parts: an instructional phase of learning basics of ecosystem modeling, and a student-led investigation of the structure and function of a variety of coastal ecosystems.
591. **Directed Research (2).** Prerequisites: Special arrangement and permission of the instructor. Research in any subject areas of marine science currently offered at the Sea Lab.

## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

The School of Business and Industry offers courses leading to the Master of Business Administration (MBA). It also offers an area of concentration in administrative management within the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program (please refer to the Public Administration section of this catalog for admission and program requirements for the MPA program).

The school is accredited by AACSB International - Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

The mission of the School of Business and Industry is to educate a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body for successful employment and professional careers in a competitive global environment, to be productive and ethical citizens, and to be prepared for advanced studies, as well as lifelong learning.

Research opportunities are available to graduate students under the supervision of the school's faculty members. Real-world case studies are available through the school's Small Business Development Center and internships enable students to acquire on-the-job work experience.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### **APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MBA DEGREE**

Applicants for the MBA must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. A letter of application setting forth career goals.
4. A professional resume including education, employment, and community activity involvement.
5. Official transcripts(s) from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the University.)
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework and citing potential professional leadership ability. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. Official test scores on the GMAT. The GMAT must be taken within the five year time frame immediately preceding enrollment. Note: A minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is required (in addition to the required formula score:  $200 \times \text{undergraduate GPA} + \text{GMAT}$  is greater than or equal to 950).

Information regarding application for this test may be obtained by contacting the organization below:

Graduate Management Admission Test  
Educational Testing Service  
P.O. Box 6103  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6103

Telephone: 1-800-GMAT-NOW or 609-771-7330

Website: [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)

Email: [gmtat@ets.org](mailto:gmtat@ets.org)

8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
9. Students entering graduate courses must have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office, to include: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

### **Transfer Credit**

Transfer credits are accepted from AACSB International accredited schools only.

No transfer credit(s) will be accepted once students are enrolled in the MBA program, except in cases of extreme hardship to be determined by the MBA Director and the Director of Graduate Studies.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MBA DEGREE**

All students seeking admission to the MBA program must have completed the application process and been admitted to the program prior to enrolling in MBA classes. Admission to the program requires that all application materials be submitted to Graduate Studies, to include a GMAT score of at least 400 and a formula score ( $200 \times \text{undergraduate GPA} + \text{GMAT}$ ) of at least 950. (See explanation for unconditional and conditional admission).

Deadlines for application will be as follows (all deadlines will be strictly adhered to):

**Fall Admission – Deadline for application is July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Spring Admission – Deadline for application is November 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Summer Admission – Deadline for application is April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Students receiving undergraduate degrees from institutions not accredited by a United States regional accrediting association must meet unconditional admission requirements. The GMAT must be taken within the five year time frame immediately preceding enrollment.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade-point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA.

### **Unconditional Admission**

To obtain unconditional admission into the MBA program, students must meet one of the following formula requirements:

200 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial under-graduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 950 points.

As a requirement for admission, a minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is required. This is in addition to the current formula score.

OR

200 times the undergraduate GPA on the last 64 hours attempted toward completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 1000 points.

As a requirement for admission, a minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is required. This is in addition to the current formula score.

### Conditional Admission

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission, as defined above, may be considered for conditional admission if the student meets one of the following formula requirements:

200 times the GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 850 points;

OR

200 times the GPA on the last 64 hours attempted toward the completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 900 points.

As a requirement for conditional admission, a minimum acceptable GMAT score of 400 is also required. This is in addition to the current conditional formula score as indicated above.

Students who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted within the time frame specified in the student's admissions letter. Failure to comply will result in the student being dropped from the program.

All applications will be reviewed by a graduate committee composed of members of the graduate faculty within the School of Business and Industry and the MBA Director. The graduate committee will submit to the Director of Graduate Studies its recommendation on the conditional admission of each applicant. The Director of Graduate Studies, in conjunction with the MBA Director, will make the final decision on the conditional admission of the student.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MBA DEGREE

The MBA degree consists of 30 semester hours of graduate business courses for the general concentration program or 33 semester hours of graduate business courses for the accounting concentration program. Students without adequate undergraduate preparation will be required to take up to 24 semester hours of foundation courses for a total of 54 semester hours for the general concentration program and 57 or more semester hours for the accounting concentration program.

#### FOUNDATION COURSES:

Credit for foundation coursework may be given for courses already completed as part of a baccalaureate degree. Students without adequate undergraduate preparation are required to complete the 24 semester hours of foundation business and economics courses listed below. The MBA Director will evaluate each student's undergraduate coursework to determine which foundation courses are required prior to the student taking MBA courses. The graduate GPA is computed on all graduate hours attempted. Although grades achieved on undergraduate foundation courses will not be included in the computation of the graduate GPA, a student must earn a grade of "B" or above in each of these specified, required courses if they are taken after the completion of the baccalaureate degree.

MGT 504	Business Organization and Administration (3)
BA 500	Statistics and Quantitative Methods (3)
ACC 200	Principles of Financial Accounting (3)
EC 222	Principles of Macroeconomics (3)
FIN 301	Business Finance (3)
FIN 292	Legal and Social Environment (3)
CBA 390	Operations Management (3)
MKT 301	Principles of Marketing (3)



Students who have adequate undergraduate preparation or who have satisfied the foundation requirements may enroll in MBA courses, given that all individual course prerequisites are met. Students without adequate preparation will only be allowed to take courses in fields of study in which the prerequisite coursework has been completed.

Individuals who do not have a baccalaureate degree in a business field, but who have at least three years of prior mid-level management experience in an approved managerial position(s) may request that a portion of the foundation coursework be waived. Students must document their managerial experience(s) and approval must be granted by the graduate committee of The School of Business and Industry. Students in this category must complete a total of 18 hours of the foundation coursework, including BA 500, EC 222, ACC 200, and FIN 301. The remaining six hours to be taken will be based on an evaluation by the MBA Director. For more information, contact the MBA Director, 110 Merrill Hall, phone 256-782-5778.

After completion of foundation coursework, students may select either the general MBA or the MBA with an accounting concentration. The general MBA is a total of 30 semester hours; the MBA with an accounting concentration is a total of 33 semester hours.

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: ACCOUNTING**

**Required Courses (24 semester hours):**

ACC 512	Accounting Information Analysis (3)
BA 545	Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions (3)
BA 587	Business Policy and Strategy (3)
BA 590	International Business (3)
EC 515	Managerial Economics (3)
FIN 515	Financial Management (3)
MGT 537	Business Leadership (3)
MKT 513	Marketing Administration (3)

**Electives (9 semester hours):**

(Electives may be selected from courses numbered 400G and above from among any of the approved accounting courses listed in the course description section on the following pages of this catalog.)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**33 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this MBA Program**

**MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: GENERAL**

**Required Courses (24 semester hours):**

ACC 512	Accounting Information Analysis (3)
BA 545	Quantitative Methods for Business Decisions (3)
BA 587	Business Policy and Strategy (3)
BA 590	International Business (3)
EC 515	Managerial Economics (3)
FIN 515	Financial Management (3)
MGT 537	Business Leadership (3)
MKT 513	Marketing Administration (3)

**Electives (6 semester hours):**

(Electives may be selected from courses numbered 400G and above from among any of the approved School of Business and Industry courses listed in the course description section on the following pages of this catalog.)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this MBA Program**

## ACCOUNTING COURSES (ACC)

(Students who select the accounting concentration may be required to take additional undergraduate accounting courses to satisfy specific course prerequisites.)

- 410G. Financial Accounting III (3).** Prerequisite: ACC 310 with a minimum grade of “C.” A detailed study of business expansion including combinations and international operations, and an overview of partnership accounting.
- 476G. Advanced Income Tax Accounting (3).** Prerequisite: ACC 372. Advanced federal income tax topics including property transactions and international taxation issues. The course also focuses on the taxation of corporations, S corporations, and partnerships. Limited coverage is provided on the taxation of trusts and estates as well as the alternative minimum tax. Understanding the implementation of the current regulations as well as tax planning strategies are discussed. (Fall.)
- 490G. Advanced Auditing (3).** Prerequisite: ACC 477. The practical application of auditing concepts and standards. An understanding of auditing principles is reinforced and explained by exposure to problems and cases. (Spring.)
- 497G. Seminar in Accounting (3).** Prerequisites: ACC 512 and ACC 490G. Examines critical accounting topics through intensive review of current literature and pronouncements. Assesses student’s ability to effectively communicate accounting information.
- 512. Accounting Information Analysis (3).** Prerequisite: ACC 200 or equivalent. Analysis and use of accounting data as a tool for managerial decision making; analysis of financial reporting, cost behavior, budgeting, and decision making.
- 589. Internship in Accounting (3).** Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Provides the graduate student with practical experience in the field of accounting via a “real-world” work experience arrangement with an accounting firm.
- 598. Independent Research (3).** Prerequisite: Completion of 18 semester hours of graduate courses including a three semester hour quantitative course. Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. In-depth study of selected topic(s).

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION COURSES (BA)

- 500. Statistics and Quantitative Methods (3).** Quantitative methods and statistics as applied to business and economics; topics include optimization, descriptive statistics, probability theory, sampling and statistical inference, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis, and analysis of variance. (Cannot be used for MBA credit.)
- 501. Organizational Communication (3).** Focuses on prevalent communication skills in complex organizations; students participate in a variety of communication-related activities including questionnaire design, developing presentation materials, presentational speaking, and researching and writing an effective business report; topics include organizational communication, nonverbal communication, and communication technology.
- 545. Quantitative Methods for Business Decision Making (3).** Prerequisite: BA 500 or equivalent. May not be taken for credit if student has completed BA 540. Focuses on quantitative decision-making methodology for contemporary business managers, including such topics as decision-making under certainty, linear programming, queuing models, simulation, inventory modes, PERT, and decision support system.
- 587. Business Policy & Strategy (3).** Prerequisites: At least 18 hours of MBA coursework including ACC 512, FIN 515, and MKT 513. Prerequisite or corequisite: EC 515. Integrative study of strategic decision-making and policy formulation; extensive reading and case analysis. BA 587 must be taken at JSU.

590. **International Business (3).** Provides an integrated treatment of theory and applications relative to international business and the U.S. Includes the impact of cultural, legal, and environmental issues on business; understanding foreign exchange markets, foreign direct investment, and entry modes into developing markets; and analyzes international markets as prospective locations. Presents the world from diverse perspectives, including those of small and midsize international companies and developing country multinationals. Investigates motives and needs of global competitors, customers, and partners.

### ECONOMICS COURSES (EC)

- 485G. **Field Experiences (3).** Field trip to New York City to study important New York business and economic sites, such as the New York Stock Exchange, the Federal Reserve, the Fulton Fish Market, a large international bank, an advertising agency, a bond advisory company, and other tours relevant to economics. Summer only.
515. **Managerial Economics (3).** Prerequisite: EC 222. Advanced study of microeconomic principles, with analysis applied to actual business management situations.
589. **Internship in Economics (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. Provides the graduate student with practical experience in the field of economics via a “real-world” work experience arrangement.
598. **Independent Research (3).** Prerequisite: Completion of 18 semester hours of graduate courses including a three-semester hour quantitative course. Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. In-depth study of selected topic(s).

### FINANCE COURSES (FIN)

- 410G. **Wills, Estates, and Trusts (3).** Basic legal and financial principles and practices involved in planning and administration of wills, estates, and trusts.
- 474G. **Investments (3).** Prerequisite: FIN 301 or equivalent. Investment principles and practices; emphasis on security analysis, portfolio management, and the individual investor.
515. **Financial Management (3).** Prerequisite: FIN 301. Study of financial decision concepts for maximizing value of the firm involving the financing, investment, and dividend decisions.
562. **Seminar in Finance (3).** Prerequisites: Nine semester hours of advanced finance graduate courses or permission of the instructor. Intensive examination of critical issues and topics in finance.
589. **Internship in Finance (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. Provides the graduate student with practical experience in the field of finance via a “real-world” work experience arrangement.
590. **International Finance (3).** Prerequisite: FIN 515 or equivalent. Integrated treatment of theory and application relative to U.S. and international financial activities including financial institutions, trade agreements, economic policies, investment action, and multinational enterprise.
598. **Independent Research (3).** Prerequisites: Completion of 18 semester hours of graduate courses including a three-semester hour quantitative course. Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. In-depth study of selected topic(s).

## MANAGEMENT COURSES (MGT)

504. **Business Organization and Administration (3).** Accelerated course in management concepts, functions, and practices; consideration of structural and behavioral aspects of organization and management. (Cannot be used for MBA credit.)
522. **Human Resources Seminar (3).** Prerequisite: MGT 504 or the equivalent. Industrial personnel and manpower management including personnel selection and placement, manpower planning, development and appraisal, and the role of human resource management.
530. **Contemporary Issues in Management (3).** Prerequisite: MGT 504 or the equivalent. Investigation of current literature and practices in the field of management. A seminar course that includes lecture, discussion, and supervised student research into assigned topics.
537. **Business Leadership (3).** Prerequisite: MGT 504 or equivalent. Focuses on leadership as a strategic tool as well as an individual competence; i.e. what leadership means, is, and does. Examines critical strategic functions encountered at both the organizational and individual levels.
589. **Internship in Management (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. Provides the graduate student with practical experience in the field of management via a “real-world” work experience arrangement.
598. **Independent Research (3).** Prerequisite: Completion of 18 semester hours of graduate courses including a three-semester hour quantitative course. In-depth study of selected topic(s). Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director.

## MARKETING COURSES (MKT)

513. **Marketing Administration (3).** Prerequisite: MKT 301 or equivalent and ACC 512. Executive level analysis of marketing strategies involved in market segmentation, pricing, promotion, product development, and distribution channels.
530. **Contemporary Issues in Marketing (3).** Prerequisite: MKT 513. Investigation of current literature, problems, and changes/opportunities taking place in the field of marketing; seminar course that includes lecture, discussion, and supervised student research into assigned topics.
589. **Internship in Marketing (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. Provides the graduate student with practical experience in the field of marketing via a “real-world” work experience arrangement.
590. **International Marketing (3).** Prerequisite: MKT 513. Impact of cultural differences on target markets and marketing strategy examination; trade barriers and methods of entry considered; course depends heavily on case writing and presentation.
598. **Independent Research (3).** Prerequisites: Completion of 18 semester hours of graduate courses including a three-semester hour quantitative course. Permission of the instructor and approval of the MBA Director. In-depth study of selected topic(s).

## CHEMISTRY

The Department of Chemistry and Geosciences offers supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in general science, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and EdS degrees. A graduate degree program is not offered in chemistry.

### CHEMISTRY COURSES (CY)

- 430G. Environmental Chemistry (5).** Prerequisites: CY 232 and 321. Introductions to water, air, and soil quality and their measurements; problems, regulations, treatment, and ultimate disposal of hazardous and toxic waste materials; spill clean-up, groundwater transport, land disposal, incineration and treatment technologies discussed.
- 471G. Toxicological Chemistry (3).** Prerequisite: CY 232. Study of the principles of toxicology including identification of, characterization of, and risk from environmental exposures to toxic substances.

## COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE DESIGN

The Department of Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences offers the Master of Science (MS) with a major in computer systems and software design with two concentrations.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring admission. There is no summer admission to this program.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE DESIGN

Applicants for the MS in CSSD must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university).
4. Official tests scores on the GMAT or the General Test of the GRE. The GRE or GMAT must have been taken within five years of enrollment.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE DESIGN

Students receiving undergraduate degrees from institutions not accredited by a United States regional accrediting association must meet unconditional admission requirements.

Applicants must meet one of the following formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade-point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables

[http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

#### Unconditional Admission

200 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 950 points;

OR



450 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the total score of verbal and quantitative measures of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 2100 points;

OR

200 times the undergraduate GPA on the **last 64 hours attempted** toward completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 1000 points;

OR

450 times the undergraduate GPA on the **last 64 hours attempted** toward completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the total score of verbal and quantitative measures of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 2450 points.

### Conditional Admission

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission, as defined above, will receive a letter to that effect from the Director of Graduate Studies. Under exceptional circumstances, consideration for conditional admission may be given to a student meeting one of the following formula requirements:

200 times the GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 850 points;

OR

450 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the total score of verbal and quantitative measures of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1700 points;

OR

200 times the GPA on the **last 64 hours attempted** toward completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 900 points;

OR

450 times the undergraduate GPA on the **last 64 hours attempted** toward completion of the initial undergraduate degree plus the total score of verbal and quantitative measures of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1850 points.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted within the time frame specified by the graduate faculty and indicated in writing to the student. Failure to comply will result in the student being dropped from the program.**

In addition to meeting the general admission requirements of Graduate Studies, applicants for the MS in CSSD must meet at minimum one of the following two requirements to be considered for admission:

1. Have completed the equivalent of an undergraduate degree with a major in computer science, software engineering, or information systems as determined by the graduate computer science faculty.
2. Applicants with degrees in related fields with three to five years' experience in systems and software design may be considered. These applicants should have the equivalent of a minor in computer science including courses equivalent to Software Engineering I (CS 310), Software Engineering II (CS 491), Operating Systems (CS 350), Database Systems (CS 488), either Calculus and Its Applications (MS 120) or Calculus I (MS 125), and demonstrated proficiency in procedural or object-oriented programming language. Any applicant who is deficient in any of

the areas listed above may be either denied admission or conditionally admitted provided they take and pass with a “C” grade or above additional courses specified by the department at the undergraduate level before a specified deadline. The decision as to which action will be taken is at the discretion of the Director of Graduate Studies based upon a recommendation by the graduate faculty in the program.

All applications will be reviewed by the graduate faculty in the program. The faculty will submit to the Director of Graduate Studies its recommendation on the admission of each applicant. The Director of Graduate Studies will make the final decision on the admission of the student.

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE DESIGN**

### **Studio Option:**

A total of 30 semester hours in graduate computer science courses is required. There is a core of 15 graduate semester hours required for all concentrations. In addition to the core, students must take a concentration-specific Studio Component consisting of six semester hours. The remaining nine semester hours consist of a concentration-specific course and/or electives per the requirements for each concentration.

Students accepted into the MS in CSSD with the studio option must complete a six-hour studio component through which an exposition paper will be generated. The student must meet with a graduate faculty who will select an Advisory Committee to supervise the studio component of the program. The advisor and committee are responsible for determining successful completion of the studio component of the program by evaluation of the exposition paper and the student’s presentation of same.

### **Non-Studio Option:**

A total of 33 semester hours in graduate computer science courses is required. There is a core of 15 graduate semester hours required for all concentrations. In addition to the core, students must take 18 graduate credit hours of a concentration-related course and/or elective per the requirements for each concentration.

Students accepted into the MS in CSSD with the Non-Studio option will need to pass a comprehensive oral exam covering core course contents. The evaluation of the comprehensive oral exam will be determined by no fewer than three members of the departmental curriculum committee.

For both options, the presentation or comprehensive oral exam may be done using technology from a distance. Time will be allotted after all presentations for the faculty present to ask questions of the student.

Students must select and complete the requirements for one of the following two concentrations:

### **General Concentration (30 graduate semester hours for studio option/33 graduate semester hours for non-studio option):**

All courses listed in Table 1 (15 hours)

**Studio Option:** Both courses in Table 3 and three courses from Table 2 (15 hours)

**Non-Studio Option:** Six additional courses from Table 2 (18 hours)

### **Information Security and Assurance (ISA) Concentration (30 graduate semester hours for studio option/33 graduate semester hours for non-studio option):**

All courses listed in Table 1, along with CS 547, Wireless Networking and Security.

**Studio Option:** Both courses in Table 3 (topic in ISA) and two courses from Table 2 (12 hours)

**Non-Studio Option:** Select three from the following courses related to ISA: EM 505, CS 530, CS 538, CS 565, along with two additional courses from Table 2 (15 hours)

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**Table 1. Required Core Courses (15 credit hours)**

CS 501 Database Management Systems (3)
CS 521 Applied Software Engineering I (3)
CS 523 Applied Software Engineering II (3)
CS 550 Distributed Computing Systems (3)
CS 570 Advanced Computer Security (3)

**Table 2. Electives**

CS 502 Research Methods and System Evaluation (3)
CS 525 Advanced Web Application Development Using Web Services (3)
CS 530 Human-Computer Interaction (3)
CS 536 Computational Intelligence (3)
CS 538 Business Intelligence and Data Mining (3)
CS 540 Bioinformatics Algorithms (3)
CS 541 Digital Media: Theory and Processing (3)
CS 544 Applied Artificial Intelligence (3)
CS 546 Advanced Management of Information Systems (3)
CS 547 Wireless Networking and Security (3)
CS 565 Embedded & Real Time Software Development (3)
CS 591 Special Topics in Computer Science (3)
CS 592 Special Topics in Computer Science (3)
EM 505 Foundations in Emergency Management (3)

**Table 3. Studio Option (30 hours)**

CS 595 Studio Component (3)
CS 596 Studio Component (3)

### **Non-Studio Option (33 hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSES (CS)

501. **Database Management Systems (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Information as corporate resource, data modeling, database design, implementation strategies and administration; security, information centers, decision support systems, person computer environment; teams of students will design and implement a relational database application.
502. **Research Methods and System Evaluation (3)**. Prerequisite: Undergraduate or graduate statistics course. Introduction to the research techniques and methodologies used to evaluate systems such as control systems, computer systems, security systems, and information systems. Topics include methodological foundations, qualitative research methods, and quantitative research methods.
521. **Applied Software Engineering I (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Focuses specifically on methods that guide software engineers from requirements to code; provides broad understanding of current methods, and specific skills in using these methods.
523. **Applied Software Engineering II (3)**. Prerequisite: MSSD major or permission of instructor. Provides knowledge and skills necessary to lead a project team, understand the relationship of software development to overall product engineering, and understand the software process.
525. **Advanced Web Application Development Using Web Services (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Utilization of various technologies and tools for developing Web applications using Web Services, emphasizing organizational issues, challenges, and security concerns related to the effective deployment of those applications. Students will evaluate real-world applications of Web services as well as the unique decision-making framework involved with their adoption while employing those lessons learned in practical solutions.
530. **Human-Computer Interaction (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Human-computer interface, human performance, diversity, and mental models, interaction devices, dialog and interface styles, documentation, and usability testing.
536. **Computational Intelligence (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Introducing concepts, models, algorithms, and tools for development of intelligent systems. Example topics include artificial neural networks, genetic algorithms, fuzzy systems, swarm intelligence, ant colony optimization, artificial life, and hybridizations of the above techniques. Additional focus will be placed on research methodologies and preparing research papers and reports.
538. **Business Intelligence and Data Mining (3)**. Prerequisite: Undergraduate or graduate statistics course. Introduction to business intelligence and data mining methodologies and tools that enable users to analyze new patterns/relationships and develop insight for decision making. This course provides students thorough conceptual framework, discussion, and hands-on experience in business intelligence and data mining. Techniques that the course covers include, but are not limited to, linear modeling, decision trees, association rules, classification rules, clustering & visualization, and text mining methodologies. Topics covered will include business intelligence, data mining methods, predictive analysis, information quality, and a term project that applies the skills learned.

540. **Bioinformatics Algorithms (3)**. Prerequisites: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Provides fundamental background in bioinformatics for computer science or biological science students. Provides the principles that drive an algorithm's design. Covers various topics such as DNA and RNA structure, gene structure and control, protein structure, sequence alignment production, homologous sequences searches, phylogenetic trees structure and interpretation.
541. **Digital Media: Theory and Processing (3)**. Study of the fundamentals of image and video processing. This course will use a mathematical framework to describe and analyze images and videos as two- and three-dimensional signals in the spatial, spatio-temporal, and frequency domains. Techniques for image and video compression, morphological processing, segmentation, enhancement and recovery will be presented.
544. **Applied Artificial Intelligence (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Survey of artificial intelligence emphasizing applications in business, industrial, and scientific system development; autonomous agents, data mining, pattern recognition, and machine vision.
546. **Advanced Management of Information Systems (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. In-depth study of the theories of information systems and their relationship to organization, decision-making and information management processes. Topics include information systems' impact, strategic uses of information systems, technology adoption, enterprise computing architectures and infrastructures, information security and assurance, IT policy compliance, knowledge management and performance measurement.
547. **Wireless Networking and Security (3)**. Prerequisite: MSSD major or permission of instructor. A study of advanced topics in computer networks with emphasis on wireless communications. Fundamentals of cellular communications, CDMA systems, wireless security, Wireless Application Protocols (WAP), Bluetooth, and new wireless technologies are also covered.
550. **Distributed Computing Systems (3)**. Prerequisite: Undergraduate Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Design and analysis of distributed computing systems; system architecture; load balancing and scheduling; remote procedure calls and message passing; distributed operating systems and database systems.
565. **Embedded and Real-Time Software Development (3)**. Prerequisite: CS MSSD major or permission of the instructor. In-depth study of requirements or real-time and embedded software; examination of operating systems, languages, and devices that support these systems; real-time multimedia applications emphasized.
570. **Advanced Computer Security (3)**. Prerequisite: Admission to the MS in CSSD program or permission of instructor. Study of advanced network security architectures, models, benchmarks and metrics, cryptography, authentication and authorization protocols, secure application and systems development, federal regulations and compliance, and advanced security topics on intrusion detection, biometrics, web services, and data mining. Emphasis is on security professional certification.
- 591, 592. **Special Topics in Computer Science (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the advisor and approval of the department head. Selected topics from current problems in computing; topics vary from semester to semester.
- 595, 596. **Studio Component (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the advisor and approval of department head. Provides students with a laboratory for direct application of concepts learned in coursework; students will produce a variety of software products.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Department of Criminal Justice offers courses leading to the Master of Science (MS) with a major in criminal justice and supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. The department also offers an area of concentration in criminal justice within the MPA degree program (please refer to the Public Administration section of this catalog for application materials required, admission and program requirements).

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Applicants for the MS with a major in criminal justice will be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework (only after degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application procedure requirements.

Applicants for the MS with a major in criminal justice must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official tests scores on the General Test of the GRE or the MAT.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Applicants who meet the general admission requirements of Graduate Studies are eligible for admission to the MS with a major in criminal justice program. A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to this program.

Applicants must meet one of the following formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade-point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA.

Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables

[http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

**Unconditional Admission**

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1600 points;  
OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 60 points;

**Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Non-Thesis Option**

Total of 30 graduate semester hours. The student must complete 24 hours in criminal justice courses, including 15 hours in required criminal justice courses and nine hours of criminal justice electives. The remaining six hours may be in criminal justice or in a related field approved in advance by the head of the Criminal Justice Department.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**Thesis Option**

Total of 30 graduate semester hours. The student must complete 24 hours in criminal justice courses, including 15 hours in required criminal justice courses, six hours of thesis, and a three hour criminal justice elective. The remaining six hours may be in criminal justice or in a related field approved in advance by the head of the Criminal Justice Department.

Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, 256-782-5345. See Thesis Options and Procedures in this catalog for more information.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**Required Criminal Justice Courses (15 semester hours):**

CJ 500	Contemporary Criminal Justice Issues (3)
CJ 501	Applied Data Analysis for Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 502	Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3)
CJ 505	Criminal Justice Administration (3)
CJ 521	Criminological Theory (3)

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSES (CJ)

500. **Contemporary Criminal Justice Issues (3).** System-wide issues facing the criminal justice system and its various subsystems.
501. **Applied Data Analysis for Criminal Justice (3).** Emphasis on the analysis of original and secondary criminal justice data.
502. **Research Methods in Criminal Justice (3).** Social research methods and their application to administration of justice; and the role of social research in the analysis, interpretation, and clarification of problems in the criminal justice system. (CJ 502 is crosslisted with PSC 502 and only one course may be counted for credit.)
503. **Law Enforcement (3).** Trends in police procedures, problems and practices; and current issues in law enforcement.
504. **Comparative Criminal Justice (3).** Comparative study of the administration, organization, objectives, and principal functions of the U.S. criminal justice systems with those in selected foreign countries.
505. **Criminal Justice Administration (3).** Analysis of organizational features, functions, problems and issues confronting criminal justice setting managers and administrators.
506. **Juvenile Justice (3).** Assessment of policies and practices of agencies involved in processing juvenile offenders through the juvenile justice system.
507. **Legal Issues (3).** In-depth study of contemporary legal issues faced by criminal justice professionals with emphasis on constitutional problems and the judicial review of administrative decisions made by criminal justice organizations.
508. **Corrections (3).** Theory and practice of contemporary correctional systems, and current issues in corrections.
509. **Criminal Justice Planning and Evaluation (3).** A study of planning and evaluation as applied in criminal justice agencies for program development, and the preparation of grant proposals.
515. **Applied Ethics (3).** Application of ethical theories and systems to practical ethical problems and dilemmas encountered in criminal justice practices and professions.
516. **Forensic Investigation (3).** Provinces of the court and jury; burden of proof, probability and documentary and physical evidence; expert witness and preparation of scientific exhibits for court.
521. **Criminological Theory (3).** Analysis of historical and contemporary theories and analytical models of crime causation with emphasis on classical, positivist, social defense, and critical schools of thought.
523. **Victimology (3).** Comprehensive study of victimization including victim-precipitated crimes; analysis of contemporary victim-compensation and victim restitution programs.
525. **International Criminality and National Security (3).** International and transnational crime and terrorism and the problems they pose for the criminal justice system; prevention and control of terrorist activities and transnational crime.
526. **Special Topics in Criminal Justice (3) (3).** An examination of contemporary issues in criminal and juvenile justice. Topics may vary. May be taken for a total of six credit hours.
527. **Criminal Behavior and Personality (3).** A study of the typologies of delinquent and criminal behavior from behavioral and psychological perspectives with particular focus on clinical behaviors frequently associated with delinquents and criminals.
528. **Correctional Counseling (3).** The study and practical application of effective correctional counseling and treatment methodologies for youthful and adult offenders.
598. **Directed Reading (3) (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the Director of CJ Graduate Studies or department



- head. Selected topics appropriate to student's course of study as determined by faculty advisor. May be taken for a total of six credit hours.
599. **Thesis (3) (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only) Prerequisite: Approval of Application for Thesis Option. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

## DRAMA

The Department of Drama offers supporting courses for the Master of Arts with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in English language arts, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and EdS degrees. A graduate degree program is not offered in drama.

### DRAMA COURSES (DR)

- 560. **Dramatic Literature Projects (3).** Individually designed and supervised projects combining research and practical work in the specific areas of theatrical endeavor.
- 581. **Directed Studies (3).** Independent research in areas of drama: literature, directing, acting, design, and education. May be repeated once.

## EDUCATION

All teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education. The School of Education at Jacksonville State University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), 1140 19th St NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 223-0077. Accreditation includes the initial teacher preparation and advanced levels of professional education programs offered at JSU.

Teacher education programs may be altered at any time to meet changes in federal and Alabama State Department of Education regulations.

### TABLE DEFINITIONS:

<b>MA</b>	Master of Arts
<b>MS</b>	Master of Science
<b>MSE</b>	Master of Science in Education
<b>EdS</b>	Education Specialist

**Alternative Class A Program:** The School of Education offers Alternative Class A Programs for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master's degree and recommendation for Master's-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

**Alabama Professional Educator Certificates:** The Alabama Professional Educator Certificate licenses an individual to teach in the Alabama public school system. Alabama has three classes of Professional Educator Certification: Class B, Class A, and Class AA. Individuals may apply for the Class B certificate after completing a bachelor's-level teacher education program, the Class A certificate after completing a master's-level teacher education program, and the Class AA certificate after completing an education specialist program. Each class has a different pay structure, which varies by county.

## GRADUATE DEGREES AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS IN EDUCATION AVAILABLE AT JSU

Major	Teaching/Instructional Support Field	Degrees Offered	Alternative Class A Program Availability	Alabama Professional Educator Certificates
Counselor Education	Clinical Mental Health Counseling	MS EdS		N/A
Counselor Education	School Counseling (P-12)	MS EdS		A AA
Early Childhood Education (P-3)		MSE	Available	A
Early Childhood Special Education (P-3)		MSE		A
Elementary Education (K-6)		MSE	Available	A
Instructional Leadership (P-12)		MSE* EdS		A AA
Instructional Technology		MS		N/A
Library Media (P-12)		MSE EdS		A AA
Music Education (P-12)	Instrumental	MA	Available	A
	Vocal-Choral	MA	Available	A
Physical Education (P-12)		MSE EdS	Available	A AA
Reading Specialist (P-12)		MSE		A
Secondary Education	Biology (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	Business Marketing Education (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	English Language Arts (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	Family and Consumer Sciences (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	General Science (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	General Social Studies (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	History (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
	Mathematics (6-12)	MSE	Available	A
Special Education Collaborative Teacher (K-6) (6-12)		MSE	Available	A
Sport Management		MS		A
Teacher Leader		EdS		AA

\*A Reduced Credit Hour Option for Certification in Instructional Leadership at the Master's Degree Level is also available

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Marriage and Family Counseling, Community Counseling, or a related field.
5. Background check. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check, including Clinical Mental Health Counseling, through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.
6. Professional resume.
7. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
9. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

An overall GPA of 3.25 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree.

Any course completed for the master's degree may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

**Core Requirements (15 semester hours):**

ECG 634	Advanced Counseling Theories (3)
ECG 637	Advanced Career Counseling (3)
ECG 691	Action Research in Counseling I (3) (to be taken toward the end of the program)
ECG 692	Action Research in Counseling II (3) (Prerequisite: EFD 681) (must be taken in the last semester of enrollment)
ECG 646	Advanced Group Procedures (3)

**Concentration Requirements (15 semester hours, by advisement):**

ECG 501	Assessment in Counseling (3)
ECG 526	Professional Ethics and Legal Issues (3)
ECG 527	Organization and Administration of Counseling Services (3)
ECG 528	Introduction to Play Therapy (3)
ECG 529	Children and Grief (3)
ECG 530	Couples, Marriage, and Family Counseling (3)
ECG 535	Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling (3)
ECG 540	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of DSM Disorders (3)
ECG 559	Geriatric Counseling (3)
ECG 560	Substance and Behavioral Addictions in Counseling (3)
ECG 565	Psychopharmacology (3)
ECG 573	Introduction to Student Personnel Counseling (3)
ECG 578	Issues in Student Personnel Counseling (3)
ECG 588	Crisis Counseling (3)
ECG 589	Psychological First Aid and Disaster Counseling (3)
ECG 593	Internship in School Counseling (3)
ECG 594	Internship in School Counseling (3)
ECG 655	Holistic Counseling: Spirit, Soul, and Body (3)
ECG 693	Supervision in Counseling (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
EFD 615	Leadership (3)
SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

Applicants will not be considered for admission until all required documents are received by Graduate Studies.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Master's-level professional educator certificate in School Counseling. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Applicants must have completed two years of full-time acceptable P-12 professional educational work experience prior to admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
6. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
7. Professional resume.
8. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
9. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.



10. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

An overall GPA of 3.50 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree.

Any course completed for the master's degree or for master's level professional educator certification may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

**Core Requirements (15-18 semester hours):**

ECG 634	Advanced Counseling Theories (3)
ECG 637	Advanced Career Counseling (3)
ECG 691	Action Research in Counseling I (3) (to be taken toward the end of the program)
ECG 692	Action Research in Counseling II (3) (Prerequisite: ECG 691)
ECG 646	Advanced Group Procedures (3)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) (Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

\*If course was taken for prior level certification, another approved diversity course is required:

EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)
OR	
EFD 645	Contemporary Challenges in Multicultural Education (3)

**Concentration Requirements (12-15 semester hours, by advisement):**

ECG 501	Assessment in Counseling (3)
ECG 526	Professional Ethics and Legal Issues (3)
ECG 528	Introduction to Play Therapy (3)
ECG 529	Children and Grief (3)
ECG 530	Couples, Marriage and Family Counseling (3)
ECG 535	Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling (3)
ECG 540	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of DSM Disorders (3)
ECG 559	Geriatric Counseling (3)
ECG 560	Substance and Behavioral Addictions in Counseling (3)
ECG 565	Psychopharmacology (3)
ECG 573	Introduction to Student Personnel Counseling (3)
ECG 578	Issues in Student Personnel Counseling (3)
ECG 588	Crisis Counseling Intervention Strategies (3)
ECG 589	Psychological First Aid and Disaster Counseling (3)
ECG 595	Clinical Experience I in Mental Health Counseling (3)
ECG 596	Clinical Experience II in Mental Health Counseling (3)
ECG 655	Holistic Counseling: Spirit, Soul, and Body (3)
ECG 693	Supervision in Counseling (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
EFD 615	Leadership (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Education Specialist professional educator certification in School Counseling (P-12).**

## ALABAMA (CLASS AA) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must meet all required admission criteria and complete a program of study at a college or university that has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for certification in Alabama upon completion of the education specialist degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate and master's levels prior to applying for the education specialist level certification. Earning an education specialist degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate and master's certificates from Alabama.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
EDS WITH ACONCENTRATION IN  
LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
EDS WITH ACONCENTRATION IN  
LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

Applicants will not be considered for admission until all required documents are received by Graduate Studies.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Master's-level professional educator certificate in Library Media. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Applicants must have completed two years of full-time acceptable P-12 professional educational work experience prior to admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
6. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
7. Professional resume.
8. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
9. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

10. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

An overall GPA of 3.50 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree.

Any course completed for the master's degree or for master's level professional educator certification may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

**Core Requirements (18-22 semester hours):**

*ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Students who did not take ED 500 [discipline specific section] as a master's student at JSU are required to take the course as part of their EdS program. Required in the first semester of enrollment.)
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)
EIM 610	Emerging Technology and Collaborative Tools (3)
EFD 615	Leadership (3)
EFD 620	Measurement and Evaluation (3)
EFD 691	Advanced Research in Education I (3)
EFD 692	Advanced Research in Education II (3) (Prerequisite: EFD 691) (Must be taken in the last semester of enrollment.)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) (*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Concentration Requirements (12 semester hours):**

LM 612	Advanced Materials for Children and Young Adults (3)
EIM 615	Online Course Design (3)
EIM 620	Educational Multi-Media and Video (3)
EIM 624	Advanced Digital Photography in Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30-34\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Education Specialist professional educator certification in Library Media (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS AA) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must meet all required admission criteria and complete a program of study at a college or university that has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon

graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:

<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>

2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for certification in Alabama upon completion of the education specialist degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate and master's levels prior to applying for the education specialist level certification. Earning an education specialist degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate and master's certificates from Alabama.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

Applicants will not be considered for admission until all required documents are received by Graduate Studies.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Master's-level professional educator certificate in Physical Education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
7. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.



With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

An overall GPA of 3.50 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree.

Any course completed for the master's degree or for master's level professional educator certification may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

**Core Requirements (18-22 semester hours):**

*ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Students who did not take ED 500 [discipline specific section] as a master's student at JSU are required to take the course as part of their EdS program. Required in the first semester of enrollment. )
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)
OR	
EFD 645	Contemporary Challenges in Multicultural Education (3)
EIM 610	Emerging Technology and Collaborative Tools (3)
EFD 615	Leadership (3)
EFD 620	Measurement and Evaluation (3)
EFD 691	Advanced Research in Education I (3)
EFD 692	Advanced Research in Education II (3) (Prerequisite: EFD 691) (Must be taken in the last semester of enrollment.)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) (Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Concentration Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, choose 12 graduate semester hours in physical education courses. Graduate courses selected to meet this concentration requirement must be numbered at the 500 or 600 levels.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30-34\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Education Specialist professional educator certification in Physical Education (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS AA) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for certification in Alabama upon completion of the education specialist degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate and master's levels prior to applying for the education specialist level certification. Earning an education specialist degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate and master's certificates from Alabama.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: TEACHER LEADER**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
TEACHER LEADER**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
TEACHER LEADER**

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Master's-level professional educator certificate in any teaching field or area of instructional support. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Applicants must have completed a minimum of three full years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 setting prior to admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
6. Professional resume.
7. Three Graduate Reference Forms. One of the references must be from the applicant's principal or district supervisor. The other two references must be from individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of an applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
9. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.
10. Through the professional resume, graduate reference forms, writing sample, and/or interview portfolio, applicants must present a.) evidence of ability to positively affect student achievement and b.) evidence of collaborative leadership potential

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
TEACHER LEADER**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
EDS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
TEACHER LEADER**

An overall GPA of 3.50 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree.

Any course completed for the master's degree or for master's level professional educator certification may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: TEACHER LEADER**

**Core Requirements (30-33 semester hours):**

EFD 615	Leadership in Education (3)
EFD 620	Measurement and Evaluation (3)
EFD 645	Contemporary Challenges in Multicultural Education (3)
IL 650	Seminar in Curriculum Development (3)
IL 614	Internship in Personnel Development I (3)
IL 620	Internship in Personnel Development II (3)
EFD 670	Facilitating Quality Instruction in Mathematics with Colleagues (3)
EFD 672	Facilitating Quality Instruction in Literacy with Colleagues (3)
EFD 691	Advanced Research in Education I (3)
EFD 692	Advanced Research in Education II (3)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3)

(Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 – 33\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Education Specialist professional educator certification in Teacher Leader.**

**ALABAMA (CLASS AA) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for certification in Alabama upon completion of the education specialist degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate and master's levels prior to applying for the education specialist level certification. Earning an education specialist degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate and master's certificates from Alabama.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**EDUCATION SPECIALIST  
MAJOR: INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
EDS WITH A MAJOR IN  
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
EDS WITH A MAJOR IN  
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

Applicants for an Education Specialist (EdS) program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

Applicants will not be considered for admission until all required documents are received by Graduate Studies.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Alabama Class A professional leadership certificate or a valid Alabama Class A professional educator certificate in Instructional Leadership or one of the other Alabama Class A leadership designations [Instructional Leader, Principal, Superintendent, Superintendent-Principal, Educational Administrator, Supervisor (any subject and/or grade level), Administrator of Career and Technical Education.] ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Applicants must have completed a minimum of three full years of full-time, acceptable P-12 professional educational experience, which must include at least one full year of full-time P-12 teaching experience prior to admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
6. Applicants must meet ONE of the following criteria:
  - a. Be currently serving as a superintendent, assistant or associate superintendent, assistant to the superintendent, principal, assistant principal, supervisor (any subject and/or grade level), administrator of career and technical education, coordinator, or evaluator. OR
  - b. Document three years of employment in an instructional leadership position for which one of the certificates is proper certification according to the current edition of the *Subject and Personnel Codes* of the Alabama State Department of Education. OR
  - c. Demonstrate each of the abilities in the Class A Instructional Leadership standards prior to admission to the Class AA Instructional Leadership program or prior to completion of the Class AA Instructional Leadership program.



7. Professional resume.
8. Three Graduate Reference Forms. One of the references must be from the applicant's principal or district supervisor. The other two references must be from individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of an applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
9. Statement of Goals (reasons for pursuing Class AA certification in Instructional Leadership). Minimum: typed, one page, double-spaced.
10. Most recent performance appraisals.
11. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
12. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.
13. Through the professional resume, graduate reference forms, statement of goals, performance appraisals, writing sample, and/or interview portfolio, applicants must present a.) evidence of ability to lead student achievement and b.) evidence of leadership and management potential.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDS WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the instructional leadership program, upon review of the completed application package.

Individuals must be unconditionally admitted to the Class AA Instructional Leadership program before enrolling in any leadership courses in the Class AA Instructional Leadership program.

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EDS WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

An overall GPA of 3.50 is required on all coursework attempted for the education specialist degree.

Any course completed for the master's degree or for master's level professional educator certification may not be repeated or counted for the EdS degree. Graduate courses at the 400 level will not count as credit towards the EdS degree.

## EDUCATION SPECIALIST MAJOR: INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)

### Core Requirements (30-33 semester hours):

EFD 615	Leadership in Education (3)
IL 612	Planning and Managing Facilities and Programs (3)
IL 614	Internship in Personnel Development I (3)
IL 620	Internship in Personnel Development II (3)
IL 632	Research in Instructional Leadership (3)
IL 650	Seminar in Curriculum Development (3)
IL 691	Problems in Instructional Leadership I and Internship (3)
EFD 620	Measurement and Evaluation (3)
IL 692	Problems in Instructional Leadership II and Internship (3)
EFD 645	Contemporary Challenges in Multicultural Education (3)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3)

(Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### 30-33\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Education Specialist professional leadership certification in Instructional Leadership (P-12).**

## ALABAMA (CLASS AA) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Background check. Any candidate applying for admission to a state-approved teacher education program or the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent System at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
Note: Admission decisions to Clinical Mental Health Counseling are not necessarily totally determined by the background check results; conversation will ensue regarding appropriate field placements and career options.
5. Professional resume.
6. Statement of Goals: Summary (typed, one page, double-spaced) of the applicant's reasons for pursuing the program.
7. Letter of Expectations: Summary (typed, one-page, double-spaced) of what the applicant expects is required for this master's program.
8. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
9. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
10. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

An overall GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale is required on all coursework attempted at the master's level. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**

*The Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at Jacksonville State University is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).*

**Basic Requirements (9 semester hours):**

ECG 501	Assessment in Counseling (3)
EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EPY 525	Lifespan Development (3)

**Core Requirements (30 semester hours):**

ECG 506	Professional Counseling Orientation and Technology (3) (Required first semester of enrollment.)
ECG 523	Social and Diversity Issues in Counseling (3)
ECG 525	Pre-practicum: Skills and Techniques in Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: ECG 506 and ECG 553)
ECG 526	Professional Ethics and Legal Issues (3)
ECG 553	Theory and Process (3)
ECG 556	Career Development (3)
ECG 585	Practicum: Applied Skills and Techniques in Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: ECG 506, 525, 553, 591, and passing score on Midpoint Exam)
ECG 591	Group Procedures in Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: ECG 506 and 553)
ECG 595	Clinical Experience I in Mental Health Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and ECG 585)
ECG 596	Clinical Experience II in Mental Health Counseling (3) (Prerequisite: Permission of instructor and ECG 585)

**Clinical Mental Health Counseling Concentration Courses (21 semester hours):**

ECG 530	Couple, Marriage and Family Counseling (3)
ECG 540	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of DSM Disorders (3)
ECG 558	Counseling Children/Adolescents (3)
ECG 560	Substance and Behavioral Addictions in Counseling (3)
ECG 565	Psychopharmacology (3)
ECG 588	Crisis Counseling Intervention Strategies (3)
ECG 589	Psychological First Aid and Disaster Counseling (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**60 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MS WITH A MAJOR IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**OVERVIEW OF TWO OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL COUNSELING MAJORS**

Students applying to the School Counseling program have two options for application and degree completion:

1. **Traditional Certification Option** (for applicants who already hold a professional educator certificate in some area of education)
2. **CACREP Option** (for applicants who do NOT already hold a professional educator certificate)

BOTH options lead to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in School Counseling (P-12).

	Traditional Certification	CACREP
<b>Admission Requirements</b>		
Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or the equivalent from an international institution	Required	Required
Valid Bachelor's- or Master's-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field or another area of instructional support	Required	Not Required
Two years of full-time acceptable P-12 professional educational work experience prior to unconditional admission to program	Required	Not Required
Clear background check	Required	Required
<b>Program Completion Requirements</b>		
Completion of all program coursework with a minimum 3.25 GPA	Required	Required
Passing score on the basic skills assessment of the Alabama Education Certification Assessment Program (AECAP)	Required	Required
Passing score on the Praxis II test #5421 (must be completed prior to ECG 593, Internship in School Counseling)	Required	Required
Satisfactory completion of oral and written examinations	Required	Required
<b>Additional Certification Requirements<sup>1</sup></b>		
Passing score on the National Counseling Exam (NCE) (must be completed prior to enrollment in ECG 594, Internship in School Counseling)	Not Required	Required

<sup>1</sup>Individuals seeking certification in states other than Alabama are responsible for contacting those state certification offices regarding school counseling certification requirements.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
5. Professional resume.
6. Statement of Goals: Summary (typed, one page, double-spaced) of the applicant's reasons for pursuing the program.
7. Letter of Expectations: Summary (typed, one-page, double-spaced) of what the applicant expects is required for this master's program.
8. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
9. **Traditional Certification Option Only:** Applicants must have completed a minimum of two full years of full-time, acceptable P-12 professional educational work experience prior to unconditional admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
10. **Traditional Certification Option Only:** Valid Bachelor's- or Master's-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field or another area of instructional support. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
11. **Traditional Certification Option Only:** Copy of applicant's most recent performance appraisal.
12. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
13. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the counselor education program.



**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MS WITH A MAJOR IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MS WITH A MAJOR IN  
SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Successful completion of the Praxis II exam is required prior to taking Internship.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: COUNSELOR EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: SCHOOL COUNSELING (P-12)**

*The School Counseling program at Jacksonville State University is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).*

**Basic Requirements (9-12 semester hours):**

ECG 501	Assessment in Counseling (3)
EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EPY 525	Lifespan Development (3)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) (Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Counseling Core Courses (27 semester hours):**

ECG 506	Professional Counseling Orientation and Technology (3) (Required first semester of enrollment.)
ECG 525	Pre-practicum: Skills and Techniques in Counseling (3)
ECG 526	Professional Ethics and Legal Issues (3)
ECG 553	Theory and Process (3)
ECG 556	Career Development (3)
ECG 585	Practicum: Applied Skills and Techniques in Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: ECG 506, 525, 553, and 591)
ECG 591	Group Procedures in Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: ECG 506 and 553)
ECG 593	Internship in School Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and ECG 585)
ECG 594	Internship in School Counseling (3) (Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and ECG 585)

**School Counseling Concentration Courses (9 semester hours):**

ECG 523	Social and Diversity Issues in Counseling (3)
ECG 527	Organization and Administration of Counseling Services (3)
ECG 558	Counseling Children/Adolescents (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**45-48\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in School Counseling (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Early Childhood Education P-3. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

**Core Requirements (15 semester hours):**

EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EED 550	Diversity in Today's Classroom (3)
RDG 546	Multicultural Literature (3)
EED 554	Integrating STEM and STEAM into Practice (3)
EED 509	Advanced 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (15 semester hours):**

ECE 513	Individualization of Education for Young Children (3)
ECD 540	Diversity in Today's Classroom (3)
RDG 538	Teaching Reading in ECE (3)
ECE 545	Literacy Intervention in the Early Childhood Classrooms (3)
ECE 530	Practicum for Young Children (3)

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPE 532 - Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)</li> <li>• RDG 530 - Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)</li> <li>• EED 548 - Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)</li> </ul>
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**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**33\* GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Early Childhood Education (P-3).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation.

During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:

<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>

2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-3)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-3)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-3)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any teaching field. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-3)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-3)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II exam(s) is required before Practicum, ECE 512.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (P-3)**

**Core Requirements (15 semester hours):**

EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EED 550	Diversity in Today's Classroom (3)
SPE 509	Data Analysis (3)
SPE 520	Technology for Special Education (3)
SPE 570	Action Research in SPE (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (21 semester hours):**

ECE 545	Literacy Intervention in the Early Childhood Classroom (3)
ECE 540	Intervention in the ECE classroom (3)
RDG 538	Teaching Reading in ECE (3)
ECE 513	Individualization of Education for Young Children (3)
SPE 526	Methods in Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
SPE 533	Applied Behavior Analysis in SPE (3)
ECE 512	Practicum in Early Childhood Special Education (3)

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPE 532 - Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)</li> <li>• RDG 530 - Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)</li> <li>• EED 548 - Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)</li> </ul>
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**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**39 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Early Childhood Special Education (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Elementary Education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION MAJOR: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)

### Core Requirements (12 semester hours):

EED 522	Classroom Assessment for Learning (3)
EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EED 550	Diversity in Today's Classroom (3)
EED 509	Advanced 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching (3)

### Teaching Field Requirements (18 semester hours):

EED 543	Social Studies and Today's Learner (3)
EED 554	Integrating STEM and STEAM in to Practice (3)
RDG 542	Strategic Reading Across the Curriculum (3)
RDG 545	Teaching Language Arts (3)
RDG 546	Multicultural Literature (3)
EED 549	Teachers as Leaders in the Elementary Class Practicum (3) (To be taken at end of program during fall or spring semester.)

### Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPE 532 - Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)</li> <li>• RDG 530 - Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)</li> <li>• EED 548 - Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)</li> </ul>
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**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### 33\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Elementary Education (K-6).**

## ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

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1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission.
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Alabama Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field or a valid Alabama Master's-level professional educator certificate in a teaching field or instructional support area. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.  
Note: Applicants must have a valid Alabama Master's-level professional educator certificate for the Reduced Credit Hour Option.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Must have a minimum of three full years (or six full semesters) of full-time, acceptable professional experience in a P-12 setting, which must include at least one full year of full-time P-12 classroom teaching experience prior to unconditional admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
7. Professional resume.
8. Statement of Goals: Summary (typed, one page, double-spaced) of the applicant's reasons for pursuing the program.
9. Letter of Expectations: Summary (typed, one-page, double-spaced) of what the applicant expects is required for this program.
10. Copy of applicant's most recent performance.



11. Three Graduate Reference Forms. One of the references must be from the applicant's principal or superintendent. The other two references must be from individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of an applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. For the Reduced 18-hour Certificate in Instructional Leadership, references MUST be from a principal AND a superintendent. The other reference must be from an individual who can provide qualitative assessment of an applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework.
12. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
13. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.
14. Through the professional resume, graduate reference forms, performance appraisals, writing sample, and/or interview portfolio, applicants must present a.) evidence of ability to improve student achievement and b.) evidence of leadership and management potential, including evidence of most recent accomplishments in the area of educational leadership.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Individuals must be unconditionally admitted to the (Class A) Instructional Leadership program before enrolling in any instructional leadership courses in the program.

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II examination is required before taking Internship.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION MAJOR: INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP (P-12)

### Core Requirements (36-39 semester hours):

IL 504	Graduate Education and Technology (3) (Required first semester of enrollment)
EFD 502	Curriculum Development (3)
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)
EIM 503	Computer-Based Instructional Technologies (3) (Note: Students may substitute EIM 504 or EIM 505 if they have met the prerequisites.)
IL 510	Action Research (3)
IL 553	Leading for Learning (3)
IL 555	Management of the Learning Organization I (3)
IL 556	Management of the Learning Organization II (3)
IL 562	Leading Change for Student Learning (3)
IL 564	Law and Ethics (3)
IL 566	Internship in Instructional Leadership (3).
IL 576	Internship in Instructional Leadership and Residency (3).
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) (Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### 36-39\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

### REDUCED CREDIT HOUR OPTION FOR CERTIFICATION IN INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP AT THE MASTER'S DEGREE LEVEL

Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)
IL 510	Research in Instructional Leadership (3)
IL 555	Management of the Learning Organization I (3)
IL 564	Law and Ethics (3)
IL 566	Internship in Instructional Leadership (3)
IL 576	Internship in Instructional Leadership and Residency (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to complete: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Instructional Leadership (P-12).**

## ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

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<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

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1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any area of education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Applicants must have completed two years of full-time acceptable P-12 professional educational work experience prior to unconditional admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
7. Professional resume.
8. Statement of Goals: Summary (typed, one page, double-spaced) of the applicant's reasons for pursuing the program.
9. Letter of Expectations: Summary (typed, one-page, double-spaced) of what the applicant expects is required for this programs.
10. Copy of applicant's most recent performance appraisal.
11. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for

submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

12. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
13. Applicants whose packages are complete will be contacted to schedule an appointment for a writing sample and an interview with faculty members of the program.
14. Through the professional resume, statement of goals, letter of expectations, performance appraisal, graduate reference forms, writing sample, and/or interview portfolio, applicants must present evidence of ability to improve student achievement.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE WITH A MAJOR IN LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE WITH A MAJOR IN LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II examination is required prior to Internship.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: LIBRARY MEDIA (P-12)**

**Prerequisite Courses (0-4 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) (*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate, graduate level must take SPE 500.)

**Foundational Courses (9 semester hours):**

EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EFD 552	Diversity in Education (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)***

**Library Media Courses (27 semester hours):**

EIM 504	Learning through Interactive Technologies (3)
EIM 505	Curriculum Integration of Technology (3)
EIM 551	Technology in School Environments (3)
LM 512	Children and Young Adult Literature (3)
LM 513	Management of Media Centers (3)
LM 530	Librarian as Instructional Partner (3)
LM 531	Trends, Issues, Innovation and Leadership in Libraries & Schools (3)
LM 532	Collection Management, Cataloging & Reference (3)
LM 515	Internship in Media Services (3)

\*\*\**Prospective media specialists who already have experience as a classroom teacher can choose to substitute an appropriate elective (as per advisement by LM staff) for EFD 560 if desired. Electives could include classes such as EIM 503, EIM 515, EED 509, ESE 505 or SPE 520.*

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**36-40\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Library Media (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months years of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: P-12 TEACHER EDUCATION**

The Kinesiology Department also offers the Master of Science in Education degree with two non-professional educator certification tracks: Human Performance and Nutrition. The Human Performance and Nutrition concentrations can be found in the Kinesiology section of this catalog.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
P-12 TEACHER EDUCATION**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
P-12 TEACHER EDUCATION**

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1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Physical Education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.



**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
P-12 TEACHER EDUCATION**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN  
P-12 TEACHER EDUCATION**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: P-12 TEACHER EDUCATION**

**Core Requirements (12 semester hours):**

HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 553	Applied Exercise Physiology I (3)
HPE 578	Research in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)

**P-12 Teacher Education Concentration (18-21 semester hours):**

HPE 500	Foundations of Health and Physical Education (3)
	OR

HPE 502	Sociology of Sport (3)
HPE 510	Physical Education Curriculum (3)
HPE 515	Assessment in Health and Physical Education (3)
HPE 520	Best Practices in PE (3)
HPE 554	Applied Exercise Physiology II (3)
	OR

HPE 583	Perceptual Motor Development (3)
HPE 590	Directed Study in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3)

\*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500. Students who previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate level must take a state-approved diversity course by advisement. However, HPE 537 will meet the requirement.

Note: HPE course descriptions may be found in the Kinesiology section of this catalog.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30-33\* GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Physical Education (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: READING SPECIALIST (P-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
READING SPECIALIST (P-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
READING SPECIALIST (P-12)**

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3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or Collaborative Special Education Teacher (K-6). OR  
Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any area of education and a passing score on the Praxis II Teaching Reading test validated for use in Alabama.  
ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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6. Applicants must have completed two full years of full-time classroom teaching experience prior to unconditional admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.
7. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
READING SPECIALIST (P-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
READING SPECIALIST (P-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Successful completion of the appropriate Reading Specialist Praxis II examination is required prior to Internship.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION MAJOR: READING SPECIALIST (P-12)

### Core Requirements (12 semester hours):

EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EED 509	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning (3)
EED 550	Diversity in Today's Classroom (3)
RDG 546	Multicultural Literature (3)

### Teaching Field Requirements (24 semester hours):

RDG 538	Teaching Reading in ECE (3)
RDG 542	Strategic Reading Across the Curriculum (3)
RDG 545	Teaching Language Arts (3)
RDG 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
RDG 572	Assessment and Diagnosis in Reading (3)
RDG 573	Intervention Strategies for Reading Instruction (3)
RDG 574	Practicum for Teachers of Reading (3)
RDG 575	Internship in Organization and Supervision of Reading Programs (3)

### Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose <b>ONE</b> of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPE 532 - Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)</li> <li>• RDG 530 - Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)</li> <li>• EED 548 - Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)</li> </ul>
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**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### 39\* GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Reading Specialist (P-12).**

## ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months years of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

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3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Biology. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 573	Critical Inquiry in Biology and General Science (3)
EAD 564	Law and Politics of Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in biology. At least six of the 12 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Biology (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students' programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors.

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process.

The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:

<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>

2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Business Marketing Education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
CTE 500	The History and Philosophies of CTE (3)
CTE 560	Advanced Methods of Teaching CTE (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours from courses in the School of Business and/or Career & Technical Education (CTE). All 12 teaching field hours for this degree shall be 500-level or above.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement: EFD 552      Diversity Issues in Education (3)
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A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Business Marketing Education (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students' programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors.

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in English Language Arts. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 572	Critical Inquiry in English Language Arts (3)
EAD 564	Law and Politics of Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in English Language Arts to include at least one course from two of the following areas: speech, drama, or communication. At least six of the 12 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in English Language Arts (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students' programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors.

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation.

During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:

<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>

2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES  
(6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Family and Consumer Sciences. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSE IN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
CTE 560	Advanced Methods for Career and Technical Education (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) and/or Career & Technical education (CTE). All 12 teaching field hours for this degree shall be 500-level or above.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement: EFD 552      Diversity Issues in Education (3)
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A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification Family and Consumer Science (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in General Science. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 573	Critical Inquiry in Biology and General Science (3)
EAD 564	Law and Politics of Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in general science to include at least one course from two of the following areas: biology, marine biology, chemistry, earth and space science, or physics. For earth and space science courses, see course descriptions in the geography section of this catalog. At least six of the 12 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in General Science (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Social Studies. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 571	Critical Inquiry in History and Social Science (3)
EAD 564	Law and Politics of Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in social science to include at least one course from two of the following areas: economics, geography, history, political science, or psychology. At least six of the 12 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement.
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification Social Studies (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation.

During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:

<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>

2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: HISTORY (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in History or Social Studies. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process. If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: HISTORY (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 571	Critical Inquiry in History and Social Science (3)
EAD 564	Law and Politics of Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in history. At least six of the 12 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose the following course to satisfy the diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in History (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students' programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors.

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Students who hold a current certificate in Social Studies must pass the appropriate Praxis II exam for World and US History prior to certification application for the Class A certificate in History.

2. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
3. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
4. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Mathematics. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
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6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

With departmental approval, applicants may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework while completing general application procedure requirements.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (19 semester hours):**

ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 570	Critical Inquiry in Mathematics (3)
EAD 564	Law and Politics of Education (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in mathematics. At least 6 of the 12 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement.
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**34 GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Mathematics (6-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher

Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:

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2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after months requires completion of a current program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any teaching field. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.



**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (15 semester hours):**

EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EED 550	Diversity in Today's Classroom (3)
SPE 520	Technology for SPE (3)
SPE 509	Data Analysis (K-12) (3)
SPE 570	Action Research in SPE (3)

**Teaching Field Requirements (18-21 semester hours):**

SPE 525	Collaborative Math Strategies (K-12) (3)
RDG 530	Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)
SPE 527	Methods and Materials, Severe Disabilities (K-12) (3)
SPE 528	Methods and Materials, Mild Disabilities (K-12) (3)
SPE 533	Applied Behavior Analysis in SPE (3)

**Practicum if Required (3-6 semester hours)**

The practicum is required if candidate is seeking initial certification in a special education field K-6 and/or 6-12. Placement will correspond to the areas of initial certification sought through this degree:

SPE 566	Practicum in Collaborative Education K-6
SPE 567	Practicum in Collaborative Education 6-12

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement:
• SPE 532	Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)
• EED 548	Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)

**Candidates holding Class B Certification in any teaching field other than Special Education Collaborative Teacher or any area of special education except gifted-talented must take two additional courses in Special Education Collaborative Foundations *prior to any other courses in the program* (6 semester hours):**

SPE 524	Methods and Strategies for Learning and Behavior (3)
SPE 554	Legal, Medical and Ethical Aspects of SPE (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**33-45\* GRADUATE SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS DEGREE**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Special Education Collaborative Teacher (K-6) (6-12).**

## ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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1. Students who hold a current certificate in a field other than Special Education Collaborative Teacher must pass the appropriate Praxis II exam prior to certification application for the Class A certificate in Special Education Collaborative Teacher.
2. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
3. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
4. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE MAJOR: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

The Instructional Technology program will equip individuals with the knowledge and skills necessary to guide educational practitioners in the use of emerging technologies to improve teaching and learning. Program participants will develop knowledge and skills in foundations of instructional design, software applications, e-learning modules and course development, and assessment and evaluation techniques. This program is not a professional educator certification program; it is a non-certification program.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### **APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

All of the following documents must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. If currently an educator, a copy of the candidate's Professional Educator Certificate.
6. A professional curriculum vita or resume.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

A comprehensive examination is required of all candidates for the master's degree. In preparation for the comprehensive examination, candidates should contact their academic advisor.

### MASTER OF SCIENCE MAJOR: INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

#### Prerequisite Requirements (0-1 semester hours):

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| *ED 500 | Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1)   |
|         | *Students who did not take ED 500 (discipline specific section) as a master's student at JSU are required to take the course in the first semester of enrollment. |

#### Foundation Requirements (6 semester hours):

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| EFD 500 | Research in Education (3)         |
| EFD 552 | Diversity Issues in Education (3) |

#### Instructional Technology Requirements (18 semester hours):

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| EIM 503 | Technology Enhanced Teaching and Learning (3) |
| EIM 504 | Learning through Interactive Technologies (3) |
| EIM 505 | Digital Literacy in the Classroom (3)         |
| EIM 517 | Designing Virtual Learning Spaces (3)         |
| EIM 551 | Technology in School Environments (3)         |
| EIM 555 | Instructional Design (3)                      |

#### Elective Requirements (Select two courses by advisement - 6 semester hours):

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| EFD 502   | Curriculum Development (3)   |
| EFD 560   | Psychological Principles of Learning (3)   |
| ESE 505   | Educational Methods, Assessments, and Technology in Secondary Schools (3)  |
| EED 509   | 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning (3)   |
| EED 532   | Issues and Trends in Elementary Education (3)  |
| **SPE 500 | Survey Course in Special Education (3)   |
|           | **Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate, graduate, or PLU level, as documented on an official transcript, must take SPE 500. |
| SPE 509   | Data Analysis, K-12 (3)  |
| SPE 520   | Technology for Special Education (3)   |
|           | Other elective(s) as deemed suitable by student's advisor  |

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30-31\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: SPORT MANAGEMENT  
Professional Educator Certification**

The chief objective of the Master of Science (MS) with a major in Sport Management is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to meet the demands of the job market in the sport industry. Students may enroll in the professional educator certification concentration (offered through the School of Education) or the non-professional educator certification concentration (offered through the Department of Kinesiology).

**Students interested in the non-professional educator certification Sport Management program should see the Kinesiology section of this catalog.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
MS IN SPORT MANAGEMENT  
Professional Educator Certification**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MS IN SPORT MANAGEMENT  
Professional Educator Certification**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in any area of education. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
5. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
6. Applicants must have completed a minimum of two full years of full-time teaching experience in a P-12 setting prior to admission to the program and will document their educational experience on the state-approved Supplemental EXP Form. Applicants should contact their superintendent's office/central office for completion of this form or online at <http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Misc%20Docs/SUPPLEMENT%20EXP.pdf#search=Supplement%20EXP>.

7. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
8. A professional curriculum vita or resume.
9. A letter of application explaining the applicant's interest in the field of sport management and delineating the applicant's career goals.
10. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

**ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MS IN SPORT MANAGEMENT  
Professional Educator Certification**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis by the faculty members of the program, upon review of the completed application package.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MS IN SPORT MANAGEMENT  
Professional Educator Certification**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

A comprehensive examination is required of all candidates for the master's degree. In preparation for the comprehensive examination, candidates should contact their academic advisor.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: SPORT MANAGEMENT  
Professional Educator Certification**

**Core Requirements (33 semester hours):**

HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 563	Sport Finance (3)
HPE 564	Human Resources Management in Sport (3)
HPE 566	Public and Media Relations in Sport (3)
HPE 567	Sport Facility Administration and Design (3)
HPE 568	Administration of Athletics (3)
HPE 576	Sport Marketing (3)
HPE 586	Sport Promotion and Event Planning (3)
HPE 591	Internship in Sport Management (3)
*SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3)

\*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.

Note: HPE course descriptions may be found in the Kinesiology section of this catalog.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30-33 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Sport Management.**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the



Teacher Education Services website:

<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>

2. Students certified in states other than Alabama who wish to apply for master's level certification in Alabama upon completion of the master's degree must apply for Alabama certification on the undergraduate level prior to applying for the master's level certification. Students must be eligible for undergraduate certification in the teaching field(s) in which master's level certification is sought. Earning a master's degree at JSU does not automatically entitle a student to an Alabama certificate without first holding the appropriate undergraduate certificate.
3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after months requires completion of a current program.

## MASTER OF ARTS MAJOR: MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL P-12

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1. General Music (found in the Music section of the catalog)
  - a. Instrumental
  - b. Vocal-Choral
2. Music Education (found here in the Education section of the catalog and leads to professional educator certification)
  - a. Instrumental
  - b. Vocal-Choral

The graduate programs in music are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL P-12

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL P-12

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official test scores on the General Test of the GRE or the MAT.
5. Valid Bachelor's-level professional educator certificate in Music/Instrumental. ALL certificate(s) must be valid throughout the program and at graduation.
6. Background check\*. Any candidate applying for admission to a state approved teacher education program shall be required to be fingerprinted for a criminal history background check through the Alabama State Department of Education to the Alabama Bureau of Investigation (ABI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Applicants should contact Cogent Systems at [www.cogentid.com/alabama](http://www.cogentid.com/alabama) for directions in completing this process.  
\*If the candidate holds a valid Alabama professional educator certificate and has already completed a background check through that process, another background check will not be required.
7. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL P-12

In addition to meeting general admission requirements of graduate studies, applicants must take the graduate music diagnostic exam given by the Music Department. The examination requires students to demonstrate competence in the theory of music, knowledge of the history and literature of music, and an applied music audition.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables

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### Unconditional Admission

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 2100 points;  
OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 80 points.

### Conditional Admission

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first twelve graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL P-12

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

Students will be required to complete a comprehensive examination.

**MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC  
CONCENTRATION: MUSIC EDUCATION/INSTRUMENTAL (P-12)**

**Required Music Courses (16 semester hours):**

- MU 511      Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)  
 MU 512      Seminar in Instrumental Music (3)

**Select one from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 513      Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)  
 MU 514      Music Literature: Classic Era (3)  
 MU 515      Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)  
 MU 508      Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)

**Select one from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 520      Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)  
 MU 521      Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

**Select from among the following (4 semester hours):**

- MU 519      Advanced Conducting (3)  
 MU 534      Individual Applied Music (2)  
 MU 535      Individual Applied Music (2)  
 MU 580      Graduate Ensemble (1) (1)

**Required Music and Education Courses (13-16 semester hours):**

- ED 500      Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1)  
 (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)  
 ESE 561      Foundations of Secondary Education (3)  
 ESE 567      Literacy Theory and Practice (3)  
 \*SPE 500      Survey Course in Special Education (3)  
 (\*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education  
 requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take  
 SPE 500.)

OR

- EFD 552      Diversity Issues in Education (3)  
 MU 545      Measurement and Evaluation in Music (3)

**Approved Music Electives by Advisement (0-3 semester hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**32 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Music/Instrumental (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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  - b. Vocal-Choral
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### APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/VOCAL-CHORAL P-12

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### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/VOCAL-CHORAL P-12

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**MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC  
CONCENTRATION: MUSIC EDUCATION/VOCAL-CHORAL (P-12)**

**Required Music Courses (16 semester hours):**

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**Required Education and Music Courses (13-16 semester hours):**

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 (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)  
 ESE 561 Foundations of Secondary Education (3)  
 ESE 567 Literacy Theory and Practice (3)  
 \*SPE 500 Survey Course in Special Education (3)  
 (\*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.)

OR

- EFD 552 Diversity Issues in Education (3)  
 MU 545 Measurement and Evaluation in Music (3)

**Approved Music Electives by Advisement (0-3 semester hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**32 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Music/Vocal-Choral (P-12).**

**ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR  
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

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3. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

The School of Education offers Alternative Class A Programs for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master's degree and recommendation for Master's-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)  
Applicants must hold a 2.75 GPA on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master's degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting regionally accredited institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency: Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Consultants of Delaware; International Education Evaluations, Inc.; International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.; or World Education Services. Please see the ALSDE website for full details: [www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorld Education Services](http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorldEducationServices).
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
7. Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation. Once transcripts have been received, applicants must contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574 for an

individual evaluation concerning undergraduate course deficiencies and teacher education program eligibility requirements prior to registration for coursework.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Students must achieve the prescribed score on each of the three components of the Alabama Basic Skills Assessments of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam to be unconditionally admitted to the teacher education program.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

Internship (formerly known as "student teaching") eligibility requirements:

1. Internships are offered fall and spring semester and must be taken the last semester before graduation. Students must formally apply for their internships one semester beforehand.  
Internship application forms are available online through the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/ce/internship.html>.
2. Interns will be required to attend seminars held on campus at JSU.
3. The student must possess a graduate 3.25 GPA on all coursework used to meet the requirements on the approved ALSDE checklist.
4. The intern shall not be enrolled in other courses or have other obligations during the normal operating hours of the schools where the internship is being completed.
5. The student will be required to take and pass the appropriate Praxis II examination(s) prior to all Alternative Class A internships. For additional information, contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574.
6. During the internship, the student must take and pass edTPA.
7. Alternative Class A students planning to complete the internship while employed as a teacher of record must supply proof of employment and appropriate certification to the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall, prior to internship.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (P-3)**

**Core Requirements (30 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ED 510	Academic Research for the Teacher (3)
EED 530	Methods for Language and Literacy (3)
EED 550	Diversity in the Modern Classroom (3)
RDG 520	Foundations of Teaching Reading (3)
RDG 521	Practicum in Teaching Reading (3)
ECE 533	Enhancing Learning Through Children's Literature (3)
RDG 547	Reading Diagnosis (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3)

(Must be taken concurrently with ED 595)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirements (27 semester hours):**

ECE 500	Materials and Methods (3)
ECE 501	Behavior and Development in Early Childhood (3)
ECE 507	Assessment for Children (3)
EED 509	Advanced 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning (3)
EED 511	Mathematics for Children (3)
EED 512	Science for Children (3)
EED 513	Curriculum and Teaching in Social Studies (3)
ECE 530	Practicum for Young Children (3)
EED 514	Practicum in Content (3)

**Diversity Requirements (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement:
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- SPE 532 Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)
- RDG 530 Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)
- EED 548 Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)

**60 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**\*Undergraduate Requirements: 0-48** hours of undergraduate coursework to include the following:

- 12 hours of Laboratory Science
- 12 hours of English/Language Arts
- 12 hours of Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 hours of Math

**\*Or pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.**

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### **60-108 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Early Childhood Education (P-3).**

## **ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

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ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (K-6)**

**Core Requirements (30 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ED 510	Academic Research for the Teacher (3)
SPE 520	Assistive Technology (3)
EED 550	Diversity in the Modern Classroom (3)
RDG 520	Foundations of Teaching Reading (3)
RDG 521	Practicum in Teaching Reading (3)
EED 533	Enhancing Learning Through Children's Literature (3)
RDG 547	Reading Diagnosis (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3)

(Must be taken concurrently with ED 595)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirements (24 semester hours):**

RDG 546	Multicultural Literature (3)
ECE 507	Assessment for Children (3)
EED 509	Advanced 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Teaching and Learning (3)
EED 511	Mathematics for Children (3)
EED 512	Science for Children (3)
EED 513	Curriculum and Teaching in Social Studies (3)
EED 514	Practicum in Content (3)
EED 530	Methods for Language and Literacy (3)

**Diversity Requirements (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPE 532 Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)</li> <li>• RDG 530 Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)</li> <li>• EED 548 Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)</li> </ul>

**57 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**\*Undergraduate Requirements: 0-48** hours of undergraduate coursework to include the following:

- 12 hours of Laboratory Science
- 12 hours of English/Language Arts
- 12 hours of Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 hours of Math

**\*Or pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.**



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### **57-105 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Elementary Education (K-6).**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
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MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P-12)**

**Required Courses (42 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
HPE 500	Foundations of Health and Physical Education (3)
HPE 510	Physical Education Curriculum (3)
HPE 512	Physical Education Methods I (3)
HPE 513	Physical Education Methods II (3)
HPE 515	Assessment in Health and Physical Education (3)
HPE 520	Best Practices in PE (3)
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 553	Applied Exercise Physiology I (3)
HPE 578	Research in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 590	Directed Study in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

**\*\*SPE 500**

Survey Course in Special Education (3)

**\*\*Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500. Students who previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take a state-approved diversity course by advisement.**

**42 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**\*Undergraduate Requirements** - 12 semester hours of undergraduate coursework in health and physical education to include the following:

BY 263	Human Anatomy and Physiology (4)
HPE 232	Sport Safety First Aid Training (2)
HPE 362	Kinesiology (3)
HPE 400	Exercise Physiology (3)

**\*Or pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.**

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**42-54 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: BIOLOGY (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (32 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 505	Education Methods, Assessment and Technology in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 510	Secondary Practicum One and Tutoring Lab (2)
ESE 523	Teaching General Science (3)
ESE 534	Secondary Practicum Two (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 573	Critical Inquiry in Biology and General Science (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3)

(Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

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**Teaching Field Requirement (15 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 15 graduate semester hours in biology or marine biology. At least half of the 15 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level. A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field coursework to the required 3.00.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**50 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Students must have earned an undergraduate degree in biology OR complete 32 semester hours of undergraduate coursework in biology with a minimum of 19 semester hours at the 300-400 levels OR pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.

Students must have the approval of their advisors in the School of Education BEFORE registering for undergraduate coursework required to meet the undergraduate requirements/deficiencies specified for the degree.

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**50-82 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Biology (6-12).**

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5. The student will be required to take and pass the appropriate Praxis II examination(s) prior to all Alternative Class A internships. For additional information, contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574.
6. During the internship, the student must take and pass edTPA.
7. Alternative Class A students planning to complete the internship while employed as a teacher of record must supply proof of employment and appropriate certification to the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall, prior to internship.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
 MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
 TEACHING FIELD: BUSINESS MARKETING EDUCATION (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (42 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 505	Education Methods, Assessment, and Technology (3)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
CTE 500	The History and Philosophy of Career Technical Education (3)
CTE 506	Practicum in Career and Technical Education (3)
CTE 516	Methods of Teaching for Career and Technical Education (3)
CTE 544	Assessment of Learning for Career and Technical Education (3)
CTE 550	Basic Competencies for Career and Technical Education (3)
CTE 560	Advanced Methods of Teaching Career Technical Education (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3) *Equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

**Teaching Field Requirement (12 semester hours)**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in the School of Business and/or Career & Technical Education (CTE). All 12 teaching field hours for this degree shall be 500-level or above.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement: EFD 552 Diversity Issues in Education (3)
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A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field to the required 3.25.

**57 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Undergraduate deficiency courses other than those listed below may be required. Consult your advisor.**

Students must have earned an undergraduate degree in Business, Business Administration, Marketing, Management, Accounting, Finance, or Economics OR complete 32 semester hours of approved undergraduate coursework in business marketing courses with a minimum of 19 semester hours at the 300-400 level OR earn a passing score on the Praxis II Business Education exam.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **57-89 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Business Marketing Education (6-12).**

## **ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

The School of Education offers Alternative Class A Programs for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master's degree and recommendation for Master's-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)  
Applicants must hold a 2.75 GPA on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master's degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting regionally accredited institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency: Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Consultants of Delaware; International Education Evaluations, Inc.; International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.; or World Education Services. Please see the ALSDE website for full details: [www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorld Education Services](http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorldEducationServices).
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.



6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
7. Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation. Once transcripts have been received, applicants must contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574 for an individual evaluation concerning undergraduate course deficiencies and teacher education program eligibility requirements prior to registration for coursework.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Students must achieve the prescribed score on each of the three components of the Alabama Basic Skills Assessments of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam to be unconditionally admitted to the teacher education program.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

Internship (formerly known as "student teaching") eligibility requirements:

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2. Interns will be required to attend seminars held on campus at JSU.
3. The student must possess a graduate 3.25 GPA on all coursework used to meet the requirements on the approved ALSDE checklist.
4. The intern shall not be enrolled in other courses or have other obligations during the normal operating hours of the schools where the internship is being completed.

5. The student will be required to take and pass the appropriate Praxis II examination(s) prior to all Alternative Class A internships. For additional information, contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574.
6. During the internship, the student must take and pass edTPA.
7. Alternative Class A students planning to complete the internship while employed as a teacher of record must supply proof of employment and appropriate certification to the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall, prior to internship.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
 MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
 TEACHING FIELD: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (32 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 505	Education Methods, Assessment, and Technology in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 510	Secondary Practicum One and Tutoring Lab (2)
ESE 522	Methods of Teaching English Language Arts (3)
ESE 534	Secondary Practicum Two (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 572	Critical Inquiry in English Language Arts (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirement (15 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 15 graduate semester hours from the English Language Arts area to include at least one course from two of the following areas: English, speech, drama and communication. At least half of the 15 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level. A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field coursework to the required 3.00.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**50 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Students must have earned an undergraduate degree in ONE of the following areas: English, drama, speech or communications OR complete 32 semester hours of undergraduate coursework with a minimum of 19 hours at the 300-400 levels with any combination of courses from areas covered by the certification OR pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.

For the degree in the composite field of English Language Arts, additional undergraduate coursework must be taken to remove undergraduate course deficiencies in related teaching fields. Deficiencies are determined with a formal evaluation of the students' transcripts.

Students must have the approval of their advisors in the School of Education BEFORE registering for undergraduate coursework required to satisfy the undergraduate requirements/deficiencies specified for the composite degree.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **50-82 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in English Language Arts (6-12).**

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2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Students must achieve the prescribed score on each of the three components of the Alabama Basic Skills Assessments of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam to be unconditionally admitted to the teacher education program.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
 MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
 TEACHING FIELD: FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (36 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 502	Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 505	Education Methods, Assessment and Technology in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
CTE 506	Practicum in Career Technical Education (3)
CTE 516	Methods of Teaching for Career and Technical Education (3)
CTE 544	Assessment of Learning for Career and Technical Education (3)
CTE 550	Basic Competencies for Career and Technical Education (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirements (12 semester hours)**

By faculty advisement, select 12 graduate semester hours in Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) and/or Career & Technical Education (CTE). All 12 teaching field hours for this degree shall be 500-level or above.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement: EFD 552 Diversity Issues in Education (3)
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A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.25 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field to the required 3.25.

**51 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Undergraduate deficiency courses other than those listed below may be required. Consult your advisor.**

Students must have earned an undergraduate degree in family and consumer sciences OR complete 32 semester hours of approved undergraduate coursework in family and consumer sciences with a minimum of 19 semester hours at the 300-400 levels to include the approved courses listed below OR earn passing scores on the appropriate Praxis II Family and Sciences exam.



**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **51-83 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Family and Consumer Sciences (6-12).**

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

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GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

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GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SCIENCE (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (32 semester hours):**

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ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
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ESE 523	Teaching General Science (3)
ESE 534	Secondary Practicum Two (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)
ESE 573	Critical Inquiry in Biology and General Science (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirement (15 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 15 graduate semester hours from the general science area to include at least one course from two of the following areas: biology, chemistry, Earth and space science, and physics. For Earth and space science courses, see course descriptions in the geography section of this catalog. At least half of the 15 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level. A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field coursework to the required 3.00.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**50 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Students must have an undergraduate degree in biology, chemistry, physics, or Earth and space science OR complete 32 semester hours of undergraduate coursework with a minimum of 19 semester hours at the 300-400 levels with any combination of courses from areas covered by the certification OR pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.

For the degree in the composite field of general science, additional undergraduate coursework must be taken to remove undergraduate course deficiencies in related teaching fields. Deficiencies are determined with a formal evaluation of the students' transcripts.

Students must have the approval of their advisors in professional studies BEFORE registering for undergraduate coursework required to meet the undergraduate requirements/deficiencies specified for the composite degree.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **50-82 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in General Science (6-12).**

## **ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website: <http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

The School of Education offers Alternative Class A Programs for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master's degree and recommendation for Master's-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

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2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)  
Applicants must hold a 2.75 GPA on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master's degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting regionally accredited institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency: Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Consultants of Delaware; International Education Evaluations, Inc.; International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.; or World Education Services. Please see the ALSDE website for full details: [www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorldEducationServices](http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorldEducationServices).
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.



- Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation. Once transcripts have been received, applicants must contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574 for an individual evaluation concerning undergraduate course deficiencies and teacher education program eligibility requirements prior to registration for coursework.

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Students must achieve the prescribed score on each of the three components of the Alabama Basic Skills Assessments of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam to be unconditionally admitted to the teacher education program.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

Internship (formerly known as "student teaching") eligibility requirements:

- Internships are offered fall and spring semester and must be taken the last semester before graduation. Students must formally apply for their internships one semester beforehand.  
Internship application forms are available online through the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/ce/internship.html>.
- Interns will be required to attend seminars held on campus at JSU.
- The student must possess a graduate 3.25 GPA on all coursework used to meet the requirements on the approved ALSDE checklist.
- The intern shall not be enrolled in other courses or have other obligations during the normal operating hours of the schools where the internship is being completed.
- The student will be required to take and pass the appropriate Praxis II examination(s) prior to all Alternative Class A internships. For additional information, contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574.
- During the internship, the student must take and pass edTPA.



7. Alternative Class A students planning to complete the internship while employed as a teacher of record must supply proof of employment and appropriate certification to the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall, prior to internship.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
 MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
 MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
 TEACHING FIELD: GENERAL SOCIAL STUDIES (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (32 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ESE 500	Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3)
ESE 505	Education Methods, Assessment and Technology in Secondary Schools (3)
ESE 510	Secondary Practicum One and Tutoring Lab (2)
ESE 521	Teaching Social Studies (3)
ESE 534	Secondary Practicum Two (3)
ESE 561	Foundations of Secondary Education (3)
ESE 567	Literacy Theory and Practice (3)
ESE 571	Critical Inquiry in History and Social Science (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3) (Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirement (15 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 15 graduate semester hours from the social studies area to include at least one course from two of the following areas: economics, geography, history, political science, and psychology. At least half of the 15 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level. A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field coursework to the required 3.00.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**50 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Students must have earned an undergraduate degree in ONE of the following areas: history, geography, political science, psychology, sociology or economics OR complete 32 semester hours of undergraduate coursework with a minimum of 19 hours at the 300-400 levels with any combination of courses from areas covered by the certification OR pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.

For the degree in the composite field of social studies, additional undergraduate coursework must be taken to remove undergraduate course deficiencies in related teaching fields. Deficiencies are determined with a formal evaluation of the student's transcripts.

Students must have the approval of their advisors in professional studies and in the teaching field BEFORE registering for undergraduate coursework to meet the undergraduate requirements/deficiencies specified for the degree.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **50-82 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in General Social Studies (6-12).**

## **ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website: <http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: HISTORY (6-12)**

The School of Education offers Alternative Class A Programs for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master's degree and recommendation for Master's-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602, to be considered for admission.

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Applicants must hold a 2.75 GPA on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master's degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting regionally accredited institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency: Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Consultants of Delaware; International Education Evaluations, Inc.; International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.; or World Education Services. Please see the ALSDE website for full details:  
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5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

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If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Students must achieve the prescribed score on each of the three components of the Alabama Basic Skills Assessments of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam to be unconditionally admitted to the teacher education program.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION: HISTORY (6-12)**

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<http://www.jsu.edu/education/ce/internship.html>.
2. Interns will be required to attend seminars held on campus at JSU.
3. The student must possess a graduate 3.25 GPA on all coursework used to meet the requirements on the approved ALSDE checklist.
4. The intern shall not be enrolled in other courses or have other obligations during the normal operating hours of the schools where the internship is being completed.
5. The student will be required to take and pass the appropriate Praxis II examination(s) prior to all Alternative Class A internships. For additional information, contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574.
6. During the internship, the student must take and pass edTPA.

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: HISTORY (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (32 semester hours):**

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ESE 521	Teaching Social Studies (3)
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*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3)

(Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirement (15 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 15 graduate semester hours in history courses. At least half of the 15 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level. A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field coursework to the required 3.00.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**50 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Students must have an undergraduate degree in history OR complete 32 semester hours of undergraduate coursework with a minimum of 19 semester hours at the 300-400 levels with any combination of courses from areas covered by the certification OR pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.

Students must have the approval of their advisors in professional studies BEFORE registering for undergraduate coursework required to meet the undergraduate requirements/deficiencies for the degree.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**50-82 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in History (6-12).**

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

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ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

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**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN SECONDARY EDUCATION:  
MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SECONDARY EDUCATION  
TEACHING FIELD: MATHEMATICS (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (32 semester hours):**

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(Must be taken concurrently with ED 595.)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirement (15 semester hours):**

By faculty advisement, select 15 graduate semester hours in mathematics courses. At least half of the 15 semester hours selected must be numbered at the 500 level. A student may transfer no more than three semester hours in the teaching field. This major requires a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the coursework in the teaching field. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA in this teaching field coursework to the required 3.00.

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey Course in Special Education (3) Is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select the following course to satisfy this diversity program requirement:
EFD 552	Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**50 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Students must have earned an undergraduate degree in mathematics OR complete 32 semester hours of undergraduate coursework in mathematics with a minimum of 19 hours at the 300-400 levels OR pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam. Coursework must include at least 12 semester hours, or equivalent, beyond the three course JSU calculus series, including MS 441, Abstract Algebra I.

Students must have the approval of their advisors in professional studies and in the teaching field BEFORE registering for undergraduate coursework to meet the undergraduate requirements/deficiencies specified for the degree.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## 50-82 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Mathematics (6-12).**

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2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
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3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)  
Applicants must hold a 2.75 GPA on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master's degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting regionally accredited institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency: Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Consultants of Delaware; International Education Evaluations, Inc.; International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.; or World Education Services. Please see the ALSDE website for full details: [www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorld Education Services](http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=OtherApproaches%3aForeignCredentialsWorldEducationServices).
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
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**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

Students must achieve the prescribed score on each of the three components of the Alabama Basic Skills Assessments of the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators exam to be unconditionally admitted to the teacher education program.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

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**INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
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MSE WITH A MAJOR IN  
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- Interns will be required to attend seminars held on campus at JSU.
- The student must possess a graduate 3.25 GPA on all coursework used to meet the requirements on the approved ALSDE checklist.
- The intern shall not be enrolled in other courses or have other obligations during the normal operating hours of the schools where the internship is being completed.
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- During the internship, the student must take and pass edTPA.

7. Alternative Class A students planning to complete the internship while employed as a teacher of record must supply proof of employment and appropriate certification to the Office of Clinical Experiences, 311 Ramona Wood Hall, prior to internship.



**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: SPECIAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE TEACHER (K-6) (6-12)**

**Core Requirements (27 semester hours):**

ED 501	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)
ED 510	Academic Research for the Teacher (3)
SPE 524	Methods and Strategies for Learning and Behavior (3)
SPE 526	Methods in Autism Spectrum Disorders (3)
SPE 554	Medical, Legal, and Ethical Aspects of SPE (K-12) (3)
EED 550	Diversity in the Modern Classroom (3)
RDG 522	Teaching Struggling Readers: Methods for Collaborative Special Education (3)
*ED 595	Internship in Education (3)
ED 596	Reflective Practices in Education (3)

\*ED 595, Internship in Education, is equivalent to undergraduate student teaching and requires a semester long internship in the public schools. This must be scheduled during the last semester of coursework.

**Teaching Field Requirements (22 semester hours):**

SPE 520	Technology for Special Education (3)
SPE 531	Methods in Severe Special Education (3)
SPE 533	Applied Behavior Analysis in Special Education (3)
SPE 535	Formative and Summative Assessment in Special Education (3)
SPE 537	Collaborative Teaching (3)
SPE 555	Mathematics Strategies for Collaborative Special Education (3)
SPE 564	Practicum in K-6 Mild Setting (2)
SPE 565	Practicum in Severe Methods K-12 (2)

**Diversity Requirement (3 semester hours):**

SPE 500	Survey of Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 was satisfied at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 has already been satisfied at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must choose ONE of the following courses to satisfy the diversity requirement:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPE 532 Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3)</li> <li>• RDG 530 Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3)</li> <li>• EED 548 Methods for Multicultural Classrooms (3)</li> </ul>

**52 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**\*Undergraduate Requirements: 0-48** hours of undergraduate coursework to include the following:

- 12 hours of Laboratory Science
- 12 hours of English/Language Arts
- 12 hours of Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 12 hours of Math

**\*Or pass the appropriate Praxis II content exam.**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## 52-100 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Special Education Collaborative Teacher (K-6; 6-12).**

### ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL (P-12)**

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**APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR THE  
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL (P-12)**

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**APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE  
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4. Official test scores on the General Test of the GRE or the MAT.
5. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency: Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.; International Consultants of Delaware; International Education Evaluations, Inc.; International Education Research Foundation, Inc.; Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.; or World Education Services. Please see the ALSDE website for full details:  
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8. Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation. Once transcripts have been received, applicants must contact Teacher Education Services at (256) 782-5574 for an individual evaluation concerning undergraduate course deficiencies and teacher education program eligibility requirements prior to registration for coursework.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL (P-12)**

In addition to meeting general admission requirements of graduate studies, applicants must take the graduate music diagnostic exam given by the Music Department. The examination requires students to demonstrate competence in the theory of music, knowledge of the history and literature of music, and an applied music audition.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables

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Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program.

If applicable, all deficiency courses and teacher education program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the teacher education program.

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#### **Unconditional Admission**

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 2100 points;  
OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 80 points.

#### **Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first twelve graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM MA WITH A MAJOR IN MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL (P-12)**

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL (P-12)**

**Core Requirements (16 semester hours):**

MU 511 Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)

MU 512 Seminar in Instrumental Music (3)

**Select one from the following (3 semester hours):**

MU 513 Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)

MU 514 Music Literature: Classic Era (3)

MU 515 Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)

MU 508 Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)

**Select one from the following (3 semester hours):**

MU 520 Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

MU 521 Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

**Select from among the following (for a total of 4 semester hours):**

MU 580 Graduate Ensemble (1)

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MU 519 Advanced Conducting (3)

MU 534 Individual Applied Music (2)

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**Required Music and Education Courses (27 semester hours):**

ED 501 Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3)

ESE 567 Literacy Theory and Practice (3)

ESE 561 Foundations of Secondary Education (3)

MU 545 Measurement and Evaluation in Music (3)

MU 571 Elementary Music Materials and Methods (3)

MU 582 Secondary Instrumental Music Materials and Methods (3)

MU 588 Graduate Internship in Music Education P-12 (3)  
(50% time at the elementary and 50% time at the secondary level; offered in fall and spring during public school hours.)

MU 579 Capstone in Music Education (3)

SPE 500 Survey Course in Special Education (3)

OR

EFD 552 Diversity Issues in Education (3)

**43 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Undergraduate Requirements** - 59 semester hours of undergraduate coursework from the area of music to include:

Music Theory 18 semester hours

Music History 6 semester hours

Conducting 5 semester hours

Class applied music 5 semester hours

(instrumental techniques classes in areas of brass, woodwinds, percussion, strings, voice)

\*Additional Music Courses 25 semester hours

\*These must include courses in major applied instruction and include evidence of a degree level recital performance. Of the total at least 19 semester hours must be at the 300-400 level.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### **43-102 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Music/Instrumental (P-12).**

### **ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

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**ALTERNATIVE CLASS A PROGRAM  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC/VOCAL-CHORAL (P-12)**

**Core Requirements (16 semester hours):**

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 MU 511 Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)

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**Required Music and Education Courses (27 semester hours):**

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 MU 571 Elementary Music Materials and Methods (3)  
 MU 545 Measurement and Evaluation in Music (3)  
 MU 583 Secondary Vocal Music Materials and Methods (3)  
 MU 588 Graduate Internship in Music Education P-12 (3)  
 (50% time at the elementary and 50% time at the secondary  
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 MU 579 Capstone in Music Education (3)  
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**43 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

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\*These must include courses in major applied instruction and include evidence of a degree level recital performance. Of the total at least 19 semester hours must be at the 300-400 level.

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### **43-102 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Music/Vocal-Choral (P-12).**

### **ALABAMA (CLASS A) PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students' programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors.

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions on the Teacher Education Services website:  
<http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf>
2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of a current program.

## EDUCATION COURSES

### CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES (CTE)

500. **History and Philosophy of Career Technical Education (3).** Investigation and study of the historical foundations and the philosophy of the profession of Career Technical Education.
506. **Practicum in CTE (3).** Directed experiences including observation and participation in career technical education programs and classrooms. Provides opportunities to observe and teach as well as apply theories and concepts. Seminars will be held in conjunction with this course.
516. **Methods of Teaching for CTE (3).** Planning and implementing instructional methods and materials in middle and secondary career technical education programs. Some field experiences are required.
550. **Basic Competencies for Career and Technical Education (3).** Foundational skills needed to teach, organize, and maintain career and technical programs in middle and secondary schools. Requirements to meet state and federal guidelines are covered. Professional skills needed to secure and maintain employment in CTE teaching fields.
544. **Assessment of Learning for Career and Technical Education (3).** This course provides practice in implementing appropriate evaluation of learning at the middle and secondary level for Career and Technical programs.
560. **Advanced Methods for Teaching Career Technical Education (3).** Study of advanced methods for teaching Career Technical Education curricula.

### COUNSELOR EDUCATION COURSES (ECG)

501. **Assessment in Counseling (3).** Examines the role of assessment in counseling and emphasizes basic techniques of appraisal and psychometric constructs associated with testing. Exposes students to a variety of educational and psychological tests. Emphasis is on those aspects important to the counselor as a consumer and administrator of testing information.
506. **Professional Counseling Orientation and Technology (3).** (Required first semester.) This course presents an overview of historical and contemporary developments in the practice of professional counseling. Information related to: (a) professional roles and responsibilities; (b) professional organizations; (c) state and national credentialing; and (d) counselor advocacy will be addressed. This course will also provide instruction on technological use and applications in addition to program specific material for Clinical Mental Health Counseling and School Counseling majors.
523. **Social and Cultural Diversity in Counseling (3).** This course is designed to assist students in understanding the impact of social/cultural forces upon identity development and formation. Students will explore various components of our pluralistic society and how oppressive systems can exclude and harm individuals. Change theory and advocacy principles will be introduced to aid students in dealing with these issues in their communities and with clients. After 2013, offered spring and summer terms.
525. **Pre-practicum: Skills and Techniques in Counseling (3).** Prerequisites: ECG 506 and ECG 553. This course provides students an introduction to the counseling profession and helping relationships. The course will emphasize personal growth, self-awareness, and professional behavior. Students will experience the helping relationship as both client and counselor.
526. **Professional Ethics and Legal Issues (3).** Focus on the skills and competencies necessary in dealing effectively with the complex ethical standards and legal

- guidelines corresponding to clinical mental health and school counseling settings. Students will gain experience in ethical decision-making and consultation with other professionals. Offered fall and summer terms.
527. **Organization and Administration of Counseling Services (3).** Function, organization and evaluation of guidance services in elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and junior colleges, and community agencies with emphasis on public schools. Topics include: 1) basic guidance services; 2) functions of school personnel; 3) organizational patterns for guidance services; 4) selection criteria training and certification of guidance personnel; 5) organization of counseling, individual analysis, information placement and follow-up services; 6) administration of guidance services; 7) consultation services.
528. **Introduction to Play Therapy (3).** This course is an introduction to the basic concepts of play therapy. Students will learn the basic concepts of play therapy, as well as the attitudes and skills necessary to establish and maintain facilitative relationships with children that encourage their expression, self-understanding, and personal growth and development.
529. **Children and Grief (3).** This course provides the theoretical and clinical applications necessary to begin working with children facing grief and loss. The course is designed to give exposure to the dynamics of death, dying, and grief in the specific context of the developing child. The ultimate goal of the course is to provide the philosophical, theoretical, and practical foundation to effectively work with bereaved children who are confronted with grief and loss.
530. **Couple, Marriage and Family Counseling (3).** This course provides an overview of the nature of family systems relationships and family development. Particular emphasis will be given to the theory and practice of marital and family therapy. Students will examine both theoretical and empirical elements of family counseling which can be applied to marriage and family systems. Offered fall and spring terms.
535. **Rehabilitation Counseling (3).** This rehabilitation counseling course introduces the student to the legislative, historical, and philosophical roots of rehabilitation counseling in America. A strong foundation of disability categories will be presented and discussed, including physical, emotional, cognitive, and sensory disabilities. The course will introduce the student to the professional expectations, values, and ethical standards of the profession of rehabilitation counseling.
540. **Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of DSM Disorders (3).** In this course the student will examine the history, description, definition, causes, and treatment of psychological disorders. Course topic areas will include: psychological disorders throughout the life span, multiaxial assessment, DSM diagnosis, and treatment of the disorders. Offered fall and summer terms.
553. **Theory and Process (3).** An examination of the major counseling theories and related techniques and an overview of the counseling relationship.
556. **Career Development (3).** An introduction to career development theories and concepts and related resources and practices for career planning and decision making.
558. **Counseling Children/Adolescents (3).** Development of programs, practices, and techniques which address the unique needs of children and youth through college age.
559. **Geriatric Counseling (3).** This course will provide students with skills and background information in counseling older adults, their family members and/or caretakers. In addition, this course will provide students with the opportunity to acquire a conceptual understanding of both the normal process of human aging and variant processes.
560. **Substance and Behavioral Addictions in Counseling (3).** This course will provide an overview of the addictive process and addictive behaviors (e.g., substance abuse and gambling). Theories of addiction counseling and application of these theories

- will comprise a significant part of this course, particularly with how they apply to work with individuals, couples, families, and groups. Co-occurring disorders, such as process addictions and mental illnesses will also be addressed. Offered fall and spring terms.
565. **Psychopharmacology (3)**. This course provides an introduction to substance abuse counseling and related issues, including an overview of the historical context, etiological theories, and psychoactive impact of substances on the brain. The course will focus on assessment, diagnosis and treatment of substance abuse/dependence with emphasis on clinical counseling practice informed by theory and research. Offered spring and summer terms.
573. **Introduction to Student Personnel (3)**. Historical and practical aspects of student personnel services and a review of the relationship of these services to each other and to student development.
578. **Issues in Student Personnel (3)**. Prerequisite: ECG 573. Study of current issues and trends in the development and implementation of student personnel programs.
585. **Practicum: Applied Skills and Techniques in Counseling (3)**. Prerequisites: ECG 506, ECG 525, ECG 553, ECG 591, and passing score on Midpoint Exam. Practicum is a clinical, experiential course that requires students to complete hours in a professional setting. The student will apply counseling techniques and skills in a supervised setting. The student will participate in the counseling process, refine techniques, and further enhance his/her therapeutic development.
588. **Crisis Counseling Intervention Strategies (3)**. Basic concepts and steps of crisis intervention with a focus on the background, dynamics, and strategies related to specific crises. Offered spring and summer terms.
589. **Psychological First Aid and Disaster Counseling (3)**. An examination of the principles of working with individuals who have experienced a crisis, disaster or other trauma-causing event. Issues addressed include: impact of crisis and disasters as well as diagnosis and treatment planning appropriate to disaster response in diverse populations; the role of the counselor as a member of an interdisciplinary emergency management response team; and theoretical models of crisis and disaster counseling. After 2013, offered fall and summer terms.
591. **Group Procedures in Counseling (3)**. Prerequisites: ECG 506 and 553. Principles of group counseling, ethical considerations and dynamics of group interaction. Implement theories and techniques in group therapy sessions. Multicultural problems included.
593. **Internship in School Counseling (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, ECG 585 and a passing score in the appropriate Praxis II. Must be completed at JSU. A 300 clock hour supervised field experience in an appropriate K-12 school setting.
594. **Internship in School Counseling (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor, ECG 585 and a passing score in the appropriate Praxis II. Must be completed at JSU. A 300 clock hour supervised field experience in an appropriate K-12 school setting.
595. **Clinical Experience I in Mental Health Counseling (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; ECG 585. Each course requires a 300 clock hour supervised field experience in an appropriate job setting; Clinical Experiences limited to three semester hours in enrollment periods of less than 15 weeks.
596. **Clinical Experience II in Mental Health Counseling (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor; ECG 585. Each course requires a 300 clock hour supervised field experience in an appropriate job setting; Clinical Experiences limited to three semester hours in enrollment periods of less than 15 weeks.

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634. **Advanced Counseling Theories (3).** Examination of a variety of counseling theories through selection, both individually and as a group, of theories on which to focus throughout the semester.
637. **Advanced Career Counseling (3).** Laboratory-based course, merging contemporary career theory with actual field practice; selection and administration of a battery of assessment instruments to individuals at significant life stages, scoring and interpretation of the test battery; presentation of findings and recommendations.
646. **Advanced Group Procedures in Counseling (3).** Various theories of group work, review of basic group leadership skills, and basics of group process; provides integration of concepts and skills; opportunities to lead groups with supervision and ongoing feedback, participation in demonstrations of various group models, writing of reaction/thought/positions papers.
655. **Holistic Counseling: Spirit, Soul and Body (3).** An examination of counseling theory and related techniques that embrace holistic counseling that assesses and treats the whole person – spirit, soul, and body.
691. **Action Research in Counseling I (3).** Identification and analysis of problems specific to the current counseling environment with emphasis on development of innovative and unique solutions. To be taken near the end of the program.
692. **Action Research in Counseling II (3).** Prerequisite: ECG 691. Must be taken in the last semester of enrollment. Continuation of identification and analysis of problems specific to the current counseling environment with emphasis on development of innovative and unique solutions.
693. **Supervision in Counseling (3).** Study of the supervision process in counseling highlighting legal and ethical issues, trends, multicultural considerations, and evaluation; both classroom seminars and supervision of master’s students in clinical experiences required.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION COURSES (ECE)

500. **Materials and Methods (3).** Twenty-first century instructional processes, programs, and strategies for teaching and learning in P-3 classrooms.
501. **Behavior and Development in Early Childhood (3).** Physical, emotional, intellectual, and social components of development, their interrelationships and their effect on later functioning; psychological principles.
507. **Assessment in Early Childhood Education (3).** Review the use of assessment procedures which are developmentally appropriate for the use in early childhood education. (Replaces EFD 501.)
510. **Early Childhood Math and Science for the Twenty-First Century (3).** This course will acquaint graduate candidates with methods, materials and developmentally appropriate practice to integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century tools in teaching math and science for P-3 students.
512. **Practicum in Early Childhood Special Education (3).** Prerequisite: A passing score on the appropriate Praxis II examination is required prior to taking this course. Practicum experiences working with the young handicapped child, ages infancy to eight.
513. **Individualization of Education for Young Children (3).** Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Methods and procedures for individualizing instruction.
530. **Practicum for Young Children (3).** (Not open to students enrolled in EdS programs.) Theory, school design, scheduling, and equipment.
533. **Enhancing Learning Through Children’s Literature (3).** Corequisites: EED 530, RDG 520, RDG 521. Techniques and strategies to utilize children’s literature to enhance the early childhood curriculum. (ECE 533 is cross-listed with EED 533 and only one course may be counted for credit.)



539. **Teaching Writing in Early Childhood Education (3).** Theories, methods, and current research involving writing instruction; emphasis on P-3.
540. **Intervention in the Early Childhood Classroom (3).** Theory and research-based practices used in early childhood education and early education special education. Emphasis on strategies to plan developmentally appropriate activities for all children.
545. **Literacy Interventions in the Early Childhood Classroom (3).** Current trends in assessing literacy development and providing intervention in identified problems will be addressed in this course. Theories, assessments, and strategies used in reading and writing interventions for emerging and beginning readers and writers who may be at risk for difficulties in language literacy will be discussed. These strategies include, but are not limited to phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The development of individualized and small group reading programs designed to match student needs will be addressed. Assessments such as running records, spelling inventories, evaluating writing samples and interpreting test scores such as DIBELS and Global Scholar will also be discussed.

### EDUCATION COURSES (ED)

500. **Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1).** (Discipline specific section required first semester.) An introductory course for graduate programs in the College of Education and Professional Studies. It is a requirement for all graduate students (Master's Class A Certificate, EdS, and Graduate Certificate (non-education) with concentrations in sport management and in education) who have not previously taken this course at the master's level. Must be completed at JSU.
501. **Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education (3).** This is an introductory course to graduate teacher education and the School of Education Conceptual Framework. Such a course is a requirement for all initial education candidates, including Alternative-A Master's candidates, and corresponds to the ED 300 undergraduate requirement. ED 501 is required prior to any practicum courses in the Alternative-A Master's program and is required prior to admission to the teacher education program. ED 501 can be taken in the first semester of graduate coursework.
508. **Internship in Applied Teaching and Learning (3).** This is a course for teacher candidates whose edTPA submissions did not meet the professional performance standards as defined by the Alabama State Department of Education. This course will include an internship clinical experience coupled with support and guidance retake of the edTPA. Enrollment in ED 508 requires permission of the department head and approved edTPA retake plan designed by the candidate and the assigned academic program faculty mentor.
510. **Academic Research for the Teacher (3).** Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. An interpretation and conceptualization of research in education with a focus on how to locate, read, and analyze research as well as educational implications.
595. **Internship in Education (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisite: Approval of academic advisor. Corequisite: To be taken concurrently with ED 596 Reflective Practices in Education (3). Internship will be under the supervision of a cooperating teacher and a university supervisor. Internship is a semester-long course.
596. **Reflective Practices in Education (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Corequisite: To be taken concurrently with ED 595 Internship in Education (3). This course contributes to the preparation and meaningfulness of the student internship and is a hybrid course. This hybrid course is a blend of face-to-face instruction with online learning.

### EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY COURSES (EPY)

542. **Educational Measurement (2).** Measurement/evaluation of students' academic progress and basic statistical principles. Construction and uses of teacher-made tests and standardized achievement tests are emphasized.
525. **Lifespan Development (3).** A study of principles and concepts of physical, cognitive, personality, and social development from birth through death.
529. **Developmental Psychology (2).** Intellectual, emotional, social, physical, and moral development in the school age person. Tutoring practicum required.

### ELEMENTARY EDUCATION COURSES (EED)

509. **Advanced Twenty-first Century Teaching and Learning (3).** This course is designed to guide graduate teacher candidates to critically examine local school culture and/or teaching practices, and to set reasonable and appropriate 21<sup>st</sup> century goals for change.
511. **Mathematics for Children (3).** Prerequisites: MS 112 and other core math courses. Materials and methods in the teaching of elementary mathematics concepts and processes. Eligibility for the Teacher Education Program required. Taken in conjunction with EED 512, 513, and 514.
512. **Science for Children (3).** Prerequisites: All core science courses. Methods, materials, laboratory demonstration, and organization of science concepts and processes taught in the elementary grades. Eligibility for the Teacher Education Program required. Taken in conjunction with EED 511, EED 513, EED 514.
513. **Curriculum Integration in Teaching Social Studies (3).** Methods and materials of teaching social studies in the elementary grades. Eligibility for the Teacher Education Program required. Taken in conjunction with EED 511, EED 512 and EED 514.
514. **Practicum in Content Block (3).** This course provides prospective teachers an opportunity to observe, analyze, and apply mathematics, science, and social studies concepts and theories in schools and classrooms. Eligibility for the Teacher Education Program required. Taken in conjunction with EED 511, EED 512, and EED 513.
522. **Classroom Assessment for Learning (3).** This course is designed to help elementary teachers gain an understanding of classroom assessment, current trends and issues involving classroom assessment, and how to use assessment to be a more effective teacher and enhance student learning.
530. **Methods for Language and Literacy Development (3).** Prerequisite: Admission to Graduate Studies. Corequisites: RDG 520, RDG 521, ECE 533. The purpose of this course is to provide information regarding methods, materials, and research findings related to language and literacy development of early childhood and elementary students. Must meet Teacher Education Program eligibility.
533. **Enhancing Learning Through Children's Literature (3).** Corequisites: EED 530, RDG 520, RDG 521. Techniques and strategies to utilize children's literature to enhance the elementary education curriculum. (EED 533 is cross-listed with ECE 533 and only one course may be counted for credit.)
540. **Curriculum Integration in Elementary Education (3).** Designed to examine the needs of elementary students within the content areas of language arts, math, science, and social studies, as well as the literacy needs of English Language Learners (ELL). Because literacy skills are so crucial to success in school, the course will focus on strategies and their application to the above content areas. (Replaces EFD 502.)

541. **Teaching Mathematics (3).** Advanced course in materials and teaching techniques for improving math concepts and skills.
543. **Social Studies and Today's Learner (3).** Advanced course in materials and methods of teaching social studies.
548. **Materials and Methods for the Multicultural Classroom (3).** Advanced course in materials and methods of teaching for the multicultural classroom.
549. **Teachers as Leaders in the Elementary Classroom Practicum (3).** Current teaching practices examined and implemented in an elementary classroom setting. Online assignments will augment and correspond with practicum experiences. It is a requirement for all JSU students who are completing a practicum or internship to be covered by professional liability insurance during the time of the practicum in the amount of \$1,000,000. (Not open to students enrolled in Alternative Fifth-Year Professional Educator Certification or EdS programs.)
550. **Diversity in Today's Classroom (3).** Course provides information to educators, equipping them to work with ESL students, while incorporating curricular planning and instructional techniques specific to the diverse learner.
554. **Integrating STEM and STEAM into Practice (3).** This advanced online course examines the underlying philosophies and foundations of the accomplished elementary science teacher.

#### FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES COURSES (FCS)

526. **Contemporary Issues in Textiles and Fashion (3).** Study of current global issues and trends in the textile and fashion industries.
536. **Advanced Nutritional Therapy (3).** The study of advanced methods of nutritional management of individuals across the age continuum.
537. **Advanced Methods of Nutritional Assessment (3).** Advanced methods for the nutritional assessment and nutritional management of individuals.
538. **Critical Issues in Nutrition and Food Science (3).** Study and investigation of food, nutrition, and health issues facing the U.S. and world population.
552. **Advanced Human Development and Family Relations (3).** Advanced study of human development and family relations across the lifespan.

#### EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS COURSES (EFD)

500. **Research in Education (3).** An interpretation and conceptualization of research in education with a focus on how to locate, read, and analyze research as well as educational implications.
502. **Curriculum Development (3).** Overall process of curriculum construction and revision.
510. **Proactive Orientation for Teachers (3).** Orientation to organizational theory, site-based management, leadership skills, decision-making skills, and problem-solving strategies in secondary schools.
515. **Seminar in Schools and Learning (2).** Survey of the psychological, sociological, philosophical foundations of American education.
521. **Independent Research (1).** Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head.
522. **Independent Research (2).** Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head.
523. **Independent Research (3).** Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head.
531. **Philosophy of Education (3).** Contemporary philosophies of education, their historical development, and the beliefs tantamount to each.

- 532. **Social Foundations of Education (3).** Analysis of current issues and trends throughout society with implications for education.
- 552. **Diversity Issues in Education (3).** Study of issues in multiculturalism, globalism and comparative education as they influenced educational leadership, school curricular design and emerging educational policy.
- 560. **Psychological Principles of Learning (3).** Advanced study of nature of knowledge, learning, and learner with emphasis on the teaching-learning process.
- 594. **Seminar in Contemporary Education (3).** Selected contemporary problems in education.

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- 615. **Leadership (3).** Study of theories, models, and techniques for enhancing effective leadership in group settings in the context of site based management; practical applications through self-analysis and skill development.
- 620. **Measurement and Evaluation in Education (3).** Current issues in educational measurement and evaluation, including qualitative and quantitative data analysis and strategies for program development and improvement.
- 633. **Funding for School Improvement (3).** Developing state, federal, local, and grant resources to enhance school improvement.
- 645. **Contemporary Challenges in Multicultural Education (3).** This course is designed to prepare leaders to meet the needs of a diverse student population and focus on education through sociological and cultural lenses.
- 670. **Facilitating Quality Instruction in Mathematics with Colleagues (3).** Provides opportunities to gather, interpret, and to work with teachers to evaluate materials and best practices related to the teaching of mathematics. Evidence of inquiry may include presentations, lesson plans, projects, and lessons taught by teachers, etc.
- 672. **Facilitating Quality Instruction in Literacy with Colleagues (3).** Provides opportunities to gather, interpret, and to work with teachers to evaluate materials and best practices related to the teaching of literacy. Evidence of inquiry may include presentations, lesson plans, projects, and lessons taught by teachers, etc.
- 691. **Advanced Research in Education I (3).** Prerequisite for all majors: EFD 632; prerequisites for ECE and EED majors: ECE/EED 631 and ECE/EED 642. Identification and analysis of problems specific to the current educational environment with emphasis on development of innovative and unique solutions. Must be taken after all basic and concentration requirements have been successfully completed.
- 692. **Advanced Research in Education II (3).** Prerequisite: EFD 681. Continuation of identification and analysis of problems specific to the current educational environment with emphasis on development of innovative and unique solutions. Must be taken in the last semester of enrollment.

**KINESIOLOGY**  
**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES (HPE)**  
**Please see the KINESIOLOGY Section of the Catalog.**

## INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP COURSES (IL)

- 504. Graduate Education and Technology (3).** An introductory course for students accepted into the Instructional Leadership program. Students will be instructed on expectations surrounding the program of study. The course will also serve to develop technology skills specific to locating, creating, and disseminating information for educational purposes. Students accepted to the Instructional Leadership program are required to take IL 504 the first semester of enrollment.
- 510. Action Research (3).** A study of the basic elements of action research design with effective research and evaluative strategies.
- 552. Diversity Issues for Instructional Leaders (3).** Study of issues in multiculturalism, globalism and comparative education as they influenced educational leadership, school curricular design, and emerging educational policy. This course will replace EFD 552 (3) for all Instructional Leadership majors beginning Fall 2018.
- 553. Leading for Learning (3).** Principles of curriculum development, staff development, and instructional leadership at the local school and system levels.
- 555. Management of the Learning Organization I (3).** Development and managing financial resources to enhance student learning. This new course will replace EAD 563 School Finance (3).
- 556. Management of the Learning Organization II (3).** Processes and procedures to develop and enhance the school's learning environment. This new course will replace EAD 556 Management of Student Services (3).
- 562. Leading Change for Student Learning (3).** This course addresses the successful preparation of visionary school leaders who focus on improving schools, instructional leaders who are moral advocates for students and for the communities they serve; and responsible leaders who connect with diverse groups of people.
- 564. Law and Ethics (3).** Legal, ethical, and political structures under which school personnel and community counselors function with emphasis on school-community interaction and institution advocacy.
- 566. Internship in Instructional Leadership (3).** Prerequisites or corequisites: IL 553, 556, 562, 563, 564, 576 and passing the Praxis II: School Leadership. May be taken before or after IL 576, but must be taken during the last or next-to-last semester of the student's program. Either IL 566 or IL 576 must be taken in the last semester. Supervised field-based experience: study, analysis, observation, and participation in instructional programs in selected schools under the guidance of a school mentor and the university supervisor. Offered fall and spring and must be completed at JSU.
- 576. Internship in Instructional Leadership and Residency (3).** Prerequisites or corequisites: IL 553, 556, 562, 563, 564 and passing the Praxis II: School Leadership. May be taken before or after IL 566, or may be taken with IL 566 with permission of advisor. Either IL 566 or IL 576 must be taken in the last semester. Supervised field-based experience including participation in and leadership of educational programs in selected schools under the supervision of a mentor who is a practicing school administrator, and a university supervisor: includes the ten-day residency; must be scheduled during the last or next-to-last semester of study, must be completed at JSU; is offered fall, spring, and summer semesters.

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**Note:** To enroll in any 500 or 600 level EAD course (except EAD 564, Law and Politics) students must be admitted to one of the following programs: the MSE with a major in Instructional Leadership or the EdS with a major in Educational Leadership.

612. **Planning and Managing Facilities and Programs (3).** Procedures and issues related to design, development, and operation of educational facilities and programs.
614. **Internship in Personnel Development I (3).** Procedures and issues related to development of and administration of effective and efficient processes for hiring, mentoring and, inducting new faculty.
620. **Internship in Personnel Development II (3).** The study of supervisory leadership for personnel development focusing on instructional improvement.
632. **Research in Instructional Leadership (3).** Study of the research process, analysis and evaluation of selected research literature, and actual research proposal development.
650. **Seminar in Curriculum Development (3).** The study of theory and practice of curriculum development.
691. **Problems in Instructional Leadership I and Internship (3).** Prerequisite: IL 612. Development of a practical and problem-solving process in relation to the administration of schools and school systems. This course culminates in a public presentation of a school-based problem-solving project. Course must be scheduled near the end of a student's program.
692. **Problems in Instructional Leadership II and Internship (3).** Prerequisite: IL 691. Continuation of practical problem-solving in relation to the administration of schools and school systems culminating in a public presentation of a school based problem-solving project.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA COURSES (EIM)

502. **Technology in Education (3).** The use of technology in the school setting. Research, small group discussions, and demonstrated applications will be emphasized.
503. **Technology-Enhanced Teaching and Learning (3).** Introduction to instructional technology focusing on methods for integrating technology and media into classroom instruction.
504. **Learning through Interactive Technologies (3).** Survey of current software and web-based technological applications in alignment with the needs of today's learners.
505. **Digital Literacy in the Classroom (3).** Study of current school-based technological processes and procedures with an emphasis on student and teacher empowerment in the areas of finding, evaluating, and using digital products; understanding social and ethical issues raised by technology; and applying critical thinking skills to the use of technology in the K-12 environment.
517. **Designing Virtual Learning Spaces (3).** Examines best practices of quality online courses. Students will plan, design, and develop online instructional materials with a focus on collaboration and interactivity to improve the educational experience of the user.
551. **Technology in School Environments (3).** Examines the processes and technology in the K-12 environment, including the media center, the classroom, and via wireless/data plan networks.
555. **Instructional Design (3).** Design and development of a systematic approach to learner-based instruction emphasizing the role of technology and media in the learning process.
610. **Emerging Technology and Collaborative Tools (3).** Introduces the latest innovative technologies that promote learning. Students will explore various learning environments and develop technology enhanced educational activities that are engaging, collaborative, and place emphasis on increasing student achievement.
615. **Online Course Design (3).** Examines best practices of quality online courses for the K-12 environment. Students will plan, design, and develop a medial rich online

course with a focus on collaboration and interactivity. Courses will be designed to meet iNACOL National Standards for Quality Online Program.

- 620. Educational Multi-Media and Video (3).** Introduces the basics of video production utilizing digital video recording devices and video editing equipment. Students will study video technologies, basic equipment operation, video composition and video storytelling. Topics stress the creation of digital video productions for inclusion in multimedia and web applications for educational settings.
- 624. Advanced Digital Photography in Education (3).** Addresses the technical, visual and conceptual challenges involved with digital photography in an educational setting. Topics include digital photography processes, file and storage consideration, image evaluation, image manipulation, and methods for using digital images to develop critical thinking skills.

### LIBRARY MEDIA COURSES (LM)

- 512. Children and Young Adult Literature (3).** Evaluation of books and other materials for junior/senior high school students. Selection aids, selection criteria, and interests, needs, and abilities of young adults emphasized; children's literature component included for those who have not previously taken a children's literature course.
- 513. Management of Media Centers (3).** Policies and procedures relative to the operation of a media center.
- 515. Internship in Media Services (3).** Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Directed experience in performing various services in a school library media center. Must be completed at JSU.
- 516. Practicum in Media Services (3).** Prerequisites: LM 515 and permission of the instructor. Directed experience in performing various services in a school library media center.
- 530. Librarian as Instructional Partner (3).** Examines the techniques needed for successful instruction across various grade levels and disciplines with a focus on standards-based instruction and assessment.
- 531. Trends, Issues, Innovation, and Leadership in Libraries and Schools (3).** A survey of the current trends and issues that affect libraries and schools. Promotes the process of becoming a school-based leader and instructional partner.
- 532. Collection Management, Cataloging, and Reference (3).** Criteria of selection and evaluation of media center materials for building a library media collection to support the curriculum and encourage reading for pleasure. Principles and procedures of classifying and cataloging print and non-print media. Study and evaluation of basic reference source and services.
- 612. Advanced Materials for Children and Young Adults (3).** Applies innovative tools and techniques for access and utilization of materials for children and young adults in the classroom as they relate to collaboration with teachers. E-books and other electronic media emphasized. Lesson plans that are technology-oriented will be developed as students explore the integration of a variety of materials as they relate to learning styles and enhancement of learning.

### READING SPECIALIST COURSES (RDG)

- 520. Foundations of Teaching Reading (3).** Corequisites: RDG 521, ECE 533, EED 530. The purpose of this course is to provide information regarding methods, materials, and research findings concerned with beginning reading instruction for the elementary grades. Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility.
- 521. Practicum in Teaching Reading (3).** Prerequisite: Admission to Graduate Studies. Corequisites: RDG 520, EED 530, ECE 533. Provides prospective teachers an

- opportunity to observe, analyze, and apply concepts and theories in schools and classrooms. Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility.
530. **Methods and Materials for Reading: Teaching Students with Exceptionalities in the Inclusive Setting (3).** The purpose of this course is to provide information regarding methods, materials, and research findings concerned with reading strategies for students with exceptionalities. The course is designed for general or special education classroom teachers and education professionals.
538. **Teaching Reading in ECE (3).** Methods, materials and research findings concerned with beginning reading instruction emphasizing P-3.
542. **Strategic Reading Across the Curriculum (3).** Provides instruction in methods and materials regarding strategic reading for the elementary grades with emphasis on building expertise in literacy instruction, including traditional and new literacies across the curriculum. Simulations, scenarios, blogging, wiki posts, and reflection are an important component of this course.
543. **Teaching Struggling Readers: Methods for Collaborative Education (3).** Prerequisites: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 524, SPE 554. Corequisites: SPE 537, SPE 564. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. Provides teacher candidates with methods, materials, and research findings on the foundations of teaching reading for the elementary grades.
545. **Teaching Language Arts (3).** Scope and sequence of total language arts program in the elementary school; individual research projects.
546. **Multicultural Literature (3).** Using literature to increase cultural awareness can be an effective tool for teaching in the elementary classroom. Students will explore, analyze, and share literature that portrays the history, customs, values, and /or languages of various cultural groups. Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility.
547. **Diagnosing Reading Abilities (3).** Prerequisites: Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility. Research in diagnosing reading abilities, handling current diagnostic tools, and construction of evaluation of instruments.
567. **Literacy Theory and Practice (3).** Prerequisite: ESE 383 or instructor approval. Teaching reading in subject matter areas and developmental reading for high school students. (RDG 567 is cross-listed with ESE 567 and only one course may be counted for credit.)
572. **Assessment and Diagnosis in Reading (3).** Prerequisite: EED 542 or RDG 542. Application of knowledge gained in coursework; emphasis placed on using a variety of formal and informal assessment tools to determine the strengths and weaknesses of struggling readers while using this information to implement specialized instruction to enhance the student's literacy development; case study requires collection and interpretation of assessment data, planning, and implementation of remediation lessons for the struggling reader.
573. **Intervention Strategies for Reading Instruction (3).** Prerequisite: EED 542 or RDG 542. Examines research-based best practices in effective intervention strategies for students experiencing difficulties in reading; reading materials and programs will be examined and evaluated in terms of application for effective intervention instruction.
574. **Practicum for Teachers of Reading (3).** Prerequisites: EED 542 or RDG 542; a passing score on the appropriate Praxis II examination is required prior to enrolling in this course. Application of knowledge gained in coursework; emphasis placed on providing literacy services in developmental reading or reading intervention programs at a variety of levels.



575. **Internship in the Organization and Supervision of Reading Programs (3).** Prerequisites: EED 542 or RDG 542 and successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II examination. Application of knowledge gained in coursework; emphasis placed on designing and implementing literacy programs, planning and providing professional development, providing leadership in literacy instruction and serving as a resource for teachers, administrators, and the community. Must be completed at JSU.

### SECONDARY EDUCATION COURSES (ESE)

500. **Research and Statistics in Secondary Education (3).** Provides the foundation for the interpretation and conceptualization of research in secondary education. Instruction will focus on the variety of research methodologies and statistical analysis to develop and incorporate such strategies into action research projects for the 6-12 classrooms. Replaces EFD 500.
502. **Curriculum Development in Secondary Schools (3).** Advanced study of the theories, models, and practical application of curriculum development and revision in Secondary Schools.
505. **Education Methods, Assessment, and Technology in Secondary Schools (3).** Corequisite: ESE 510. Provides an introduction to basic teaching methodologies, assessment strategies, and available technologies for students seeking alternative certification. Students wishing to take this course must be fully eligible for the Teacher Education Program.
510. **Secondary Practicum One (2).** Corequisite: ESE 505. Practical experience for students enrolled in ESE 505. Provides a 100 clock-hour, Level II clinical experience, supervised by secondary education faculty. Students wishing to take this course must be fully eligible for the Teacher Education Program.
520. **Teaching Mathematics (3).** Materials and methods of teaching mathematics at the secondary level. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. Offered in the Fall and Spring Semesters only.
521. **Teaching Social Studies (3).** Materials and methods of teaching history and the social sciences at the secondary level. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. Available in fall and spring semesters only.
522. **Teaching Language Arts (3).** Materials and methods of teaching the language arts at the secondary level. Requires Teacher Education program eligibility. Available in fall and spring semesters only.
523. **Teaching General Science (3).** Materials and methods of teaching the natural and physical sciences at the secondary level. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. Available in Fall and Spring semesters only.
531. **Philosophy of Adolescent Education (3).** Advanced study of contemporary philosophies of education as they relate to the education of adolescents, the historical development of these philosophies as they have been applied at the secondary education level, and the impact these philosophical beliefs have on secondary education.
534. **Secondary Practicum Two (3).** Corequisite: Students must also be enrolled in the appropriate special methods course ESE 520-523. Practical experience for students enrolled in ESE 520-523. Provides a 150 clock-hour, Level III clinical experience, supervised by secondary education faculty. This practicum allows students to observe the daily functions of teachers and students and teach a minimum of six full lessons in a local school setting. Students wishing to take this course must be fully eligible for the Teacher Education Program.
540. **Diversity and Multicultural Education in the United States (3).** Prerequisites: Student must fulfill one of the following in order to take this course: 1) Admission to the School of Education OR 2) Previous degree in an education related field OR 3)

- Permission from instructor or department head to take the course. This course develops a broad understanding of the student diversity in secondary schools in the United States. Various approaches to multicultural education will be employed to equip Teacher Candidates with teacher to a diverse student population.
561. **Foundations of Secondary Education (3).** Examines the basic schools of thought concerning the foundations of public education with an emphasis on the psychological, sociological, and philosophical impact on the nature of learning and the learner. Students wishing to take this course must be fully eligible for the Teacher Education Program.
567. **Literacy Theory and Practice (3).** Examines literacy theory and practice in the secondary schools. ESE 567 is cross-listed with RDG 567 and only one course may be counted for credit. Students wishing to take this course must be fully eligible for the Teacher Education Program.
570. **Critical Inquiry in Mathematics (3).** Provides opportunities to gather, interpret, and evaluate materials related to the teaching of mathematics. Evidence of inquiry may include in-class essay examinations, prepared essays, presentations, projects, etc.
571. **Critical Inquiry in History and Social Science (3).** Provides opportunities to gather, interpret, and evaluate materials related to the teaching of history and social science. Evidence of inquiry may include in-class essay examinations, prepared essays, presentations, projects, etc.
572. **Critical Inquiry in English Language Arts (3).** Provides opportunities to gather, interpret, and evaluate materials related to the teaching of language arts. Evidence of inquiry may include in-class essay examinations, prepared essays, presentations, projects, etc.
573. **Critical Inquiry in Biology and General Science (3).** Provides opportunities to gather, interpret, and evaluate materials related to the teaching of biology and general science. Evidence of inquiry may include in-class essay examinations, prepared essays, presentations, projects, etc.
590. **Classroom Management Theory and Practice (3).** Prerequisite: Student must fulfill one of the following in order to take this course: (1) Admission to the School of Education OR (2) Previous degree in an education related field OR (3) Permission from instructor or department head to take the course. This course provides an introduction to the major theories related to classroom management and appropriate application of these theories into the secondary school environment.

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION/COLLABORATIVE TEACHER COURSES (SPE)**

500. **Survey Course in Special Education (3).** (Students who have not previously satisfied the special education requirement at the undergraduate or graduate level must take SPE 500.) Foundations of Collaborative Education as well as various areas of exceptionality including cognitive impairments, behaviorally disordered, multiple disabled, learning disabled, gifted and talented, hearing impaired, visually impaired, autism spectrum disorder, speech and language disordered, and early education for students with disabilities.
509. **Data Analysis, K-12 (3).** Use of technology to support collection, organization, and presentation of classroom assessment data. Emphasis on summarizing, describing, presenting, and interpreting data to facilitate decision-making for students with various disabilities.
512. **Methods and Materials, Mild Disabilities (K-12) (3).** Prerequisite: SPE 502. Advanced discussion of how mild disabilities affect academics and behavior; current methods for teaching and training individuals from kindergarten through graduation.
520. **Technology for SPE (3).** Specialized applications of classroom technology to support UDL and RTI for students with disabilities with diverse learning needs.

521. **Collaborative Reading/Math Strategies (3).** Strategies for identifying problems and planning instruction to remediate reading and/or math problems.
522. **Assessment of Special Populations (3).** Focuses on the evaluation process, related strategies and instruments designed to facilitate decision-making for students with various disabilities.
524. **Methods and Strategies for Learning and Behavior (3).** Introduction of collaborative co-teaching models, strategies for creating an inclusive environment, and individual educational/instructional planning.
525. **Collaborative Math Strategies (3).** Strategies for identifying problems and planning instruction to remediate math problems.
526. **Methods in Autism Spectrum Disorder (3).** Prerequisites: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 524, SPE 554. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. This is a weekly seminar that focuses on Autism Spectrum Disorder. It consists of a series of seminars on major topics related to ASD such as: historical timeline, diagnosis and assessment, advocacy, current research and statistics, behavioral interventions, classroom supports and services, transition and it covers the lifespan.
527. **Methods and Materials, Severe Disabilities (K-12) (3).** Corequisite: SPE 563. Advanced discussion of how severe disabilities affect academics and behavior. Emphasis on current methods for teaching and training individuals from kindergarten through high school.
528. **Methods and Materials, Mild Disabilities (K-12) (3).** Advanced discussion of how mild disabilities affect academics and behavior. Emphasis on current methods for teaching and training individuals from kindergarten through high school.
529. **Collaborative Teaching for Secondary Classrooms (3).** Prerequisite: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 554, SPE 524. Corequisites: SPE 555, SPE 580. Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility. This course is designed to provide teacher candidates with an understanding of collaborative and co-teaching models in the secondary classroom setting. Theories of neurodiversity, secondary course content standards, and student engagement techniques will be presented.
532. **Methods and Strategies for Enrichment: Teaching Gifted Students in the Inclusive Classroom (3).** Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to collaborative co-teaching models, theories of exceptionalities, and methods for gifted enrichment. The course is designed for general or special education classroom teacher sand education professionals.
533. **Applied Behavior Analysis in SPE (3).** Selection, defining and measurement of behavior; construction of graphs to interpret behavior and analyze behavior changes, research designs, and planning and evaluating behavior analytic research.
535. **Formative and Summative Assessment (3).** Use of technology to support collection, organization, and presentation of formative and summative classroom and student assessment data with emphasis on summarizing, describing, presenting, and interpreting data to facilitate decision-making for K-12 students with various disabilities.
536. **Methods for Severe Disabilities (3).** Prerequisite: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 554, SPE 524. Corequisites: SPE 565. Teacher Candidates will develop plans and skills that allow them to teach and interact with individuals in needs of ongoing support in more than one major life activity. This includes integration into community settings and learning to enjoy a quality of life comparable to others with less or no disabilities. Supporting skills for communication, self-care, independent living, employment, and self-sufficiency will also be addressed.
537. **Collaborative Teaching (3).** Prerequisite: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 524, SPE 554. Corequisites: RDG 542, SPE 564. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. This course provides teacher candidates with strategies for meeting the needs of students with mild disabilities in inclusive settings, including general and special

- education classrooms. Includes theories of collaboration, models of co-teaching, and response to intervention procedures.
551. **Practicum in Mild Disabilities (3).** Corequisite: SPE 528. Practical teaching experiences in all public school core general education curriculum areas, as well as communication, social behavior and transition skills.
554. **Medical, Legal, and Ethical Aspects of SPE (3).** Preparation of candidates for professionalism, advocacy, and knowledge of medical, legal, and ethical aspects of students with disabilities within classroom settings.
555. **Mathematics Strategies for Collaborative Special Education (3).** Prerequisite: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 524, SPE 554. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. The purpose of this course is to acquaint students with materials and methods in the teaching of mathematics concepts and processes based on the standards developed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Common Core State Standards and the new “Standards-based” curricula. Specific strategies for struggling mathematics learners will be presented.
563. **Practicum in Severe Disabilities, K-12. (3).** Corequisite: SPE 527. Practical teaching experiences with students who have intellectual and adaptive behavior scores in the significant cognitive disability range served in a self-contained classroom for students with severe disabilities.
564. **Practicum in Mild Methods K-12 (3).** Prerequisite: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 524, SPE 554. Corequisites: SPE 537, RDG 543. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. This field experience provides Teacher Candidates opportunities to observe, analyze, and apply concepts and theories in the K-12 mild setting. Teacher Candidates will integrate co-teaching, foundations reading, and principles of collaboration within the classroom environment.
565. **Practicum in Severe Methods K-12 (3).** Prerequisites: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 524, SPE 554. Corequisite: SPE 536. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. This field experience provides Teacher Candidates opportunities for application of theory and methods in severe education settings.
566. **Practicum in Collaborative Special Education K-6 (3).** Field experience working with students in a special education setting K-6. In the field experience, the candidate is required to collaborate with professionals to build successful learning experiences for special education students in mild or severe settings. The SPE practicum coursework and related field experiences will prepare candidates to teach in all core general education curriculum areas, as well as communication, social behavior, job competency, and life skills.
567. **Practicum in Collaborative Special Education 6-12 (3).** Field experience working with students in a special education setting 6-12. In the field experience, the candidate is required to collaborate with professionals to build successful learning experiences for special education students in mild or severe settings. The SPE practicum coursework and related field experiences will prepare candidates to teach in all core general education curriculum areas, as well as communication, social behavior, job competency, and life skills.
570. **Action Research in SPE (3).** This course will be the culminating experience in the program. Candidates will be required to conduct an action research project in their practicum/internship placement on either an individual student or the entire class. Candidates will be required to write up the research project for possible submission and present the project to the SPE Graduate Faculty.
580. **Practicum in 6-12 Mild (2).** Prerequisites: SPE 300 or 500, SPE 554, SPE 524. Corequisites: SPE 529, SPE 555. Requires Teacher Education Program eligibility. This clinical experience provides Teacher Candidates opportunities to observe, analyze, and apply concepts and theories in collaborative settings. Teacher candidates in this practicum will participate in Transition University along with appropriate school settings.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Department of Emergency Management (EM) offers courses leading to the MS with a major in Emergency Management. This degree balances conceptual knowledge in emergency management with skill acquisition in crisis management, hazard assessment and other analytic and management skills.

The Department of Emergency Management (EM) also offers courses for the MPA with a major in public administration and a concentration in emergency management and supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. For information on the MPA, please refer to the Public Administration section of this catalog. For information on the MA with a major in liberal studies, please see the Liberal Studies section of this catalog.

A [graduate certificate in emergency management](#) is also available for non-degree students who wish to specialize in the area of emergency management. Upon satisfactorily completing the requirements of the [graduate certificate](#) (comprehensive examination not required for graduate certificate), an entry will be made on the student's transcript. A student who completes the [graduate certificate in emergency management](#) may apply the 15 hours credit toward the MA with a major in liberal studies, MPA with a concentration in emergency management, or the MS with a major in emergency management. All coursework for the MA, MPA, and MS degrees, including the emergency management concentration coursework, must be completed within six years. Please review our [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

Finally, the Department offers the Doctor of Science with a major in Emergency Management as well. JSU's doctoral program provides the focused, interdisciplinary, and comprehensive analysis and applied research necessary for the complex work associated with emergency management. The curriculum is organized around specific knowledge, skills, and professional values unique to the practice of emergency management.

**All Emergency Management programs are only offered online. International students must remain in their home country to be eligible for admission to these programs.**

## DSc IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Doctor of Science degree requires a total of 60 semester credit hours. Required coursework includes 42 hours in administration and policy, practice areas, and research methods and statistics, plus a minimum of 18 hours of dissertation credit. In addition, applicants must hold a master's degree in emergency management or a related field. While courses are delivered online, students are required to participate in a weeklong seminar on campus once each academic year, for the first three years of their program. **All Emergency Management programs are only offered online. International students must remain in their home country to be eligible for admission to these programs.**

Upon completion of the required 42 hours of coursework, doctoral students must pass three qualifying exams. Accommodations will be made to support students with either onsite or offsite qualifying exam administration. After students have passed all three exams, they may advance to doctoral candidacy.

Doctoral candidates will complete an applied research dissertation. The candidate must enroll for a minimum of 18 hours of dissertation credit during candidacy. All requirements for the degree must be completed in ten years.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applicants for the Doctor of Science with a major in emergency management are considered for admission for the fall semester only, and all required application materials must be received in Graduate Studies by January 31. Applications completed after January 31 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year.

## APPLICATION MATERIALS AND DEADLINES REQUIRED FOR THE DSc IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Applicants for the Doctor of Science in Emergency Management degree must hold a master's degree from an accredited school and must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265-1602, to be considered for admission. **Applications are considered for admission for the fall semester only and all materials must be received in Graduate Admissions by January 31.** Applications completed after January 31 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year.

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35 application processing fee.
3. A Statement of Purpose setting forth career goals and research interests.
4. A resume, including education, employment, and service activities.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of applicant's potential for success in doctoral coursework and citing potential professional leadership ability. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
7. Official test scores on the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) taken within five years of enrollment.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

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### **Integrative Seminar (In-residence; 2 hours each; 6 hours required):**

EM 802	Integrative Seminar (1st year)
EM 804	Integrative Seminar (2nd year)
EM 806	Integrative Seminar (3rd year)

### **Administration and Policy (3 hours each; 9 hours required):**

EM 812	Disaster Management Principles and Practice
EM 814	Interdisciplinary Disaster Theory and Research
EM 823	Institutional Context and Emergency Management Policy
EM 825	Systems Thinking and Applications in Emergency Management

### **Practice Areas (3 hours each; 6 hours required):**

EM 832	Hazards Risk Management and Community Resilience
EM 834	Risk-Based Response and Recovery Strategy Development and Operations
EM 843	Emergency Management Program Management

### **Research Methods and Statistics (3 hours each; 12 hours required):**

EM 853	Research Design
EM 855	Advanced Data Analysis
EM 862	Cost-Benefit Analysis or
EM 864	Qualitative Research or
EM 866	Evaluation Research or
EM 868	Directed Research
EM 869	Directed Research

### **Electives (3 hours each; 9 hours required):**

EM 871	Voluntary and Nonprofit Disaster Management
EM 873	Health Care Systems in Disaster
EM 875	Risk Communication
EM 877	Crisis Leadership and Management
EM 878	IT Applications for Emergency Management
EM 879	Spatial Analysis and GIS for Emergency Management
EM 882	Directed Study
EM 884	Directed Study
EM 886	Directed Study

### **Dissertation (3 hours each; 18 hours required):**

EM 899	Dissertation Research
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**60 Doctoral Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## MS WITH A MAJOR IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Applicants for the MS with a major in emergency management must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. A statement of purpose/interest that shows why the MS degree is important to the applicant, what the applicant will bring to the program, and how the degree will benefit the applicant's career aspirations.
5. A professional resume including academic history, employment, and voluntary/community work.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to the program. Applicants must meet one of the following requirements:

#### **Unconditional Admission**

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or higher will be unconditionally admitted.

#### **Conditional Admission**

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of 2.50 to 2.99 will be conditionally admitted.

Any applicant failing to meet the requirement for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

A total of 30 graduate semester hours is required for the degree with 21 required hours of emergency management courses and nine hours of approved emergency management electives.



**MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MAJOR: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Required Emergency Management Courses (21 semester hours):**

EM 505	Foundations of Emergency Management (3)
EM 525	Disaster Recovery (3)
EM 530	Research Methods in Emergency Management (3)
EM 540	Hazard Mitigation (3)
EM 545	Emergency Preparedness (3)
EM 555	Disaster Response (3)
EM 590	Capstone in Emergency Management (3)

**Electives (9 semester hours):**

Elective courses should be based on student interest and career objectives and are to be chosen from any 500 level emergency management elective offerings at JSU.

EM 511	Disasters and the Media (3)
EM 515	Legal Aspects of Emergency Management (3)
EM 521	Exercise Design and Evaluation (3)
EM 526	Advanced Radiological Incident Operations (3)
EM 535	Terrorism and Homeland Security (3)
EM 548	Vulnerability and Capacity-Building (3)
EM 565	Management Systems in Disaster (3)
EM 568	Crisis Management for Business and Industry (3)
EM 570	Biosecurity (3)
EM 575	Health and Medical Aspects of Emergency Management (3)
EM 576	Healthcare Leadership for All Hazards Incidents (3)
EM 578	Advanced Public Information Officer for Healthcare and Hospital (3)
EM 580	Current Issues in Homeland Security (3)
EM 581	Disaster Analysis (3)
EM 595	Directed Studies (3)
EM 596	Internship (3)
EM 598	Emergency Management Leadership and Organizational Behavior (3)

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**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This [certificate](#) provides students with graduate level instruction in homeland security, and balances conceptual knowledge in emergency management with skill acquisition in crisis management, hazard assessment and other analytic and management skills. Please review our [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

Applicants for the [graduate certificate in emergency management](#) must submit all the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602 to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the postsecondary institutions awarding the bachelor's degree. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The student must complete the 15 semester hours of required emergency management concentration courses listed below. A student who completes the graduate certificate may apply the 15 hours of credit toward the MS with a major in emergency management, the MPA with a concentration in emergency management, or the MA with a major in liberal studies. Please review our [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

**Required Courses for the Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management (15 semester hours):**

EM 505	Foundations of Emergency Management (3)
EM 525	Disaster Recovery (3)
EM 540	Hazard Mitigation (3)
EM 545	Emergency Preparedness (3)
EM 555	Disaster Response (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to complete: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSES (EM)

505. **Foundations of Emergency Management (3).** History of the profession; contemporary emergency management concepts, functions, and practices for government, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector.
511. **Disasters and the Media (3).** Course examines the portrayal of disasters in electronic and print media. Emphasis will be on the impact that newspapers, websites, television, social media, and film have on affecting individual and societal constructions of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, and man-made disasters.
515. **Legal Aspects of Emergency Management (3).** Legal context and constraints for emergency management; administrative law, administrative discretion, and liability.
521. **Exercise Design and Evaluation (3).** Introduction to the fundamentals of exercise design, development and implementation. Includes a review of the different types of exercises, how they are used, and how they are conducted. Provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop and conduct disaster exercises that test a community's emergency response plan and capabilities.
525. **Disaster Recovery (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Processes for short- and long-term recovery for individuals, families, and communities; provision of recovery assistance by both public and voluntary sectors.
526. **Advanced Radiological Incident Operations (3).** The course provides student with the advanced skills necessary to safely respond to and manage incidents involving radiological hazards. Participants apply these skills in exercises based on realistic radiological incident scenarios, set within the ICS structure. Students are required to complete the FEMA resident course PER-905 at the Center for Domestic Preparedness.
530. **Research Methods in Emergency Management (3).** Comprehensive coverage of major analytical and statistical tools used in emergency management program administration.
535. **Terrorism and Homeland Security (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Incident management approaches for domestic and international terrorism; anti and counter-terrorism organizational roles, responsibilities, and coordination, homeland security initiatives.
540. **Hazard Mitigation (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Mitigation concepts, implementation approaches, and planning.
545. **Emergency Preparedness (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Preparedness frameworks and strategies; techniques of emergency operations planning, exercise design and evaluation, and public education.
548. **Vulnerability and Capacity-Building (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Individual, social, economic and policy dimensions of vulnerability and client needs for disaster; service delivery strategies, coordination models, resource management and capacity building for nonprofit disaster relief organizations.
555. **Disaster Response (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Context of disaster response, response functions, assessment, resource mobilization and adjudication, and emergency operations center (EOC) operations.
565. **Management Systems in Disaster (3).** Prerequisites: EM 505, EM 525, and EM 555. Integration of emergency management functions, response structures, technology use, information management, and decision-making.
568. **Crisis Management for Business and Industry (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Contingency planning, business impact analysis, business resumption processes, risk/crisis communication and management, disaster recovery and organizational continuity.

570. **Biosecurity (3).** A detailed review of global concerns for biosecurity including the history of biological warfare, bioterrorism, concerns for agroterrorism and current initiatives in bio-defense. Included will be a thorough review of specific agents, the diseases they cause, detection methodologies, and consequence management consideration.
575. **Medical Aspects of Emergency Management (3).** Prerequisites: EM 505. Surveillance and rapid needs assessment, disaster epidemiology, disaster medical systems and approaches, and disaster mental health.
576. **Healthcare Leadership for All Hazards Incidents (3).** The course provides healthcare professional with a foundation of knowledge on which to make critical decisions during various disaster scenarios affecting healthcare and public health systems. Students are required to complete the FEMA resident course MGT-901 at the Center for Domestic Preparedness.
578. **Advanced Public Information Officer for Healthcare and Hospital (3).** The Advanced Public Information Officer for Health and Hospital Emergencies course is a four-day course that combines lectures, facilitated discussion, activities, and exercises, allowing participants to apply knowledge and skills to manage a Joint Information Center (JIC) in a healthcare emergency situation. The course has a healthcare focus but benefits all response disciplines. Students are required to complete the FEMA resident course MGT-902 at the Center for Domestic Preparedness.
580. **Current Issues in Homeland Security (3).** The examination of current issues and concerns with Homeland Security including upcoming National Special Security Events that mandate comprehensive security planning and response capabilities. Innovations and reactions from politicians and citizens will serve to offer students insight into the challenges of implementing and maintaining homeland security.
581. **Disaster Analysis (3).** The course will focus on modeling and simulation of high consequence events as a means of preparing emergency managers for future disasters. Several types of high consequence disasters will be examined from the perspectives of preparedness, prevention, decision-making, and effective response.
590. **Capstone in Emergency Management (3).** Prerequisites: Permission of Department. Should be taken in the last term of program of study. Integration and synthesis of theory and practice for emergency management.
595. **Directed Studies] (3).** Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the program director. In-depth study of selected topic of special project.
596. **Internship (3).** Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the program director. Supervised practice experience in a professional emergency management setting.
598. **Emergency Management Leadership and Organizational Behavior (3).** Prerequisite: EM 505. Leadership and organizational theory for emergency management; conflict management, use of power, group dynamics, and team performance.

**The following courses are for DSc students only:**

- 802, 804, 806. **Integrative Seminar (2) (2) (2).** On-campus integrative seminar during the first three years of program of study. Specialized topics include how to review and critique scholarly literature and research findings, how to present scholarly work at conferences, and how to write for journal publication. Opportunities for students to exchange ideas, present their work, and interact with faculty. Includes special topics of current interest.

812. **Disaster Management Principles and Practice (3).** In depth analysis of disaster management principles and practice, including historical and emergent trends and conditions relevant to the current state-of-the-practice and standards, plus further development.
814. **Interdisciplinary Disaster Theory and Research (3).** Examination of the major theoretical topics, questions, and literature that inform the discipline and practice of emergency management, with topics including the nature of disaster, human and organizational behavior under stress, and risk perception and communication. An interdisciplinary approach whereby students think critically about the epistemological assumptions of alternative theoretical perspectives and divergent policy approaches.
823. **Institutional Context and Emergency Management Policy (3).** Analysis of political, administrative, and fiscal relationships among governments in the provision of emergency management programs and disaster relief policy in the American political system. Exploration of the role of society in shaping institutions and how these institutions influence and structure Public policy making and administration.
825. **Systems Thinking and Applications in Emergency Management (3).** Analysis and application of systems thinking concepts and methodologies to problems encountered in emergency management.
832. **Hazards Risk Management and Community Resilience (3).** Tools and methods used to manage risk associated with the hazards facing a community; role of emergency management programs in community resilience and sustainability.
834. **Risk-Based Response and Recovery Strategy Development and Operations (3).** Explores strategies public officials employ to cope with disasters and their impacts, risk-based operational considerations, and management structures.
843. **Emergency Management Program Management (3).** Examines emergency Management functional demands and program delivery on a day-to-day basis; considers managerial practices such as communication with the public, the meaning of public service, making effective presentations to governing boards and legislatures, effective meetings and group facilitation, citizen engagement, media relations and ethics.
853. **Research Design (3).** Social science research methods including research design and approaches to inquiry (quantitative, qualitative, experimental, evaluation), the role of theory in empirical research, causal inference, and reporting and reviewing research.
855. **Advanced Data Analysis (3).** Prerequisites: EM 853 and EM 855 (May take concurrently). An examination of statistical and research techniques appropriate to emergency management applied research, including descriptive statistics, probability theory, sampling and statistical inference, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis, analysis of variance, modeling, and techniques for data reduction (e.g., factor analysis).
862. **Cost-Benefit Analysis (3).** Prerequisites: EM 853 and EM 855. Research, measurement and methodological requirements for the assessment of benefits and costs of programs and projects.
864. **Qualitative Research (3).** Prerequisites: EM 853 and EM 855. Examination of qualitative methods that can be applied in the study of disasters; explores a range of activities necessary to perform disaster field research.
866. **Evaluation Research (3).** Prerequisites: EM 853 and EM 855. Practical application of appropriate social science. Research methodology to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of public sector and nonprofit policies and programs, with topics including how to develop an evaluation plan; evaluation types such as process, impact, cost-benefit, and cost-effectiveness evaluations; and management of evaluation projects.

- 868 and 869. Directed Research (3).** Prerequisite: consent of program director. Directed reading and research in fields of special interest.
- 871. Voluntary and Nonprofit Disaster Management (3).** Prerequisite: EM 834. Unique considerations of nonprofit disaster management and service delivery, including volunteer administration, donations management, fundraising, and cross-sector collaboration.
- 873. Health Care Systems in Disaster (3).** Prerequisite: EM 834. Overview of emergency management considerations for health and medical professionals and range of medical, public health, behavioral and psychological problems associated with disaster; incident management processes and organization that integrate health and medical assets into the response.
- 875. Risk Communication (3).** Examines theories related to risk perception and behavior; principles of risk communication and special communication challenges with diverse audiences; and development of crisis and emergency risk communication plans.
- 877. Crisis Leadership and Management (3).** Classic and contemporary theories and models of leadership, with emphasis on the role of leadership in crisis situations; principles of crisis management.
- 878. IT Applications for Emergency Management (3).** Explores the importance of information in emergency management; information requirements and break-downs; and information technologies applied to crisis and disaster situations.
- 879. Spatial Analysis and GIS for Emergency Management (3).** Disaster-related applications of spatial analysis techniques; use of GIS software.
- 882, 884, and 886. Directed Study (3 each).** Prerequisite: consent of program director. Independent study under the direction of the instructor.
- 899. Dissertation Research (3) (3) (3) (3) (3) (3).** Prerequisite: consent of program director. At least 18 credit hours required; no credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate director. Continuous enrollment required subsequent to passing qualifying exams for admission to candidacy. Students may register for 3, 6, or 9 hours per semester. As DSc students progress, their grade is coded as IP or In Progress. When they complete the dissertation, they should be assessed a "P" for "Pass" or "F" for "Fail."

## ENGLISH

The Department of English offers courses leading to the MA with a major in English and supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in English Language Arts, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and the EdS degrees.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN ENGLISH

Applicants for the MA with a major in English will be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework (only after degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application procedure requirements.

Applicants for the MA with a major in English must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
6. A writing sample may be requested.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN ENGLISH

In addition to meeting general admission requirements of Graduate Studies, applicants for the MA with a major in English must have an undergraduate minor in English or its equivalent, as determined by the head of the English department.

#### Unconditional Admission

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 grade point scale) are eligible for unconditional admission.

## Conditional Admission

Applicants with an undergraduate GPA of less than 3.0 may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN ENGLISH

### Non-Thesis Option:

Total of 30 graduate semester hours in approved English courses, including EH 501, which English MA students must successfully complete within their first 15 hours of graduate English study, and three semester hours in Shakespeare at either the undergraduate or graduate level.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### Thesis Option:

Total of 30 graduate semester hours. Minimum of 24 hours in approved English courses, including EH 501, which English MA students must successfully complete within their first 15 hours of graduate English study, and three semester hours in Shakespeare at either the undergraduate or graduate level, and six hours of thesis.

Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, 256-782-5345. See Thesis Options and Procedures in this catalog for more information.

Upon advisement, students may be required to demonstrate foreign language proficiency when a chosen program of study requires translation skills.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.



## ENGLISH COURSES (EH)

- 401G. Chaucer (3).** The poet against the background of the Middle Ages.
- 402G. Special Studies in the English Renaissance (3) (3) (3).** Dedicated to selected writers, themes, or genres. May be duplicated for credit for a total of nine (9) semester hours, as long as each course taken is on a different special topic.
- 408G. Theory of Composition (3).** A study of current theory and practices in composition studies.
- 409G. The Art of the Film (3).** A consideration of the motion picture in its artistic, technical, and historical contexts. A number of films by major directors will be viewed, ranging from the comedies of the thirties and forties to the work of Alfred Hitchcock and the fantasy of the Hollywood musical.
- 410G. American Drama (3).** Examination of American drama as theater and literature, considering early plays in their historical contexts with emphasis on major American dramatists: beginning with Eugene O'Neill and progressing through Tennessee Williams, Arthur Miller, and Edward Albee, Beth Henley and August Wilson.
- 411G. Eighteenth-Century Literature (3).** Survey of eighteenth-century English writers, focusing on major satirists such as Dryden, Pope, Swift, and Fielding; Johnson and his circle; some of the major novelists and dramatists; survey of "Pre-Romantics" (the poets of "sensibility").
- 412G. Victorian Poetry (3).** Tennyson, Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning, Arnold, Swinburne, and other poets of the Victorian era.
- 413G. English Drama (3).** Medieval background of Elizabethan drama and reading of representative plays of the Tudor and Stuart periods.
- 419G. Milton (3).** Poetry and prose of John Milton, with special attention to *Paradise Lost*.
- 420G. Women's Literature (3).** Six centuries of representative literature by women; emphasis on recent British, American, ethnic-American authors; discussion of women writers in relation to the traditional canon.
- 431G. Non-Western Literature (3).** An introduction to literature of the non-Western world from ancient times to the twenty-first century. This course will examine different genres of literature originating in the following regions or cultures: Asia, the Middle East, Africa, South and Central America, as well as other cultures whose heritage is not primarily based on the Western tradition.
- 441G. The History of the English Language (3).** Study of the origins and developments of the English language from Old English through Modern English, focusing on the historical, cultural, and linguistic forces affecting language change.
- 442G. Black Writers in America (3).** Study of major twentieth-century writers, including Wright, Ellison, Hughes, Baldwin, Toni Morrison, Alice Walker, and others.
- 452G. Literary Criticism (3).** Prominent themes and theories, various critical approaches, and outstanding examples of literary criticism from Plato to feminism and African-American literary theory.
- 467G. Twentieth-Century English Fiction (3).** British fiction of the twentieth century, including short stories and novels by modern and postmodern authors.
- 501. Introduction to Graduate Study in English (3).** Techniques of literary research, critical and theoretical approaches, varieties of scholarly production, analysis and interpretation of literary texts. English M.A. students must successfully complete this course within their first 15 hours of graduate English study.
- 502. Studies in Nineteenth-Century American Literature (3).** Important literature of the century; writers examined may include Emerson, Thoreau, Whitman, Hawthorne, Melville, Twain, Dickinson, Douglass, and Jacobs.
- 510. The Eighteenth-Century Novel (3).** Major novels of Defoe, Richardson, Fielding and such minor figures as Behn, Smollett, Goldsmith, Burney, and the early Gothic novelists.

512. **Organizational Speech Communication (3).** Analysis of speech communication variables operating in educational, volunteer, and governmental organizations.
533. **Teaching College English (3).** This course is a survey of composition theory and practice, with emphasis placed on preparing the student to teach English at the college level.
551. **Writing Project Summer Institute (3).** Prerequisite: Admission to JSU Writing Project. (EH 551 must be taken in conjunction with EH 552.) Intensive study of theory and methodology of composition and composition instruction.
552. **Summer Institute Practicum (3).** Prerequisite: Admission to JSU Writing Project. (EH 552 must be taken in conjunction with EH 551.) Extensive writing and critiquing, with research and presentations on writing.
553. **Contemporary American Literature (3).** Twentieth-century American literature, with emphasis on the work of major poets, novelists, dramatists, and non-fiction writers.
554. **Contemporary European Literature (3).** Twentieth-century continental literature including such foundational figures as Mann, Kafka, Proust, Gide, Valery, and Pirandello; recent writers such as Alberto Moravia, Jean Anouilh, Andre Malraux, Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Salvatore Quasimodo, Elio Vittorini, and Boris Pasternak.
555. **Literature of the South (3).** Best of Southern literature with emphasis on the work of major writers.
556. **Victorian Literature (3).** Prose fiction and nonfiction of the Victorian Age.
557. **Studies in Non-Dramatic Elizabethan Literature (3).** Literature of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries, with emphasis as the instructor desires.
558. **Studies in Romantic Literature (3).** English literature of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries; emphasis on Blake, William and Dorothy Wordsworth, Coleridge, Byron, Mary and Percy Shelley, and Keats; writers such as Godwin, Wollstonecraft, Burke, Paine, Barbauld, Smith, Hemans, Hazlitt, Hunt, and Clare also featured.
562. **Studies in Shakespeare (3).** Reading of representative works of Shakespeare, with attention to the history of Shakespearian scholarship and criticism.
564. **Middle English Literature (3).** Literature of England during the Middle Ages with emphasis on the romance and its background in general European literature.
565. **Seventeenth-Century English Literature (3).** Poetry and prose of the seventeenth century.
570. **Special Problems (3).** Special readings and assignments approved by department head and instructor after consideration of the student's background.
599. **Thesis (3) (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only) Prerequisite: Approval of Application for Thesis Option. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

## GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Chemistry and Geosciences offers supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in social science or general science, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and the EdS degrees. A graduate degree program is not offered in geography.

### GEOGRAPHY COURSES (GY)

- 403G. Independent Study (1).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Permission of instructor required. This course gives the advanced student opportunity to pursue directed research. May be repeated for credit for a total of three semester hours.
- 431G. Topics in Physical Geography (3) (3) (3).** Advanced geographic study of various facets of the natural environment; topic selection varies; see instructor.
- 453G. Analyzing Spatial Networks (3).** Introduction to topology theory and its employment in GIS network analysis. Emphasis on methods of determining efficient paths, modeling network flows, and creating efficient service areas for organizational entities.
- 454G. Site Location Analysis (3).** Emphasis on evaluating existing site location efficiencies, determining of appropriate point site and area site locations for organizational entities, and analyzing environmental impact analyses using GIS.
- 455G. Organization and Management of Spatial Systems (3).** Fundamental of GIS implementation and GIS management. Consideration in designing organization-wide GIS and the management of both special projects and organization-wide use of GIS.
- 456G. Spatial Data Layout and Display (3).** Fundamentals of map composition and layout, chart creation, data classification, and map design to produce meaningful maps and charts from the results of spatial analysis.
- 459G. Spatial Data Collection and Management (3).** Methods of capturing data, acquiring and importing existing spatial data into geographic information systems, deriving spatial information from remotely sensed data, and storing spatial data.
- 475G. Natural Hazards (3).** An introduction to natural hazards, their causes, distribution and impacts. Focus on human perception, vulnerability and risk analysis.
- 501. Concepts in Cultural Geography (3).** Application of geographical concepts and perspectives to the study of the world's culture regions. (May be used in the social science teaching field with a major in secondary education.)
- 510. Concepts in Earth Sciences (3) (3) (3).** Selected topics in earth science such as atmosphere systems and processes, climatology, landform development, soils and biogeography. See instructor for specific topic(s) each term. (May be used in the general science and social science teaching fields with a major in secondary education.)

## HISTORY

The Department of History offers courses leading to the MA with a major in history and supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in history or social science, supporting courses are offered for the MSE and EdS degrees.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY

Applicants for the MA with a major in history will be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework (only after degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application procedure requirements.

Applicants for the MA with a major in history must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
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3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
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5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA IN HISTORY

In addition to meeting the above general admission requirements of Graduate Studies, applicants for the MA with a major in history must have an undergraduate major in history or its equivalent, as determined by the head of the History Department.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA.

Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables

[http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

**Unconditional Admission**

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1600 points;  
OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 60 points.

**Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER OF ARTS WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY

**Non-Thesis Option:**

Total of 30 graduate semester hours. Minimum of 27 hours in approved history courses, including HY 501. Up to three hours may be taken in a related field approved by the head of the History Department.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**Thesis Option:**

Total of 30 graduate semester hours. Minimum of 21 hours in approved history courses, including HY 501, and six hours of thesis. Up to three semester hours may be taken in a related field approved by the head of the History Department.

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## HISTORY COURSES (HY)

- 400G. Europe in the High Middle Ages, Renaissance, and Reformation, 1300-1648 (3).** European society as seen through its philosophy, religion, literature, and politics.
- 405G. Environmental History of the United States (3).** Historical investigation of human interaction with the environment in the United States from the pre-colonial era to the present.
- 433G. American Social and Cultural History to 1865 (3).** American society through its literature, religion, philosophy, and art; emphasis on immigration strains, European cultural transfer, and environmental adaptations which have formed the American character; readings in religion, philosophy, literature, and the arts.
- 434G. American Social and Cultural History Since 1865 (3).** Continuation of HY 433G which evaluates shifting immigration origins; concentrated study of changing thought patterns resulting from Darwinism, rise of Big Business, theories of public interest, Pragmatism, and emergence of the U.S. as a world power.
- 436G. History of American Women (3).** Survey of the history of women from the colonial period to the present with emphasis upon social, economic, political, and educational developments.
- 437G. Black America (3).** Blacks in the U.S. from colonial times to present; emphasis on events of the twentieth century and the integral social relations between blacks and whites.
- 441G. The South Before 1865 (3).** Pre-colonial civilization through the Civil War. Emphasis is on the social, cultural, economic, and political development of the South as a region and the South's part in building the United States.
- 442G. The South Since 1860 (3).** Issues which led to secession; the War Between the States; economic, political, and social results; recent tendencies and development.
- 443G. Introduction to Southern Culture (3).** Study of the historic roots of regional culture, integrating topics such as "cult of the Lost Cause," religion, folk life, music, literature, and the transition from a rural/agricultural society to an urban/commercial/industrial one.
- 445G. North American Indians (3).** A survey of Native American History in what became the United States. Particular attention will be paid to Native-US government relations, the impact of the reservation and assimilation programs, and modern rights issues.
- 448G. The Westward Movement in American History (3).** Significance of the frontier in American History; colonization of successive geographic areas; the West in relation to tariff, public lands, currency and banking; and crises resulting from expansion.
- 451G. History of Early America to 1783 (3).** European background to exploration; exploration and settlement; Inter-Colonial Wars; political, social, economic, and cultural development within colonies.
- 452G. The Age of Jefferson and Jackson, 1783-1850 (3).** Study of the development of the American Republic with special emphasis on the influence of Jefferson and Jackson; research and readings will focus on the evolution of democratic attitudes and institutions.
- 454G. The Beginning of Modern America, 1877-1914 (3).** Description and evaluation of the shift of the U.S. from an agrarian to an industrial nation; heritage of the Civil War and Reconstruction; rise of the Great Moguls; mass production and technological change; rise of the labor union movement and organized farm protests; Spanish-American War; American involvement in World War I.
- 455G. The 1920s and the Great Depression (3).** Detailed study of American political, diplomatic, and cultural history from President Woodrow Wilson through Franklin D. Roosevelt.

- 456G. Contemporary America, 1945-Present (3).** Prerequisites: HY 201, 202. Detailed study of American political, diplomatic, and cultural history since the end of World War II, part of course devoted to study of current events.
- 465G. The British Empire and Commonwealth (3).** Growth and development of the British Empire, with emphasis on factors leading to the Commonwealth of Nations. (Not open to those who have completed HY 305.)
- 468G. Constitutional History of England (3).** Growth of common law, court system, and cabinet form of government from earliest times to present. (Not open to those who have completed HY 308.)
- 469G. Age of Churchill (3).** An examination of the late Victorian-twentieth century British and world events through the career of Winston S. Churchill.
- 470G. American Diplomatic History to 1933 (3).** History of the United States foreign relations beginning with the American Revolutionary Period and continuing through the decade of the 1920s; study of the historical changes in American foreign policy objectives which led to the increased size and importance of the United States.
- 471G. American Diplomatic History Since 1933 (3).** Detailed study of United States foreign relations beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt and continuing to the present.
- 480G. Colonial Latin America (3).** Interaction of Native American, European, and African people in the Spanish and Portuguese empires of the Americas, concluding with the wars for independence.
- 481G. Modern Latin America (3).** Examination of the political, economic, social, and cultural developments of the diverse Latin American nations since 1821, against a backdrop of tradition, reform, and revolution.
- 483G. United States-Latin American Relations (3).** A survey of the diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations between the United States and Latin American Republics from 1810 to the present.
- 484G. The United States and the Caribbean Basin in the Twentieth Century (3).** Examines the issues, problems and international relationship of the United States with the countries of the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico, Colombia, and Venezuela from the Spanish American War until the present.
- 485G. History of Mexico (3).** A study of Mexico's past including pre-Columbian civilizations, the Spanish Conquest and Colonial period, the independence movement and the early republic, the struggle for nationhood, the modernization of Mexico with a special emphasis on the Mexican Revolution and the forces that shaped present day Mexico.
- 486G. The Andean Nations (3).** A history of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia from pre-Colombian times until the present with an emphasis on the diversity of the peoples of these nations.
- 487G. History of Brazil (3).** A survey of Brazil's history from 1500 until the present with an emphasis on The Empire of Brazil 1822-1889 and modern Brazil, 1889-present.
- 490G. History of Religions (3).** An introduction to the theory of Religious History and the study of the history and practices of the five dominant world religions using resources from within those traditions.
- 500. Special Problems (3).** Directed readings or research project agreed to among student, instructor and head of the History Department.
- 501. Historiography and Historical Methods (3).** Techniques of historical research, nature of history, theories of historical interpretation, and intensive study of controversies in history.
- 504. Modern European History (3).** Major themes of European history from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries including survey of relevant literature and interpretations.

510. **American Foreign Policy to 1921 (3).** Foundations of American foreign policy. (Not open to those taking credit for PSC 421G.)
515. **Contemporary Latin America (3).** A study of the political, economic, social, and cultural trends of the nations of Latin America from the end of World War II to the present.
533. **American Social and Intellectual History to 1865 (3).** Seminar in the intellectual and cultural sources that went into the making of the American tradition, particularly the influences on the Founders' generation.
534. **American Social and Intellectual History from 1865 (3).** Effect of the Industrial Revolution and urbanization of America on society and thought patterns in the U.S. as seen in the end of "American innocence" and the search for security in a changed America and a constantly changing world.
535. **Contemporary American Women (3).** This course will trace the evolution of women's societal, economic and political roles in the United States from the "Age of Association" in the mid-nineteenth century through the modern period. By the end of the course, we will have answered the question of whether "we've come a long way, Baby!" or not.
537. **Contemporary Black America (3).** The African-American experience from the Civil War to the present, focusing on the creation of segregation, resistance to discrimination and the Civil Rights movement. The influence of African-American culture on the larger American society will receive special attention.
551. **The South in the Nineteenth Century (3).** Study of major economic, political, sociological, racial, cultural, and intellectual developments during the century.
553. **Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877 (3).** Causes of the Civil War and political, social, economic, and military aspects of its conduct; examination of various interpretations of the Reconstruction period, regional and national.
554. **Early Twentieth-Century History, 1900-1932 (3).** Closing aspects of Spanish-American War, emergence of an imperial power; Theodore Roosevelt's Square Deal, 1901-1909; Imperialism and Dollar Diplomacy, 1901-1913; Taft and the Progressives; Woodrow Wilson and the New Freedom, 1913-1917; World War I and its aftermath, 1917-1929; restoration of the G.O.P.; hope for a new economic era; Hoover and the Depression, 1929-1932; election of 1932.
560. **The French Revolution and Napoleon (3).** Economic, social, political, military, and diplomatic aspects of years 1789-1815, with emphasis on France as the moving force of the period.
562. **Diplomatic History of Europe, 1815-1914 (3).** International relations of European states in 19th century, with emphasis on the Congress System, Eastern Question, Bismarckian System, and pre-War balance of power.
564. **History of Ideas, Renaissance through Enlightenment (3).** Study of the principal ideas and scope of thought in political philosophy, philosophy of history, science and technology, fine arts, literature, and religion.
565. **History of Ideas, Romanticism to the Present (3).** Study of principal ideas and scope of thought in political philosophy, philosophy of history, science and technology, fine arts, literature, and religion.
566. **Seminar in the European Reformation (3).** A historical and historiographical overview of the Reformation period, encompassing pre-reformation, Luther, Calvin and the Counter Reformation.
567. **Europe Since 1939 (3).** Political analysis of development of individual states within framework of East-West conflict and economic competition and cooperation.
568. **The South in the Twentieth-Century (3).** Study of major economic, political, sociological, racial, cultural, and intellectual developments since the turn of the century.
570. **Modern Far East History (3).** Survey of Modern Far Eastern history with emphasis on China and Japan.



576. **Tudor England (3)**. England's emergence as a modern state, 1485-1603; constitutional, economic, social, and intellectual developments during the Renaissance and Reformation.
577. **Stuart England, 1603-1714 (3)**. Study of major political, social, economic, and religious developments in seventeenth century England.
578. **Hanoverian England, 1714-1815 (3)**. Study of major political, social, economic, and diplomatic developments in eighteenth century England.
584. **Modern Britain (3)**. Detailed study of Britain's political, social, diplomatic, and industrial development since 1865; Britain's experiment with socialism and decline as a great world power.
599. **Thesis (3) (3)**. (Grade of Pass or Fail only) Prerequisite: Approval of Application for Thesis Option. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

## KINESIOLOGY

The Department of Kinesiology in the School of Health Professions and Wellness offers a Master of Science in Education degree in Physical Education/Human Performance concentration (non-professional educator certification), a Master of Science in Education degree in Physical Education/Nutrition concentration (non-professional educator certification), and a Master of Science degree in Sport Management (non-professional certification).

**Students interested in the professional educator certification programs in Physical Education or Sport Management should see the Education section of this catalog.**

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION Concentration: Human Performance and Concentration: Nutrition

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for application and receipt of all required application materials July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

#### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED

All of the following documents must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. Official scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test ([www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) ([www.jsu.edu/ccservices/mat.html](http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/mat.html)) will be required if the undergraduate degree posted GPA is below 2.75.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who meet the general admission requirements to graduate studies are eligible for admission to the MS Physical Education degree with a concentration in Human Performance or Nutrition (non-professional educator certification). All applications are reviewed by graduate faculty for admission approval into the program.

A degree in Exercise Science or a closely related field is required for admission into the Human Performance Concentration. A degree in Exercise Science, Nutrition, or a closely related field is required for admission into the Nutrition Concentration.

Completion of undergraduate deficiencies may be required to meet program admission for either concentration.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission requirements:

#### **Unconditional Admission**

Applicants may be eligible for unconditional admission to the program with a GPA on the initial undergraduate degree of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.

#### **Conditional Admission**

Applicants who fail to meet the 2.75 GPA requirement for unconditional admission may be eligible for conditional admission to the program with a GRE mean score equal to or greater than 145 OR a MAT score equal to or greater than 375.

If GRE or MAT scores are required, they must be on file at JSU prior to consideration of program acceptance.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

An overall GPA of 3.00 is required on all coursework attempted for the degree.

Upon completion of the required 30 hours of coursework, students must pass a comprehensive examination. Accommodations will be made to support students with either onsite or offsite qualifying exam administration. Students should contact the graduate program faculty about dates of comprehensive exams. Additionally, students must complete an online application for graduation through Graduate Studies.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: HUMAN PERFORMANCE**

**Core Requirements (12 semester hours):**

HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 553	Applied Exercise Physiology I (3)
HPE 578	Research in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)

**Human Performance Concentration (18 semester hours):**

HPE 531	Clinical Cardiopulmonary Physiology (3)
HPE 539	Diet and Performance (3)
HPE 554	Applied Exercise Physiology II (3)
HPE 583	Perceptual Motor Development (3)
HPE 590	Directed Study in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
FCS 536	Advanced Nutrition Therapy (3)
	OR
FCS 537	Advanced Methods of Nutritional Assessment (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

The graduate concentration in Human Performance is designed to prepare students for advanced study in exercise physiology and future employment in strength and conditioning, adult fitness and wellness and corporate fitness. Special attention is also given to knowledge and skills necessary for certification (Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist) and American College Sports Medicine certifications (e.g., Personal Trainer, Health/Fitness Specialist). The Human Performance program prepares graduates for interaction with both healthy populations and populations that are affected by chronic diseases (e.g., CVD, diabetes) and the functional changes that occur during exercise with these populations.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION  
MAJOR: PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
CONCENTRATION: NUTRITION**

**Core Requirements (12 semester hours):**

HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 553	Applied Exercise Physiology I (3)
HPE 578	Research in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)

**Nutrition Concentration (18 semester hours):**

HPE 531	Clinical Cardiopulmonary Physiology (3)
	OR
HPE 554	Applied Exercise Physiology II (3)
HPE 539	Diet and Performance (3)
HPE 590	Directed Study in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
FCS 536	Advanced Nutrition Therapy (3)
FCS 537	Advanced Methods of Nutritional Assessment (3)
FCS 538	Critical Issues in Nutrition and Food Science (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

The graduate concentration in Nutrition at Jacksonville State University is designed to prepare students for advanced study in nutrition and future employment in the field of nutrition and related careers in wellness and corporate fitness. Special attention is also given to knowledge and skills necessary for students preparing for the ISSN Certified Sport Nutrition exam and potentially preparing for a program leading to becoming a Registered Dietitian. The Nutrition program prepares graduates for interaction with both healthy active populations and populations that are affected by chronic diseases (e.g., CVD, diabetes) and the impact of nutritional interventions in these populations.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**  
**MAJOR: SPORT MANAGEMENT**  
**Concentration: Non-Professional Educator Certification**

The chief objective of the Master of Science (MS) with a major in Sport Management (non-professional educator certification) is to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to meet the demands of the job market in the sport industry. Students may enroll in the professional educator certification concentration (offered through the School of Education) or the non-professional educator certification concentration (offered through the Department of Kinesiology).

**Students interested in the professional educator certification Sport Management program should see the Education section of this catalog.**

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for application and receipt of all required application materials July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED

All of the following documents must be submitted to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. A professional curriculum vita or resume.
6. A letter of application explaining the applicant's interest in the field of sport management and delineating the applicant's career goals.
7. Official scores for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) General Test ([www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) ([www.jsu.edu/ccservices/mat.html](http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices/mat.html)) will be required if the undergraduate degree posted GPA is below 2.75.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the non-certification concentration does not require bachelor's-level professional educator certification.

Applicants who meet the general admission requirements to graduate studies are eligible for admission to the MS with a major in sport management (non-professional educator certification). All applications are reviewed by Sport Management graduate faculty for

admission approval into the program. A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to this program; however, a related field is recommended.

**Unconditional Admission**

Applicants may be eligible for unconditional admission to the program with a GPA on the initial undergraduate degree of at least 2.75 on a 4.00 scale.

**Conditional Admission**

Applicants who fail to meet the 2.75 GPA requirement for unconditional admission may be eligible for conditional admission to the program with a GRE mean score equal to or greater than 145 OR a MAT score equal to or greater than 375.

The GRE or MAT scores must be on file at JSU prior to consideration of program acceptance.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

An overall GPA of 3.00 is required on all coursework attempted for the degree.

Upon completion of the required 30 hours of coursework, students must pass a comprehensive examination. Accommodations will be made to support students with either onsite or offsite qualifying exam administration. Students should contact the graduate program faculty about dates of comprehensive exams. Additionally, students must complete an online application for graduation through Graduate Studies.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE**  
**MAJOR: SPORT MANAGEMENT**  
**Concentration: Non-Professional Educator Certification**

**Core Requirements (30 semester hours):**

HPE 525	Current Issues and Trends in Athletics (3)
	OR
HPE 537	Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 540	Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3)
HPE 563	Sport Finance (3)
HPE 564	Human Resources Management in Sport (3)
HPE 566	Public and Media Relations in Sport (3)
HPE 567	Sport Facility Administration and Design (3)
HPE 568	Administration of Athletics (3)
HPE 576	Sport Marketing (3)
HPE 586	Sport Promotion and Event Planning (3)
HPE 591	Internship in Sport Management (3)
	OR
HPE 592	Internship in Sport Marketing and Administration (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**30 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**



**KINESIOLOGY**  
**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES (HPE)**

500. **Foundations of Health and Physical Education (3).** Designed to inform the physical education teacher and others about the foundation of physical education and sports. Emphasis will be on philosophy, objectives, movement, history, fitness, and the psychological and sociological foundations of physical education.
502. **Sociology of Sport (3).** Analysis and study of human behavior patterns as they relate to participation in sports and games.
503. **Sport History (3).** Development of sport in the U.S. and other countries.
506. **Methods of Teaching PE, P-5 (3).** Prerequisite: Eligibility for alternative fifth-year professional educator certification program. Methods and techniques of teaching P-5 physical education.
507. **Methods of Teaching PE, 6-12 (3).** Prerequisite: Eligibility for alternative fifth-year professional educator certification program. Methods and techniques of teaching 6-12 physical education.
510. **Physical Education Curriculum (3).** This advanced online course examines the underlying philosophies and foundations of the physical education curriculum in the educational setting (replaces EFD 502, Curriculum Development (3)).
512. **Physical Education Methods I (3).** An advanced study of the developmental approach to teaching elementary physical education in the schools. Beginning movement concepts and fundamental motor skills are discussed in relation to developmentally appropriate physical education including educational dance, educational gymnastics, games and fitness activities. Students will continue to study the theories and research that serve as the foundation for student learning in quality physical education programs. Particular attention is given to planning and management. Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility.
513. **Physical Education Methods II (3).** An advanced study of the developmental approach to teaching physical education in the schools. Beginning and intermediate sport specific skill concepts and positive physical activity dispositions in relation to developmentally appropriate secondary physical education including sport, recreation and leisure activities, and fitness activities. Students will continue to study the theories and research that serve as the foundation for student learning in quality physical education programs. Special attention is given to curriculum and assessment. Requires Teacher Education Program Eligibility.
515. **Assessment in Health and Physical Education (3).** Advanced study of assessment techniques and tools with an emphasis on assessment in school based physical education settings.
520. **Best Practices in PE (3).** This advanced on-line course examines techniques and methodologies that have been shown to reliably produce desired outcomes in physical education.
525. **Current Issues and Trends in Athletics (3).** This advanced online course examines issues and trends encountered by secondary and collegiate coaches in the administration of sport programs. The concepts will be explored from a theoretical and applied perspective. This course examines possible courses of action to meet such issues and trends that occur in athletics. It includes in-depth study and problem-solving approaches.
530. **Physiology of Exercise (3).** Experiences in physiology of muscular activity and application of these to physical education, training, and health.
531. **Clinical Cardiopulmonary Physiology (3).** Advanced course in clinical exercise physiology. Study of the anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of the cardiac, vascular and pulmonary systems.
535. **Skill Analysis (3).** Basic skills involved in several individual and team sports; special attention will be given to body movement.

537. **Diversity Issues and Trends in Wellness and Sport Studies (3).** Examination of current trends and issues in HPE with an emphasis on multicultural education through a focus on best practices for promotion of a physically active lifestyle. Special attention will be given to the role of race, gender, and language barriers in physical education, wellness, and sport studies settings. The course includes best practices for effectively teaching all students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Students will also explore the use of technology and /or ways to promote physical activity in a variety of settings.
539. **Diet and Performance (3).** Study of the basic nutrients and different types of diets, and their effects on health related and sports related fitness.
540. **Law and Ethics in Wellness and Sport Studies (3).** This course will investigate legal implications of those involved with physical education, recreation, and athletic programs.
545. **Stress Management (3).** This course is intended to help the PE teacher develop knowledge and skills relative to stress management. Emphasis is placed on stress responses and relaxation technique strategies.
551. **Tests and Measurements in PE (3).** Prerequisite: Eligibility for alternative fifth-year professional educator certification program. Techniques of test evaluation, administration, and interpretations, emphasis on physical fitness, body mechanics, sports skills, and knowledge tests.
553. **Applied Exercise Physiology I (3).** The purpose of this course is to review undergraduate exercise physiology and provide the knowledge for a student to understand, plan, and implement exercise programs for health, fitness and human performance.
554. **Applied Exercise Physiology II (3).** The purpose of this course is to provide the knowledge for a student to understand, plan, and implement advanced training programs for maximizing fitness and human performance.
560. **Readings in PE (3).** Identification and analysis of current issues and trends; recent developments in physical education, curriculum, and practices in physical education.
562. **Physical Education Program (3).** Prerequisite: Eligibility for alternative fifth-year professional educator certification program. Study of curriculum, teaching methods, skills, and the organization and administration of PE programs.
563. **Sport Finance (3).** Concepts, principles, and application associated with finance in the sport and physical activity contexts. This course covers a variety of topics ranging from basic financial concepts to taxation and cash management.
564. **Human Resources Management in Sport (3).** Concepts, principles, and application associated with human resources management in the sport and physical activity contexts. A variety of topics ranging from performance appraisal strategies to job design.
566. **Public and Media Relations in Sport (3).** Concepts, principles, and application associated with public and media relations issues in the sport and physical activity contexts. A variety of topics ranging from the process of sport information to the sport broadcast media.
567. **Sport Facility Administration and Design (3).** Concepts, principles, and application associated with the planning, designing, and managing a sport facility. A variety of topics ranging from maintenance and security operations to sport facility design principles.
568. **Administration of Athletics (3).** Place of interscholastic athletics in the program, organization and administration of program, budget, equipment, facilities, public relations, and legal liability.
575. **Physical Fitness and Wellness (3).** Research evidence of relationships of physical exercise to the following: longevity, weight control, cardiovascular disease, low back pain, mental health, and aging.

576. **Sport Marketing (3).** Introduction to the principles and application of marketing theory to the sport industry. Covers wide range of sport marketing related topics including promotion and media relations in sport businesses, licensing and sponsorship of sport products, and the marketing mix strategies for sport organizations. Students will gain valuable insight into the theory and practice of sport marketing strategies for a diverse range of sport related organizations.
578. **Research in Wellness and Sport Studies (3).** The purpose of this course is to provide the foundation for the interpretation and conceptualization of research in HPER. This course will provide instruction on the variety of research methodologies and strategies and how to incorporate such strategies into personal research goals.
580. **Adapted Physical Education (3).** Comprehensive study to develop ability to deal successfully with handicapped children, youth, and adults in a variety of settings.
581. **Advanced Practicum in Special Physical Education (3).** Supervised field experience in applying skills, knowledge, and concepts in special physical education; supervised work with the handicapped.
582. **Research Seminar in Special Physical Education (3).** Critical analysis and evaluation of current research and practical application in the field of special physical education.
583. **Perceptual Motor Development (3).** Development of perceptual motor skills through physical activities; including locomotor skills, laterality and direction ability; investigations of theories, programs, activities, and evaluation.
585. **Physical Activity and the Aging Process (3).** Examination of scientific evidence concerning the relationship between physical activity level and physical, mental, and social-psychological wellbeing during aging.
586. **Sport Promotion and Event Planning (3).** Concepts, principles, and application associated with planning and promoting sporting events. Topics range from developing an event budget to attracting sponsors to a sporting event.
588. **Graduate Internship in PE, P-12 (3).** Prerequisite: Successful completion of the appropriate Praxis II examination. Complete semester long internship and earn "pass/fail" upon completion of the course. Students will complete a working portfolio and electronic LiveText portfolio, along with other standard course requirements.
590. **Directed Study in Wellness and Sport Studies (3) (3).** Prerequisites: Permission of instructor and approval of the department head. Students will collaborate with a faculty member to complete a specific research/literature review project. May be repeated once for a total of six (6) credit hours.
591. **Internship in Sport Management (3).** The sport management internship is designed to provide students with practical experience under the supervision of an athletic administrator in a secondary school setting.
592. **Internship in Sport Marketing and Administration (3).** Provides students with practical experience under the supervision of a sport management practitioner. This mutually beneficial relationship enhances the student's job marketability in the field of sport management by providing the student with professional experience.
598. **Independent Study in PE (3) (3).** Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head. Opportunity to explore, in detail, an area or issue in PE. May be repeated once for a total of six (6) credit hours.

## LIBERAL STUDIES

The MA with a major in liberal studies is an interdisciplinary degree characterized by its flexibility. After being admitted to graduate studies, the student and the faculty advisor will plan a program of study designed to meet the student's specific needs. Courses must be selected from two or more fields of study. Electives approved by the advisor may be taken in any department offering graduate courses. Students will select courses from the following fields of study: anthropology, biology, criminal justice, drama, economics, emergency management, English, geography, history, music, political science, and psychology.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Applicants for the MA with a major in liberal studies will be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework (only after degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application procedure requirements.

Applicants for the MA with a major in liberal studies must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Applicants who meet general admission requirements to graduate studies are eligible for admission to this program. A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to this program.

#### Unconditional Admission

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher for their last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework will be unconditionally admitted.

**Conditional Admission**

Students with a cumulative GPA below 3.00 for their last 60 hours of undergraduate coursework may be conditionally admitted.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR  
THE MA WITH A MAJOR IN LIBERAL STUDIES**

The student must complete a minimum of 30 graduate semester hours in approved courses of which 18 graduate semester hours must be from two or more of the following fields of study: anthropology, biology, computer science and information systems, criminal justice, drama, economics, emergency management, English, geography, history, music, political science, and psychology. The remaining 12 graduate semester hours may be completed in other fields selected by the student and the advisor.

A maximum of six hours of graduate credit may be transferred; however, courses transferred must be applicable to the student's program of study.

**LIBERAL STUDIES COURSES**

Course descriptions are located in various programs listed alphabetically in this catalog.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## **MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

The Department of Applied Engineering offers courses leading to the MS degree with a major in manufacturing systems technology. Manufacturing systems technology is a field of study designed to prepare management oriented technical professionals. The program balances academic instruction with practical applications in manufacturing systems to provide graduates with a broad base of knowledge and skills needed to effectively manage and control production in manufacturing facilities.

Specifically, the purpose of this master's program is to produce industrial leaders who:

- Make decisions to integrate appropriate technologies into manufacturing operations.
- Apply advanced principles and practices used in manufacturing systems.
- Creatively use technology in solving practical problems in the manufacturing environment.
- Manage technology systems in manufacturing industries.

### **APPLICATION DEADLINES**

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### **APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

Applicants for the MS with a major in manufacturing systems technology may be permitted to enroll in one semester of graduate coursework (if they are a U.S. citizen and degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application procedure requirements.

Applicants for the MS with a major in manufacturing systems technology must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official tests scores on the GMAT, General Test of the GRE, or MAT.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

An undergraduate degree in technology is not required for admission, but candidates with other degrees may be required to complete additional undergraduate courses based on evaluation of academic and professional experiences.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate grade point average, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables [http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

### **Unconditional Admission**

200 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the GMAT score must be equal to or greater than a total of 950 points;

OR

450 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the total score of the verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE must be equal to or greater than a total of 2250 points;

OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA on the initial undergraduate degree plus the MAT score must be equal to or greater than a total of 80 points.

### **Conditional Admission**

An applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be considered for conditional admission upon recommendation from the departmental graduate faculty with approval from the Director of Graduate Studies.

**A student admitted on a conditional basis must attain a minimum GPA of 3.00 on the first 12 semester hours of graduate courses attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

A total of 30 graduate semester hours is required for the degree, including 21 semester hours (seven courses) of manufacturing systems technology courses, nine semester hours in approved electives, or comprehensive project.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY COURSES (MFG)**

505. **Manufacturing Operational Systems I (3).** The analysis, design, and implementation of world class manufacturing systems and their integration with functions of the production system for the manufacture of superior quality, low cost products. Topics include lean manufacturing, cellular manufacturing, integrated quality systems, Just-In-Time/Pull production control, and other current manufacturing strategies.
507. **Manufacturing Operational Systems II (3).** Prerequisite: MFG 505. A continuation of the analysis, design, and implementation of world class manufacturing systems studied in MFG 505. Detailed examination of competencies required of technology managers in contemporary manufacturing, with emphasis on integrating quality into all areas of the organization with the manufacturing system. Topics include quality management, manufacturing teams, safety and health management, total productive maintenance, vendor relationships, and other global manufacturing issues.
511. **Manufacturing Computer/Information Systems (3).** The theory and practice of using the computer to integrate the functional manufacturing areas into an effective system. Emphasis on computer interfacing, including hardware and software.
515. **Manufacturing Systems Simulation (3).** An examination of decision-making competencies required of manufacturing managers using current manufacturing system-modeling packages. Emphasis will be on solving manufacturing system problems consisting of labor, material, and equipment to predict future outcomes of various alternatives. Topics include computer simulation of manufacturing systems, computer simulation of material handling systems, data collection, validation, output analysis, job shop applications, and line balancing.
521. **Manufacturing Value Analysis (3).** A comprehensive course covering topics necessary for making effective manufacturing economic decisions with emphasis on using a computerized engineering economic decision packages for application of cost controls and budgeting. Topics include evaluation of alternative projects, make versus buy decisions, cost justification methods, cost of product tolerances, and replacement analysis.
531. **Automated Manufacturing Technology (3).** A summary course of material processing and machining methods with an emphasis on planning and implementation of flexible manufacturing systems (FMS) and computer-integrated manufacturing (CIM). Topics include robotics and computer numerical control (CNC) systems, automated material handling and storage, and automated inspection.
540. **Safety and Health Administration (3).** The examination and analysis of administrative concepts and principles for organizing and managing the functional areas of safety and health within an organization, to include methods for improving management's safety effectiveness. Specifically, the course focuses on the application of behavioral principles to motivate safe workplace behavior.
580. **Advanced Topics in Manufacturing Systems Technology (3).** This course will focus on an advanced manufacturing systems technology topic of interest.
595. **Project Development and Management (3).** Students are directed in methods and techniques used in project development and management as they develop a proposal for completion of a project manufacturing systems technology.
596. **Comprehensive Project in Manufacturing Systems Technology (3).** Students complete an independent, comprehensive project integrating the functional areas of manufacturing systems technology. Students will be required to present a seminar outlining the project and submit a detailed technical project report.
598. **Selected Problems in Manufacturing Systems (3).** Independent study of selected problems under the guidance of a member of the graduate faculty.



## MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematical, Computing and Information Sciences offers courses leading to the Master of Science (MS) with a major in mathematics. Students pursuing graduate degrees in secondary education who meet Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences Department admission requirements (described below) may take mathematics courses as their teaching field.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS

Applicants for the MS with a major in mathematics may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework (only after degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application requirements.

Applicants for the MS with a major in mathematics must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official tests scores on the General Test of the GRE or the MAT.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS

In addition to meeting general admission requirements of graduate studies, an applicant must have completed at least 12 semester hours, or equivalent, beyond the three course JSU calculus series, or equivalent, including at least one course equivalent to MS 415, Advanced Calculus I, and one course equivalent to MS 441, Abstract Algebra I.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables

[http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

**Unconditional Admission**

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1600 points;  
OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 60 points.

**Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MS WITH A MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS

A maximum of six hours of graduate credit may be transferred; however, courses transferred must be applicable to the student's program of study.

**Non-Thesis Option:**

Total of 30 graduate semester hours in approved mathematics courses, including four of the following five courses: MS 451G, 515, 516, 541, and 542. Only two of the following courses may be counted toward the 30 hours of coursework: MS 475G, 523, 526, 528, 530, 533, 535, 537, and 549.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**Thesis Option:**

Total of 30 graduate semester hours. Minimum of 24 hours in approved mathematics courses, including four of the following five courses: MS 451G, 515, 516, 541, and 542; and six hours of approved thesis. Only two of the following courses may be counted toward the 24 hours of coursework: MS 475G, 523, 526, 528, 530, 533, 535, 537, and 549.

Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, 256-782-5345. See Thesis Options and Procedures in this catalog for more information.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## MATHEMATICS COURSES (MS)

**NOTE: Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses**

Graduate courses in mathematics are open only to students who (1) are admitted to a graduate program of study in mathematics; or (2) are admitted to a graduate program of study in secondary education with a teaching field of mathematics and with all undergraduate deficiencies in mathematics removed; or (3) have completed 32 semester hours in mathematics with at least 19 upper division hours. In addition, students must have successfully completed at least one course equivalent to MS 415, Advanced Calculus I, or MS 441, Abstract Algebra I. Some individual courses have further prerequisites; see the course descriptions below. Exemptions from course prerequisites require permission of the department head.

- 403G. Vector Analysis (3).** Prerequisite: MS 227 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Algebra and calculus of vectors, Stokes theorem, and divergence theorem; applications to geometry, mass potential functions, electricity, and fluid flow.
- 404G. Mathematical Statistics II (3).** Prerequisites: MS 227 and MS 304, and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Continuation of MS 304; selected topics from multivariate probability distributions, functions of random variables, approximations to probability distributions, methods of estimation, linear models and least squares estimators, analysis of variance, and nonparametric statistics.
- 416G. Advanced Calculus II (3).** Prerequisite: MS 415 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Selected topics from advanced calculus; elements of partial differentiation including the general theorems, Jacobians; topics on theory of integration.
- 423G. Survey of Geometries (3).** Prerequisite: MS 323 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Selected topics from advanced Euclidean geometry, finite geometries, non-Euclidean geometry, and other geometries.
- 451G. Functions of a Complex Variable (3).** Prerequisites: MS 227 and MS 300 and MS 415, and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Fundamental operations with complex numbers, differentiation and integration theorems, mapping, series, and residues.
- 475G Seminar in Mathematics (3).** Prerequisites or corequisites: MS 415 or MS 441. Goals include examining deeply the fundamental ideas mathematics and connections among various branches of mathematics, exploring the historical development of major concepts, and further developing the habits of mind that define mathematical approaches to problems.
- 480G. Introductory Topology (3).** Prerequisite: MS 415 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Basic topological concepts to include topological spaces, mapping, compactness, connectedness, and separation axioms.
- 484G. Partial Differential Equations (3).** Prerequisites: MS 227 and MS 344, and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Standard methods of solution; separation of variables, Fourier Series, Laplace Transforms; selected applications.
- 504. Applied Statistical Methods (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Fundamental concepts of descriptive and inferential statistics, probability distributions, estimation, and hypothesis testing; statistical software packages are used to facilitate valid analysis and interpretation of results; emphasis is on method and selection of proper statistical techniques for analyzing real situations.
- 505. Basic Logic and Set Theory (3).** Prerequisite: MS 415 or MS 441, and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Basic topics in symbolic logic and naive set theory, including sets and set operations, symbolic logic, the language of set theory, and applications of set theory.

515. **Real Variables I (3).** Prerequisite: MS 416 or permission of the instructor, and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Measure and measurable sets, measurable functions, Lebesgue integration, and convergence theorems.
516. **Real Variables II (3).** Prerequisite: MS 515 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Selected topics from absolute continuity and differentiation, LP-spaces, Hilbert spaces, and Banach spaces.
517. **Introduction to Functional Analysis (3).** Prerequisites: MS 352 and MS 415 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Introduction to the fundamental topics of functional analysis. Topics include metric spaces, completeness, linear operators, normed spaces and Banach spaces, inner product spaces, and Hilbert spaces. Objectives include the Riesz Representation Theorem, the Hahn-Banach Theorem, and the Contraction Mapping Theorem.
523. **Topics in Geometry for Teachers (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Classical theorems, ideas, and constructions of Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometry in theorems of Ceva, Menelaus, Pappus, and Feuerbach; homothetic transformations, inversion, harmonic sets of points, and cevians.
526. **Topics in Analytic Geometry for Teachers (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Applications of Euclidean and homogeneous coordinates, geometric transformations, trigonometric, and vector techniques to geometric problems.
528. **Theory of Equations and Functions for Teachers (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Topics in the theory of polynomial and other equations, and in the properties of transcendental functions. (The goal is the development of a deeper understanding of the equations and functions commonly encountered in pre-calculus mathematics.) May require the use of computer software.
530. **Foundations in Calculus for Teachers (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Theory, problem-solving techniques, and applications of differential and integral calculus, including the use of graphing calculators and computer software. (Recommended for students who are teaching or planning to teach Advanced Placement Calculus.)
533. **Topics in Modern Analysis for Teachers (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Logic and set theory, functions and sequences, structure and development of the real number system including completeness.
535. **Topics in Finite Mathematics for Teachers (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Elementary combinatorial analysis, probability, vectors and matrices, game theory, linear programming, and model building in the social and physical sciences.
537. **Foundations in Algebra for the Secondary Teacher (3).** Prerequisite: MS 441 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Concepts of high school algebra from the perspective of ring theory.
541. **Abstract Algebra I (3).** Prerequisite: MS 441 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” General group theory including cyclic groups and permutation groups, homomorphism and isomorphism theorems.
542. **Abstract Algebra II (3).** Prerequisite: MS 441 and see “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Theory of rings, ideals, fields, and integral domains.
549. **Selected Topics in Mathematics for the Secondary Teacher (3).** Prerequisite: See “Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses.” Selected topics suitable for the secondary teacher; problem solving; secondary school mathematics from an advanced standpoint.

552. **Linear Algebra (3)**. Prerequisites: MS 352 and MS 441 and see "Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses." Abstract treatment of finite dimensional vector spaces. Linear transformations, determinants, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, invariant subspaces, Rational and Jordan Canonical Forms, inner product spaces, unitary and normal operators, bilinear forms.
591. **Seminar in Algebra (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: MS 541 and MS 542 or permission of instructor and see "Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses." Selected topics in modern algebra beyond the scope of the graduate algebra sequence. Topics may be chosen from the theory of groups, rings, fields, or modules; linear algebra; homological algebra; or other topics, depending on student and instructor interests.
595. **Seminar in Analysis (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: MS 515 and MS 516 or permission of instructor and see "Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses." Selected topics in modern analysis beyond the scope of the graduate analysis sequence. Topics may be chosen from the fields of real analysis (measure theory and integration, special functions, finite differences, functional equations, sequences and series), complex variables, Fourier and harmonic analysis, integral transforms, operator theory, or other topics, depending on student and instructor interests.
598. **Directed Readings (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Students must have two courses in the topical area chosen and approval by the faculty advisor in mathematics and the instructor and see "Prerequisite for all Mathematics Courses." Algebra, analysis, geometry, and topology.
599. **Thesis (3) (3)**. (Grade of Pass or Fail only.) Prerequisite: Approval of Application for Thesis Option. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

## MUSIC

The Department of Music offers courses leading to the Master of Arts with a major in music and supporting courses for the MA with a major in liberal studies.

Within the MA with a major in music, students may elect one of two concentrations:

3. General Music (found here in the Music section of the catalog)
  - a. Instrumental
  - b. Vocal-Choral
4. Music Education (found in the Education section of the catalog and leads to professional educator certification; Alternative Class A programs are also available in the Education section of the catalog)
  - a. Instrumental
  - b. Vocal-Choral

The graduate programs in music are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

Applicants for the MA with a major in music and a general music concentration may be permitted to enroll for one semester of graduate coursework (only after official degree posted transcripts have been received) while completing all other general application requirements.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED

Applicants for the MA with a major in music and a general music concentration must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official test scores on the General Test of the GRE or the MAT.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to meeting general admission requirements of graduate studies, applicants must take the graduate music diagnostic exam given by the Music Department. The examination requires students to demonstrate competence in the theory of music, knowledge of the history and literature of music, and an applied music audition.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables [http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

### **Unconditional Admission**

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1600 points;  
OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 60 points.

### **Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

## **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00 GPA. Students will be required to complete a comprehensive examination.

### **Non-Thesis Option:**

Total of 32 graduate semester hours. The student must complete 16 semester hours in required music courses and 16 semester hours in approved music electives by advisement.

### **Thesis Option:**

Total of 32 graduate semester hours. The student must complete 16 semester hours in required music courses, 10 semester hours in approved music electives by advisement, and 6 hours of thesis.

Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, 256-782-5345. See Thesis Options and Procedures in this catalog for more information.

**MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC  
CONCENTRATION: GENERAL MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL)**

**NON-THESIS OPTION**

**Required Music Courses (16 semester hours):**

- MU 511      Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)
- MU 512      Seminar in Instrumental Music (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 513      Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)
- MU 514      Music Literature: Classic Era (3)
- MU 515      Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)
- MU 508      Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 520      Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)
- MU 521      Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

**Select from among the following (4 semester hours):**

- MU 519      Advanced Conducting (3)
- MU 534      Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 535      Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 580      Graduate Ensemble (1) (1)

**Approved Music Electives by Advisement (16 semester hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**32 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**



**MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC  
CONCENTRATION IN GENERAL MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL)**

**THESIS OPTION**

**Required Music Courses (16 semester hours):**

- MU 511      Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)
- MU 512      Seminar in Instrumental Music (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 513      Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)
- MU 514      Music Literature: Classic Era (3)
- MU 515      Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)
- MU 508      Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 520      Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)
- MU 521      Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

**Select from among the following (4 semester hours):**

- MU 519      Advanced Conducting (3)
- MU 534      Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 535      Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 580      Graduate Ensemble (1) (1)

**Thesis Option (6 semester hours):**

Must complete the following for a total of 6 semester hours:

- MU 599      Thesis (3)
- MU 599      Thesis (3)

See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

**Approved Music Electives by Advisement (10 semester hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**32 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC  
CONCENTRATION IN GENERAL MUSIC (VOCAL/CHORAL)**

**NON-THESIS OPTION**

**Required Music Courses (16 semester hours):**

- MU 509 Seminar in Choral Music (3)
- MU 511 Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 513 Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)
- MU 514 Music Literature: Classic Era (3)
- MU 515 Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)
- MU 508 Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 520 Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)
- MU 521 Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

**Select from among the following (4 semester hours):**

- MU 519 Advanced Conducting (3)
- MU 534 Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 535 Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 580 Graduate Ensemble (1) (1)

**Approved Music Electives by Advisement (16 semester hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**32 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**MASTER OF ARTS  
MAJOR: MUSIC  
CONCENTRATION IN GENERAL MUSIC (VOCAL/CHORAL)**

**THESIS OPTION**

**Required Music Courses (16 semester hours):**

- MU 509 Seminar in Choral Music (3)
- MU 511 Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 513 Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)
- MU 514 Music Literature: Classic Era (3)
- MU 515 Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)
- MU 508 Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)

**Select *one* from the following (3 semester hours):**

- MU 520 Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)
- MU 521 Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)

**Select from among the following (4 semester hours):**

- MU 519 Advanced Conducting (3)
- MU 534 Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 535 Individual Applied Music (2)
- MU 580 Graduate Ensemble (1) (1)

**Thesis Option (6 semester hours):**

Must complete the following for a total of 6 semester hours:

- MU 599 Thesis (3)
- MU 599 Thesis (3)

See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

**Approved Music Electives by Advisement (10 semester hours)**

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**32 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## MUSIC COURSES (MU)

500. **Graduate Recital (0)**. Public Performance in primary applied area of student; instrumental or vocal material planned by instructor and student.
508. **Music Literature: Contemporary Era (3)**. Development of instrumental and vocal music since 1900; emphasis on musical examples from various schools of composition, including Impressionism, Primitivism, Neoclassicism, Expressionism, Serialism, Indeterminacy, and Minimalism.
509. **Seminar in Choral Music (3)**. Acoustical problems and basic techniques relating to choral medium; problems of ensemble, balance, precision, and interpretation; materials and musical literature for large and chamber choral ensembles.
510. **Seminar in Music Education (3)**. Philosophies and objectives of music in schools; scope and sequence of music curricula on elementary and secondary levels.
511. **Research Methods in Music and Music Education (3)**. Application of methods of research to problems in music and music education; preparation of bibliographies and written exposition of research projects in area of student's major interest.
512. **Seminar in Instrumental Music (3)**. Acoustical properties and basic techniques of instruments; problems of ensemble and balance, intonation, precision, and interpretation; materials and musical literature and orchestras, bands, and small ensembles.
513. **Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras (3)**. A study of the development of sacred and secular music during periods preceding that of the Common Practice period. Includes various vocal and instrumental forms, both large and small, including motets, madrigals, opera, concerti and various keyboard forms.
514. **Music Literature: Classic Era (3)**. A study of the history and literature of music during the Classic period leading into Romanticism; includes various vocal styles and forms using examples of significant composers of the period.
515. **Music Literature: Romantic Era (3)**. A study of musical developments in the nineteenth century using repertoire of representative composers from various national schools, including keyboard forms, chamber music, symphony, opera, art song and other performance media.
519. **Advanced Conducting (3)**. Prerequisite: MU 210 or equivalent. Intensive study in repertoire of various performing media; includes parallel or supplementary reading and a paper dealing with some aspect of conducting.
520. **Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)**. Study intended to develop stylistic perception through analytical and historical examination of selected musical examples, Bach and Handel through Beethoven and Schubert.
521. **Music Theory: Style Analysis (3)**. Continuation of 520; Debussy and Ravel to present.
522. **Music Theory: Sixteenth-Century Counterpoint (3)**. Species counterpoint up to time of Monteverdi.
523. **Music Theory: Eighteenth-Century Counterpoint (3)**. Late Baroque styles in canon, fugue, invention, and passacaglia; extensive writing and special projects.
534. **Individual Applied Music (2)**. Primary applied area of student; instrumental or vocal material planned by instructor and student.
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545. **Measurement and Evaluation in Music (3).** Evaluation of current achievement and aptitude measurements in music; problems in measurement of musical performance; preparation of examination material and the computation of basic statistical formulae.
552. **Lyric Theatre Workshop (1).** An ensemble designed to guide the classically trained singer through the varied aspects of preparing and presenting an operatic performance. This course may be duplicated for credit for a total of four (4) credit hours.
571. **Elementary Music Materials and Methods (3).** Methods, materials, and problems of teaching general music; grades P-6.
580. **Graduate Ensemble (1).** Appropriate conducted or coached ensembles as approved by the department head and the graduate advisor. This number may be duplicated for credit for a total of four (4) credit hours. (This course is replacing MU 480G Graduate Ensemble and MU 481G Graduate Ensemble).
581. **Graduate Ensemble (1).** Appropriate conducted or coached ensembles as approved by the department head and the graduate advisor.
582. **Secondary Instrumental Music Materials and Methods (3).** Professional preparation of teachers of instrumental music, grades 7-12, with emphasis on appropriate theory, literature, teaching methods and organizational skills needed to teach in an effective public school instrumental music program.
583. **Secondary Vocal Music Materials and Methods (3).** Professional preparation of teachers of vocal music, grade 7-12, with emphasis on theory, literature, teaching methods and organizational skills needed to teach in an effective public school choral program.
588. **Graduate Internship in Music Education P-12 (3).** Complete semester long internship and earn "pass/fail" upon completion of course. Students will complete a working portfolio and electronic LiveText portfolio, along with other standard course requirements.
- 594, 595. **Directed Readings in Music (3) (3).** Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and approval of department head. An opportunity to explore in-depth a specific topic or area in Music through selected readings, special projects, and professional guidance and discussion.
599. **Thesis (3) (3).** (Grade of Pass or Fail only) Prerequisite: Approval of Application for Thesis Option. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

## NURSING

The primary mission of the Department of Nursing in the School of Health Professions and Wellness is to provide excellence in undergraduate and graduate professional nursing education, as well as to pursue scholarly activities and provide service to the community. The department offers courses leading to the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) with a major in population health (concentrations in emergency management and nurse educator); graduate certificates in nursing education and emergency preparedness nursing coordinator; and a doctorate in nursing practice (BSN-DNP family nurse practitioner, adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, and post-master's doctor of nursing practice tracks). The baccalaureate and master's degree programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 887-6791. (Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP)

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applicants for the Doctor of Nursing Practice are considered for admission for the fall semester only, and all required application materials must be received in Graduate Studies by January 15. Applications completed after January 15 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year.

#### BSN-DNP AND POST-MASTER'S DNP PROGRAMS

The Doctor of Nursing Practice is a terminal degree in nursing that prepares Registered Nurses (RNs) and Nurse Practitioners (NPs) to practice at the highest level of the profession.

Three Doctor of Nursing Practice tracks were launched for delivery beginning Fall 2017. These include the BSN-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) track, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) track, and the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) track.

1. BSN-DNP for FNP (12 semesters or 15 semesters) \*
2. BSN-DNP for AGACNP (12 semesters or 15 semesters) \*
3. Post-Master's DNP (6 semesters) \*\*

\* Nurse Practitioner tracks which prepare students to take the appropriate certification exam at completion of the program of study.

\*\* Track for nurse professionals who already have an MSN degree with approximately 500 clinical practice hours in the completed master's program which can be validated in writing by that program administrator. These students may or may not be nurse practitioners, but they must have completed a master's degree with a clinical focus. The Post-Master's DNP track is a leadership track with focus on advanced clinical practice, leadership, informatics and technology, quality indicators and outcomes improvement, and translation of evidence to practice in healthcare delivery.

#### **Requirements for admission to the BSN-DNP program:**

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>)
2. BSN degree from an accredited institution
3. Unencumbered RN license in the U.S.
4. Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale
5. Professional resume [curriculum vitae (CV)]
6. Completed Experience Form

7. Three professional references
8. Professional interview and/or writing sample may be required
9. No additional qualifying exam (GRE, MAT)

\* The Department of Nursing does not accept transfer credit to the DNP program tracks.

**Requirements for admission to the Post-Master's DNP program:**

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Master of Science in Nursing degree from an accredited institution with a clinical focus validating approximately 500 practice hours, including, but not limited to, certified nurse practitioners.
3. Unencumbered RN license in the U.S.
4. Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale
5. Professional resume [curriculum vitae (CV)]
6. Completed Experience Form
7. Three professional references
8. Professional interview and/or writing sample may be required
9. No additional qualifying exam (GRE, MAT)

\* The Department of Nursing does not accept transfer credit to the DNP program tracks.

**Graduation requirements are as follows:**

1. Completion of courses required for the selected pathway:
  - a. 69 credit hours must be completed for the BSN-DNP.
  - b. 36 credit hours must be completed for the Post-Master's DNP.
2. Completion of supervised academic program practice hours:
  - a. 1330 hours must be completed for the BSN-DNP.
  - b. 630 hours must be completed for the Post-Master's DNP.
3. Satisfactory completion of DNP project and paper.
4. Satisfactory completion of professional electronic portfolio.
5. Satisfactory completion of comprehensive exam for the BSN-DNP specialty tracks.

**Progression and Retention**

DNP students must maintain a 3.0 GPA. If GPA falls below 3.0, student will be placed on academic probation per policy of the Department of Graduate Studies. A maximum of two courses with a grade of "C" may be counted toward degree completion and graduation. However, only one C is permitted in a support or specialty course. A second C in a support or specialty course must be repeated. A course may be repeated only once. A student earning a third C or lower may be dismissed from the DNP program.

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE  
TRACK: ADULT-GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**Required Courses (69 semester hours):**

NU 607	Advanced Health Assessment (3)
NU 613	Physio-Pathological Basis of Advanced Nursing (3)
NU 620	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses (3)
ANP 668	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP I (3)
ANP 669	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum I (1) (70 Clinical Practicum Hours)
ANP 671	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Issues for AGANP (2)
ANP 672	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP II (3)
ANP 673	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum II (3) (210 Clinical Hours)
ANP 674	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP III (3)
ANP 675	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum III (3) (210 Clinical Hours)
ANP 676	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP IV (3)
ANP 677	Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum IV (3) (210 Clinical Hours)
NU 702	BSN-DNP Online Orientation (0)
NU 707	Scientific Underpinnings of Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
NU 708	Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (3)
NU 710	Health Care Policy and Finance (3)
NU 711	Biostatistics and Translating Evidence (3)
NU 712	Clinical Prevention & Population Health (3)
NU 713	Organizational and Systems Leadership for APN (3)
NU 715	Innovative Leadership and Collaboration in Healthcare (3)
NU 716	Interprofessional Healthcare and Informatics (3)
ANP 796	AGANP Project Planning and Development (3)
ANP 797	AGANP Residency I (3) (210 Practicum Hours)
ANP 798	AGANP Residency II (3) (210 Practicum Hours)
ANP 799	AGANP Clinical Residency III (3) (210 Practicum Hours)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**69 Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Note: An individual plan of study is provided from the Director of Student Services at time of admission.



**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE  
TRACK: FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**

**Required Courses (69 semester hours):**

NU 607	Advanced Nursing Assessment (3)
NU 613	Physio-pathological Basis of Advanced Nursing (3)
NU 620	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses (3)
FNP 668	Advanced Family NP I (3)
FNP 669	Advanced Family NP Practicum I (1) (70 Clinical Practicum Hours)
FNP 671	Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Issues for FNP (2)
FNP 672	Advanced Family NP II (3)
FNP 673	Advanced Family NP Practicum II (3) (210 Clinical Hours)
FNP 674	Advanced Family NP III (3)
FNP 675	Advanced Family NP Practicum III (3) (210 Clinical Hours)
FNP 676	Advanced Family NP IV (3)
FNP 677	Advanced Family NP Practicum IV (3) (210 Clinical Hours)
NU 702	BSN-DNP Online Orientation (0)
NU 707	Scientific Underpinnings of Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
NU 708	Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (3)
NU 710	Health Care Policy and Finance (3)
NU 711	Biostatistics and Translating Evidence (3)
NU 712	Clinical Prevention and Population Health (3)
NU 713	Organizational and Systems Leadership for APN (3)
NU 715	Innovative Leadership and Collaboration in Healthcare (3)
NU 716	Interprofessional Health Care and Informatics (3)
FNP 796	FNP Project Planning and Development (3)
FNP 797	FNP Clinical Residency I (3) (210 Specialty Clinical Hours)
FNP 798	FNP Clinical Residency II (3) (210 Specialty Clinical Hours)
FNP 799	FNP Clinical Residency III (3) (210 Specialty Clinical Hours)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**69 Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Note: An individual plan of study is provided from the Director of Student Services at time of admission.

**DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE  
TRACK: POST MASTER'S DNP**

**Required Courses (36 semester hours):**

NU 701	Post Master's DNP Online Orientation (0)
NU 707	Scientific Underpinnings of Advanced Nursing Practice (3)
NU 708	Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (3)
NU 710	Health Care Policy and Finance (3)
NU 711	Biostatistics and Translating Evidence (3)
NU 712	Clinical Prevention and Population Health (3)
NU 713	Organizational and Systems Leadership for APN (3)
NU 715	Innovative Leadership and Collaboration in Healthcare (3)
NU 716	Interprofessional Health Care and Informatics (3)
DNP 796	DNP Project Planning and Development (3)
DNP 797	DNP Residency I (3) (210 Practicum Hours)
DNP 798	DNP Residency II (3) (210 Practicum Hours)
DNP 799	DNP Residency III (3) (210 Practicum Hours)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**36 Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

Note: An individual plan of study is provided from the Director of Student Services at time of admission.

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING IN POPULATION HEALTH

The Department of Nursing in the School of Health Professions and Wellness offers courses leading to the MSN with a major in population health.

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree program is designed to prepare advanced community health nurses to address the health needs of vulnerable populations and communities as they currently exist and as they will evolve in the future. Students acquire advanced knowledge and skills in community needs assessment, analysis of aggregate data, health planning, as well as program development, implementation, and evaluation. The curriculum builds on the foundation of baccalaureate education and requires 38 hours of coursework, including two courses in community health with clinical practica. A disaster management component is integrated into various courses in the curriculum. Courses in the MSN program are offered online.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

To complete the admission process, the items listed below must be submitted by **July 1st for admission to the fall semester, April 1st for admission to the May and summer terms, or November 1st for spring semester admission.** Applicants are not allowed to register or pre-register until all admission requirements have been completed and the applicant is admitted to Graduate Studies.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MSN-Population Health

#### Unconditional Admission

Applicants for the MSN must meet the following admission requirements for unconditional admission:

1. Bachelor's degree with a major in nursing from a regionally accredited university with a professionally accredited nursing program.
2. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
3. Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher on a 4.00 scale (cumulative or last 64 credit hours).
4. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. Satisfactory writing sample of statement of purpose.
7. A current unencumbered RN license.
8. Professional interview may be required.
9. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

\*Admission test scores are not required (GRE, MAT).

\*\*The Graduate Nursing Programs Admissions Committee will review applicant admission packets and determine eligibility for admission. The admissions committee will submit to the Director of Graduate Studies its recommendation on the admission of each candidate.

### Conditional Admission

To be considered for conditional admission for the MSN, applicants must meet all of the above requirements with the following exception:

1. Overall GPA of 2.50 or higher on a 4.00 scale (cumulative or last 64 credit hours).
2. Students who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to comply will result in the student being dismissed from the program.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSN-Population Health Degree

The MSN Population Health Degree program consists of 38 graduate semester hours. A comprehensive examination is not required.

### MSN MAJOR: POPULATION HEALTH

#### Required Courses (38 semester hours):

NU 501	Online MSN Orientation (0)
NU 504	Theories in Nursing (2)
NU 507	Advanced Health Assessment (3)
NU 513	Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
NU 518	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Population Health (3)
NU 520	Advanced Pharmacology (3)
NU 522	Research Methodology (3)
NU 527	Epidemiology (3)
NU 540	Population Health I (6)
NU 542	Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare (3)
NU 544	Statistical Methods in Healthcare (3)
NU 545	Population Health II (6)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

#### 38 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSN-Population Health Degree  
with Concentration in Emergency Management**

The MSN Population Health Degree with Concentration in Emergency Management consists of 53 graduate semester hours. A comprehensive examination is not required.

**MSN  
MAJOR: POPULATION HEALTH  
CONCENTRATION: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**Required Courses (38 semester hours):**

NU 501	Online MSN Orientation (0)
NU 504	Theories in Nursing (2)
NU 507	Advanced Health Assessment (3)
NU 513	Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
NU 518	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Population Health (3)
NU 520	Advanced Pharmacology (3)
NU 522	Research Methodology (3)
NU 527	Epidemiology (3)
NU 540	Population Health I (6)
NU 542	Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare (3)
NU 544	Statistical Methods in Healthcare (3)
NU 545	Population Health II (6)

**Required Courses for the Concentration in Emergency Management (12 semester hours):**

EM 505	Foundations of Emergency Management (3)
EM 545	Emergency Preparedness (3)
EM 555	Disaster Response (3)
EM 575	Medical Aspects of Emergency Management (3)

**EM Elective (3) - Select one of the following EM courses:**

EM 548	Vulnerability and Capacity Building (3)
EM 570	Biosecurity (3)
EM 576	Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualties (3)
EM 577	Pandemic Planning and Preparedness (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**53 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE  
MSN-Population Health Degree  
with Concentration in Nursing Education**

The MSN Population Health Degree with Concentration in Nursing Education consists of 53 graduate semester hours. A comprehensive examination is not required.

**MSN  
MAJOR: POPULATION HEALTH  
CONCENTRATION: NURSE EDUCATOR**

**Required Courses (38 semester hours):**

NU 501	Online MSN Orientation (0)
NU 504	Theories in Nursing (2)
NU 507	Advanced Health Assessment (3)
NU 513	Advanced Pathophysiology (3)
NU 518	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Population Health (3)
NU 520	Advanced Pharmacology (3)
NU 522	Research Methodology (3)
NU 527	Epidemiology (3)
NU 540	Population Health I (6)
NU 542	Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare (3)
NU 544	Statistical Methods in Healthcare (3)
NU 545	Population Health II (6)

**Required Courses for the Concentration in Nurse Educator (15 semester hours):**

NU 502	Orientation: Nurse Educator Program (0)
NU 550	Developing Instruction Programs in Collegiate Nursing Education (3)
NU 551	Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation in Collegiate Nursing Programs (3)
NU 552	Practicum in Collegiate Nursing Education (3)
NU 553	Issues and Trends in Collegiate Nursing Education (3)
NU 554	Introduction to Instructional Design and Online Teaching (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**53 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

## APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION AND THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NURSING COORDINATOR

Please review our [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.

Applicants for the graduate certificate in nursing education and the graduate certificate in emergency preparedness nursing coordinator must submit the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Bachelor's degree with a major in nursing from a regionally accredited university with a professionally accredited nursing program.
4. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
5. A current unencumbered RN license.
6. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
7. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING EDUCATION

The graduate certificate in nursing education is designed to prepare nurses to teach in nursing and health professional programs, health care institutions and agencies, and in the community. The certificate provides nurses with essential knowledge and skills about teaching, program development, evaluation, clinical instruction, and other aspects of the educational process in nursing. Upon satisfactorily completing the requirements of the graduate certificate (comprehensive exam not required for graduate certificate), an entry will be made on the student's transcript. All courses are delivered through distance education.

Courses in the graduate certificate programs are offered online. The practicum is based on student needs and is planned with students in a location convenient for them.

(Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

### Required Courses for the Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education (15 semester hours):

NU 502	Orientation: Nurse Educator Program (0)
NU 550	Developing Instruction Programs in Collegiate Nursing Education (3)
NU 551	Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation in Collegiate Nursing Programs (3)
NU 552	Practicum in Collegiate Nursing Education (3)
NU 553	Issues and Trends in Collegiate Nursing Education (3)
NU 554	Introduction to Instructional Design and Online Teaching (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to complete: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS NURSING COORDINATOR

A graduate certificate in Emergency Preparedness Nursing Coordinator is available for non-degree students who wish to specialize in the area of emergency management nursing. Upon satisfactorily completing the 15 hours required of the graduate certificate (comprehensive examination not required for graduate certificate), an entry will be made on the student's transcript. All courses are delivered through distance education. Please refer to the Emergency Management section of this catalog for course descriptions. (Please review the [Graduate Certificate Disclosure](#) information.)

### Required Courses for the Graduate Certificate in Emergency Preparedness Nursing Coordinator (15 semester hours):

EM 505	Foundations of Emergency Management (3)
EM 545	Emergency Preparedness (3)
EM 555	Disaster Response (3)
EM 575	Medical Aspects of Emergency Management (3)

### Required EM Elective (3 semester hours) - Select one of the following courses:

EM 548	Vulnerability and Capacity Building (3)
EM 570	Biosecurity (3)
EM 576	Healthcare Leadership for Mass Casualties (3)
EM 577	Pandemic Planning and Preparedness (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to complete: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.



## NURSING COURSES (NU)

501. **Online MSN Orientation (0).** Online orientation is designed to provide a framework for delivery of essential information designed to promote academic success of the newly enrolled graduate student: and to provide consistent introduction to online services at the university.
502. **Orientation: Nurse Educator Program (0).** The purpose of this course is to provide the newly admitted online student with information that is meaningful and relevant for success in the Nurse Educator program. The scope of practice for the academic nurse educator is outlined and the National League for Nursing's Nurse Educator Core Competencies are emphasized.
504. **Theories in Nursing (2).** Explores the evolution and importance of knowledge and theory in nursing, mechanisms for developing and critiquing theory, and the analysis and application of theories in nursing practice.
507. **Advanced Health Assessment (3).** Provides advanced knowledge of history and interviewing processes across the lifespan, physical examination, and clinical judgments regarding health care needs.
513. **Advanced Pathophysiology (3).** Review of cellular structure and function with emphasis on cellular changes that give rise to pathology and disease; discussion of cellular and tissue physiology with a focus on pathological processes of major organs and body systems.
518. **Organization and Systems Leadership in Population Health (3).** Provides opportunities to review, examine, and analyze individual, family and population-based care from a community health perspective and synthesize selected issues that affect the role responsibilities of the advanced community health nurse within systems and organizations.
520. **Advanced Pharmacology (3).** Designed to augment and support the practice of the APN. Encompasses the prescriptive role of the APN, legal statutes, general principles of pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics, treatment guidelines related to evidence based practices, pharmacology concerns for special populations, and drugs most commonly used in primary care.
522. **Research Methodology (3).** Discussion of principles of the research process; emphasis on the utilization and generation of research relevant to nursing.
527. **Epidemiology (3).** Study of various factors as they relate to the occurrence, frequency, and distribution of disease across the lifespan; includes origin, transmission, host/environmental factors that influence the development of disease, as well as issues related to health planning, policy, and evaluation.
534. **Statistics and Data Management (2).** Quantitative methods and statistics as applied to nursing and health care; topics include descriptive statistics, probability theory, sampling and statistical inference, hypothesis testing, regression and correlation analysis, and analysis of variance.
540. **Population Health I (6).** Prerequisites: NU 501, 504, 507, 513, 518, 527 and 544. Application of advanced specialized knowledge relevant to health promotion/disease prevention issues in select populations, with an emphasis on assessment and planning programs to impact vulnerable populations and aggregates. Clinical experiences will be designed to meet individual learning needs of the MSN student in assessment and planning through the multifaceted role of the advanced population health nurse (APHN). Practicum hours required: 254.
542. **Transcultural Nursing and Healthcare (3).** An exploration of theoretical foundations for cultural diversity in health and illness, with emphasis in assessment and analysis of selected cultures as related to nursing and health care practices.
544. **Statistical Methods in Health Care (3).** Utilizing concepts of informatics, the focus is on probability concepts, descriptive statistics, and hypothesis testing with parametric and non-parametric procedures using Excel.

545. **Population Health II (6).** Prerequisites: NU 522 and 540. Application of advanced specialized knowledge relevant to health promotion/disease prevention programs in select populations, with an emphasis on implementing and evaluating programs in vulnerable populations and aggregates. Clinical experiences will be designed to meet individual learning needs of the MSN student in implementation and evaluation through the multifaceted role of the advanced population health nurse (APHN). Practicum hours required: 254.
550. **Developing Instruction Programs in Collegiate Nursing Education (3).** Development of curricular components for nursing instructional programs. Examines the relationships among philosophy, goals, and outcomes for various learning environments. (Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education requirement/Elective for MSN.)
551. **Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation in Collegiate Nursing Programs (3).** Focuses on teaching-learning theories, processes, strategies, and styles. Examines evaluation principles in the classroom and clinical setting. (Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education requirement/Elective for MSN.)
552. **Practicum in Collegiate Nursing Education (3).** Prerequisites: NU 550, 551, and 553. Application for teaching-learning theories/ strategies, assessment and measurement methods, curricular frameworks, and nursing knowledge in an educational context. (Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education requirement/Elective for MSN.)
553. **Issues and Trends in Collegiate Nursing Education (3).** Exploration of issues and trends influencing the role of the nursing educator. Includes analysis of technological, legal, economic, political, cultural, and ethical, and professional dynamics. (Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education requirement/Elective for MSN.)
554. **Introduction to Instructional Design and Online Teaching (3).** The purpose of this course is to provide the graduate nursing student with the opportunity to explore principles and best practices in online course design and teaching. Students are encouraged to examine quality standards and course exemplars. Emphasis is placed on instructional design, content organization and scaffolding of content to enhance student learning. The concept of continual engagement is introduced as a method to promote a community of engaged learners. Students will learn how to effectively prepare their online teaching through a systematic instructional planning process and to integrate effective technology to promote learning.
581. **Independent Study (1).** Prerequisite: Permission of the advisor. Special project in nursing/disaster management.
582. **Independent Study (2).** Prerequisite: Permission of the advisor. Special project in nursing/disaster management.
583. **Independent Study (3).** Prerequisite: Permission of the advisor. Special project in nursing/disaster management.

**Please refer to the Emergency Management section of this catalog for EM course descriptions.**

### DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE CORE COURSES (NU)

**The following courses are NU prefix core courses taken by DNP students in all tracks:**

701. **Post-Master's DNP Orientation (0).** The purpose of the course is to introduce the new doctoral nursing student to expectations and responsibilities for successful progress across the DNP curriculum and integration into the JSU Nursing community of learners. Topics covered will include content such as introduction to faculty and staff, technology requirements, scholarly writing attributes, learning

- management system, professional behaviors in online environment, immersions, document tracking, etc.). \*Specific to Post-Master's track
702. **BSN-DNP Online Orientation (0)**. The purpose of the course is to introduce the new doctoral nursing student to expectations and responsibilities for successful progress across the DNP curriculum and integration into the JSU Nursing community of learners. Topics covered will include content such as introduction to faculty and staff, technology requirements, scholarly writing attributes, learning management system, professional behaviors in online environment, immersions, document tracking, etc.). \*Specific to NP tracks
707. **Scientific Underpinnings of Advanced Nursing Practice (3)**. The purpose of this course for the MSN/DNP student is to explore the scientific underpinnings that define the nature of health and healthcare delivery and to provide the basis for practice at the highest level of nursing from a theoretical perspective. Conceptual models and theories reflecting synthesis of knowledge from nursing and other disciplines are evaluated. The structure and nature of current theoretical knowledge as a guide for advanced nursing practice at the patient, population or system level of care are explored.
708. **Evidence-Based Practice and Quality Improvement in Healthcare (3)**. The purpose of this course is to provide the MSN/DNP student with the foundational components required for effective utilization of evidence-based practice within the scope of advanced nursing practice. The course focuses on the acquisition of evidence-based practice methods to critically appraise existing literature, synthesize, and implement the best evidence for practice. The course emphasis is on the application of quantitative, qualitative, and quality improvement methodologies to promote safe, effective care within healthcare systems.
710. **Health Care Policy and Finance (3)**. The purpose of this course for the MSN/DNP student is to develop advanced nursing leaders who have the knowledge and skills to design, analyze, influence, and implement policies that frame health care financing practice regulation, access, safety, quality, and efficacy. The course focuses on major contextual factors and policy triggers that influence health policy making at various levels. Principles of finance, business, and health care economics will be presented. The course emphasis is on developing essential competencies in health care policy advocacy and health care financing.
711. **Biostatistics and Translating Evidence (3)**. The purpose of this course for the MSN/DNP student is to provide the methodological basis for translating evidence into practice systems and to provide an overview of sources of data, data collection, data management, analysis, and evaluation of research findings, with a focus on biostatistical analysis as a base for evidence-based practice in nursing. Course concepts will include a variety of biostatistical analyses with the primary focus on correct interpretation and use of quantitative methods in advanced nursing practice.
712. **Clinical Prevention and Population Health (3)**. The purpose of this course for the MSN/DNP student is to explore the complex issues surrounding population health at the local, regional, national, and global level. Students focus on current health issues and trends by utilizing foundation knowledge and theoretical approaches to identifying strategies to eliminate health disparities in diverse organizational cultures and select populations of interest. Students develop and evaluate approaches to health care delivery that address and support the needs of diverse populations while focusing on health promotion, illness prevention, quality/safety and diversity. Leading Health Indicators from Healthy People 2020 serve as a guide for the identification of at-risk groups and are incorporated into the completion of projects geared toward improving the health of individuals, aggregates and populations.
713. **Organizational and Systems Leadership for the Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) (3)**. The purpose of this course for the MSN/DNP student is to explore the use of

innovative leadership initiatives to build an organizational culture that will support the future of healthcare. Desirable attributes and traits of effective leaders in complex, ever-changing healthcare organizations are discussed. The ideas of organizational and systems leadership are appraised. Content assists students in identifying the knowledge, skills and abilities for successful transition as leaders in high reliability organizations. The importance of self-awareness and self-reflection are highlighted as a method of creating a culture of high performance with accountability. Effective communication techniques, successful conflict resolution and effective problem solving practices within high reliability organizations are explored. Emphasis is placed on shared governance, maximizing teamwork and inspiring team members to share in organizational visions and goals. Strategic planning is discussed as an avenue to measure leadership and organizational success.

- 715. Innovative Leadership and Collaboration in Healthcare (3).** Prerequisite: NU 713. The purpose of this course for the MSN/DNP student is to explore key concepts of innovative leadership as students develop an appreciation for the knowledge, skills and attributes required to engage teams in creative, evidence-based initiatives. In-depth exploration of the leader's primary role in successful organizational change is emphasized. Students cultivate the knowledge, skills and abilities to apply to authentic, innovative leadership to an identified practice issue. The ideas of collaborative partnerships and teamwork are explored as effective strategies to improve healthcare outcomes for individuals and aggregates. Organizational culture and the influence of values are closely examined as factors influencing successful change. Students discover the importance of effective communication, successful collaboration, and team building to the process of change. The idea of executing meaningful performance conversations is emphasized as a strategy for preparing the MSN/DNP student for advanced roles in leading change. Models of quality improvement and project planning, implementation, and evaluation are also examined.
- 716. Interprofessional Health Care and Informatics (3).** The purpose of this course is to prepare the MSN/DNP student to be proficient in the evaluation and use of technology and information systems appropriate to specialized areas of advanced nursing practice. The course focuses on information systems and current technology in the management of healthcare outcomes. Within the course, emphasis is placed on the use of information systems and technology based resources to support interprofessional and collaborative clinical and administrative decision making to transform healthcare.

### SUPPORTING COURSES FOR BSN-DNP SPECIALTY TRACKS

**The following courses are NU prefix supporting courses taken by BSN-DNP students in the NP tracks; they consist of the 3 P's (advanced pathophysiology, advanced pharmacology, and advanced physical assessment):**

- 607. Advanced Health Assessment (3).** The purpose of this course is to provide the knowledge necessary to perform comprehensive history, physical, and psychological assessments of signs and symptoms, pathophysiologic changes, and psychosocial variations of the patient across the lifespan. The focus of the course is to provide foundational materials for specialized areas of advanced nursing practice. The emphasis is on systematic data collection, diagnostic reasoning, and clinical problem-solving.
- 613. Physio-pathological Basis of Advanced Nursing (3).** The purpose of this course is to provide an analysis of pathophysiology in frequently encountered conditions across the life span and in special populations. The focus is to introduce

pathophysiological theories and research as a basis for advanced nursing practice. The emphasis is on applied physiology and pathophysiology to enable advanced practice nurses to understand how and why the clinical manifestations of disease occur so that appropriate therapies can be selected.

- 620. Pharmacology for Advanced Practice Nurses (3).** Prerequisite: NU 613. The purpose of this course is to prepare advanced practice nurses with knowledge of pharmacokinetics and pharmacotherapeutics of common drug categories used to prevent illness, and to restore and maintain health for client systems across the life span. The focus is on mechanisms of action, pharmacologic response, usual doses, adverse effects, indications, interactions, compatibilities, contraindications and routes of administration are emphasized in acute and chronic conditions. The unique characteristics of special populations related to therapeutic needs, as well as drug absorption, metabolism and excretion are defined. The emphasis of this course is to serve as the basis for development of further knowledge and principles to be applied to select specialty option populations within subsequent courses.

**\*NU 607, NU 613, and NU 620 are prerequisites to all FNP or ANP specialty track courses.**

### FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER SPECIALTY COURSES (FNP)

The following courses are FNP prefix courses taken by DNP students in the FNP track:

- 668. Advanced Family NP I (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607. Corequisites: FNP 669, FNP 671. The purpose of this course is to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, acute, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the family nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and elderly populations.
- 669. Advanced Family NP Practicum I (1).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607. Corequisites: FNP 668, FNP 671. The purpose of this course is to demonstrate management strategies and apply selected practice models for the delivery of high quality care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and elderly populations. The focus of this course is on the delivery of health care services to the family. The emphasis of this course is on promoting the progression of competence within the Advanced Practice Nursing role. (70 Clinical Practicum Hours)
- 671. Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Issues for FNP (2).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607. Corequisites: FNP 668, FNP 669. The purpose of this course is to integrate prior theoretical and practical knowledge for diagnoses and management of health and illness pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The focus of this course is application of health promotion lifestyle changes, disease prevention concepts and genetic screening options in pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The emphasis of this course is to examine clinical preventive services and health promotion in pediatric, adult and geriatric populations.
- 672. Advanced Family NP II (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607, FNP 668, FNP 669, & FNP 671. Corequisite: FNP 773. The purpose of this course is to continue to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, acute, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of

- critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the family nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations.
- 673. Advanced Family NP Practicum II (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607, FNP 668, FNP 669, & FNP 671. Corequisite: FNP 772. The purpose of this course is to prioritize management strategies and apply selected practice models of delivery of care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The focus of this course is to provide the student with opportunities to integrate in depth diagnostic and management skills to provide care for pediatrics, adult, obstetric, and geriatric populations. The emphasis of this course is on the formulation and management of individualized treatment plans based on diagnostic findings and current practice models. (210 Clinical Practicum Hours)
- 674. Advanced Family NP III (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607, FNP 668, FNP 669, FNP 671, FNP 672, & FNP 673. Corequisite: FNP 675. The purpose of this course is to continue to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, acute, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the family nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations.
- 675. Advanced Family NP Practicum III (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607, FNP 668, FNP 669, FNP 671, FNP 672, & FNP 673. Corequisite: FNP 674. The purpose of this course is to continue to prioritize management strategies and apply selected practice models of delivery of care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The focus of this course is to provide the student with opportunities to integrate in depth diagnostic and management skills to provide care for pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The emphasis of this course is on the formulation and management of individualized treatment plans based on diagnostic findings and current practice models. (210 Clinical Practicum)
- 676. Advanced Family NP IV (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607, FNP 668, FNP 669, FNP 671, FNP 672, FNP 673, FNP 674, & FNP 675. Corequisite: FNP 677. The purpose of this course is to continue to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize common, acute, chronic, and complex disorders in pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the family nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations.
- 677. Advanced Family NP Practicum IV (3).** Prerequisites: NU 613, NU 620, NU 607, FNP 668, FNP 669, FNP 671, FNP 672, FNP 673, FNP 674, & FNP 675. Corequisite: FNP 676. The purpose of this course is to refine management strategies and best practice models in the delivery of high quality care to pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. The focus of this course is to evaluate progress toward achievement of professional competencies. The emphasis is on incorporation of evidence and concepts from previous coursework and clinical practice to improve the health status of pediatric, adult, obstetric and geriatric populations. (210 Clinical Practicum Hours)
- 796. FNP Project Planning and Development (3).** The purpose of this course is to synthesize previous learning in the DNP program which will provide a foundation for the FNP Clinical Residency courses. The focus of this course is on the

development of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that will be pursued during the FNP Clinical Residency. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to initiate the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship impacting the healthcare system to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served.

797. **FNP Residency I (3)**. Prerequisite: FNP 796. The FNP Residency I is the first of three Clinical Residency courses that are considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is to combine clinical practice experiences with scholarly activities to provide in-depth learning for the student. The focus of this course is on the continued development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that will be evaluated during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to initiate the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 Practicum Hours)
798. **FNP Residency II (3)**. Prerequisites: FNP 796, FNP 797. The FNP Residency II is the second of three Clinical Residency courses that are considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is to combine clinical practice experiences with scholarly activities to provide in-depth learning for the student. The focus of this course is on the continued development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that is being evaluated during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to continue the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 Practicum Hours)
799. **FNP Residency III (3)**. Prerequisites: FNP 796, FNP 797, FNP 798. The FNP Residency III is the final Clinical Residency course that is considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is for the student to present and receive approval for the final Scholarly Project. The focus of this course is on the final development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that was pursued during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to continue the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 Practicum Hours)

## ADULT GERONTOLOGY ACUTE CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER SPECIALTY COURSES (ANP)

The following courses are ANP prefix courses taken by DNP students in the AGACNP track:

668. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP I (3)**. Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620. Corequisites: ANP 669, ANP 671. The purpose of this course is to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize acute, chronic, and complex disorders in late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills

- necessary to deliver safe and effective care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric populations.
669. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum I (1).** Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620. Corequisites: ANP 668, ANP 671. The purpose of this course is to demonstrate management strategies and apply selected practice models for the delivery of high quality care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the delivery of health care services to the defined population. The emphasis of this course is on promoting the progression of competence within the Advanced Practice Nursing role. (70 Clinical Practicum Hours)
671. **Health Promotion/Disease Prevention and Issues for AGANP (2).** Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620. Corequisites: ANP 668, ANP 669. The purpose of this course is to integrate prior theoretical and practical knowledge for diagnosis and management of health and illness in late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is application of health promotion lifestyle changes and disease prevention concepts for acute and chronic conditions affecting late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The emphasis of this course is to identify needs and examine clinical preventive services and health promotion in the late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients.
672. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP II (3).** Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620, ANP 668, ANP 669, ANP 671. Corequisite: ANP 773. The purpose of this course is to continue to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize acute, chronic, and complex disorders in late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients.
673. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum II (3).** Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620, ANP 668, ANP 669, ANP 671. Corequisite: ANP 772. The purpose of this course is to prioritize management strategies and apply selected practice models of delivery of care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is to provide the student with opportunities to integrate in depth diagnostic and management skills to provide care for late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The emphasis of this course is on the formulation and management of individualized treatment plans based on diagnostic findings and current practice models. (210 Clinical Practicum Hours)
674. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP III (3).** Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620, ANP 668, ANP 669, ANP 671, ANP 672, ANP 673. Corequisite: ANP 675. The purpose of this course is to continue to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize acute, chronic, and complex disorders in late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients.
675. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum III (3).** Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620, ANP 668, ANP 669, ANP 671, ANP 672, ANP 673. Corequisite: ANP 674. The purpose of this course is to continue to prioritize management strategies and apply selected practice models of delivery of care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is to provide the student with opportunities to integrate in depth diagnostic and management skills to provide care for late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The emphasis of this course is on



- the formulation and management of individualized treatment plans based on diagnostic findings and current practice models. (210 Clinical Practicum Hours)
676. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP IV (3)**. Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620, ANP 668, ANP 669, ANP 671, ANP 672, ANP 673, ANP 674, ANP 675. Corequisite: ANP 677. The purpose of this course is to continue to integrate basic knowledge of human anatomy and physiology with an understanding of the pathologic changes and clinical manifestations that characterize acute, chronic, and complex disorders in late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is on the development of critical thinking skills necessary to achieve direct care and core competencies of the adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of the knowledge and skills necessary to deliver safe and effective care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients.
677. **Advanced Adult Gerontology Acute NP Practicum IV (3)**. Prerequisites: NU 607, NU 613, NU 620, ANP 668, ANP 669, ANP 671, ANP 672, ANP 673, ANP 674, ANP 675. Corequisite: ANP 676. The purpose of this course is to refine management strategies and best practice models in the delivery of high quality care to late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. The focus of this course is to evaluate progress toward achievement of professional competencies. The emphasis is on incorporation of evidence and concepts from previous coursework and clinical practice to improve the health status and/or provide palliative care for late adolescent, adult, and geriatric clients. (210 Clinical Practicum Hours)
796. **Adult Gerontology Acute NP Project Planning and Development (3)**. The purpose of this course is to synthesize previous learning in the DNP program which will provide a foundation for the ANP Clinical Residency courses. The focus of this course is on the development of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that will be pursued during the ANP Clinical Residency. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to initiate the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship impacting the healthcare system to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served.
797. **Adult Gerontology Acute NP Residency I (3)**. Prerequisite: ANP 796. The ANP Residency I is the first of three Clinical Residency courses that are considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is to combine clinical practice experiences with scholarly activities to provide in-depth learning for the student. The focus of this course is on the continued development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that will be evaluated during the ANP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to initiate the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 Practicum Hours)
798. **Adult Gerontology Acute NP Residency II (3)**. Prerequisites: ANP 796, ANP 797, ANP 798. The DNP Residency II is the second of three Clinical Residency courses that are considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is to combine clinical practice experiences with scholarly activities to provide in-depth learning for the student. The focus of this course is on the continued development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that is being evaluated during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to continue the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 Practicum Hours)
799. **Adult Gerontology Acute NP Residency III (3)**. Prerequisites: ANP 796, ANP 797, ANP 798. The ANP Residency III is the final Clinical Residency course that is

considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is for the student to present and receive approval for the final Scholarly Project. The focus of this course is on the final development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that was pursued during the ANP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to continue the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 Practicum Hours)

## POST-MASTER'S DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE RESIDENCY COURSES (DNP)

The following courses are DNP prefix courses taken by DNP students in the Post-Master's DNP track only:

796. **DNP Project Planning and Development (3).** The purpose of this course is to synthesize previous learning in the DNP program which will provide a foundation for the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The focus of this course is on the development of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that will be pursued during the DNP Clinical Residency. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to initiate the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship impacting the healthcare system to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served.
797. **DNP Residency I (3).** Prerequisite DNP 796. The DNP Residency I is the first of three Clinical Residency courses that are considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is to combine clinical practice experiences with scholarly activities to provide in-depth learning for the student. The focus of this course is on the continued development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that will be evaluated during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to initiate the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 practicum hours)
798. **DNP Residency II (3).** Prerequisites DNP 796, DNP 797. The DNP Residency II is the second of three Clinical Residency courses that are considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is to combine clinical practice experiences with scholarly activities to provide in-depth learning for the student. The focus of this course is on the continued development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that is being evaluated during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to continue the translation of evidence-based practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 practicum hours)
799. **DNP Residency III (3).** Prerequisites DNP 796, DNP 797, DNP 798. The DNP Residency III is the final Clinical Residency course that is considered a key component of the Doctor of Nursing Practice educational program. The purpose of this course is for the student to present and receive approval for the final Scholarly Project. The focus of this course is on the final development and implementation of a practice-focused problem, issue or process that was pursued during the DNP Clinical Residency courses. The emphasis of this course is on the acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary to continue the translation of evidence-based

practice and clinical scholarship that is impacting the healthcare system, in order to decrease risk and improve health care outcomes for the population served. (210 practicum hours)

## PHYSICS

The Department of Chemistry and Geosciences offers supporting courses for students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in general science. Supporting courses are offered for the MSE and the EdS degrees. A graduate degree program is not offered in physics.

### PHYSICS COURSES (PHS)

- 491G. Quantum Mechanics (3).** An extension of the investigation of quantum mechanics begun in PHS 301 to include the full mathematical development of the theory. Basic tools including linear operators and matrices will be used to explore physical systems.
- 500. Physics for Teachers (3).** This course deals with basic concepts in physics for pre-service and in-service secondary education teachers. It covers contents, methods, and hands-on activities. Topics selected from classical mechanics, fluids, and thermodynamics.
- 501. Physics for Teachers (3).** This course deals with basic concepts in physics for pre-service and in-service secondary education teachers. It covers contents, methods, and hands-on activities. Topics selected from electricity, magnetism, and optics.
- 502. Physics for Teachers (3).** This course deals with basic concepts in physics for pre-service and in-service secondary education teachers. It covers contents, methods, and hands-on activities. Topics selected from modern physics, e.g., quantum physics, atomic physics, and nuclear physics.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration offers core courses and an area of concentration in political science within the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program and supporting courses for the Master of Arts with a major in liberal studies. For students majoring in secondary education with a teaching field in social science, supporting courses are offered for the Master of Science in Education and the Education specialist degrees.

For application materials required and admission requirements to the MPA with a major in public administration and a concentration in political science, please refer to the Public Administration section of this catalog.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE COURSES (PSC)

- 423G. American Foreign Policy (3).** Traces main streams of American foreign policy from the twentieth-century to the present. Major American foreign policy decisions are used in the analytical development of American foreign policy processes. The various influences upon foreign policy decision-making are identified and evaluated.
- 430G. Governments of Asia (3).** Examines the political systems and political cultures of Asia countries from Afghanistan to Southeast Asia, with major emphasis on India, China, and Japan.
- 431G. Comparative Politics (3).** An examination of the government and politics of a variety of different national states that includes the concepts, ideas, and analytical tools necessary to understand the structures and processes of different types of political systems. Covers western and non-western, developed and less developed, communist and post-communist, and newly industrializing countries. The impact of globalization is also examined.
- 432G. International Relations (3).** Background and basic principles of international politics with emphasis on the modern state system, nationalism, changes in international politics from World War II to the present, and domestic influences on foreign policy.
- 433G. Governments of Europe (3).** Examines the political systems and political cultures of Europe with major emphasis on Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia.
- 439G. Model Debate Team: Global Issues (1) (1) (1) (1).** Students learn about global issues by representing other countries in model simulations such as Model United Nations and Model Arab League. Students research, write, debate, negotiate, and pass resolutions on issues of international concern. Repeatable up to four (4) times.
- 442G. Legal Reasoning (3).** An examination of American legal decision-making process with emphasis on legal theory and application, a review of our blended statutory-common law system and the associated legal processes, and the methodology of legal research and writing.
- 443G. Constitutional Law I (3).** Fundamental principles of U.S. Constitution and its development including powers of President and Congress, federalism, interstate commerce, and others; textbook and case method.
- 444G. Constitutional Law II (3).** Relationship between individual and government as revealed through constitutional law cases; civil liberties based on interpretation of Bill of Rights and Fourteenth Amendment; textbook and case method.
- 445G. Southern Politics (3).** An examination of the party system of the Southern states in terms of its origin, nature, distribution of power and impact on national politics.
- 447G. Politics and Public Opinion (3).** Forces affecting politics, public opinion, and elections in the U.S.; examines the election structure, as well as individual and group political participation.

- 450G. The American Executive (3).** Role and behavior of American executives at national, state, and local levels in the U.S. political system with emphasis on American presidency.
- 451G. Political Theory From the Ancients to 1700 (3).** Examines political thought from ancient Greece to Europe's Early Modern Era. An emphasis is placed on the historical-cultural context in which these theories developed, their influence on modern concepts, and the recurring patterns affecting the rise and fall of human societies and how they relate to the present.
- 452G. Modern Political Theory (3).** Examines the major trends in political thought from the Early Modern Era of the 1600's to the present with emphasis upon the development of classical (conservative) liberalism, progressive or new liberalism, socialism, Marxist communism, fascism, and national socialism.
- 454G. American Political Thought (3).** Principal ideas of leading political thinkers in America from colonial period to the present.
- 455G. Political Psychology (3).** This course is an overview of the interdisciplinary connection between political and psychological processes. The incorporation of political science and psychology might help in the understanding of why leaders behave as they do and why citizens support or oppose political leaders.
- 463G. National Security Affairs (3).** Examines theories and policies of national security with emphasis on United States defense policies. Emphasis is on the roles of executive, legislative, and nongovernmental actors. Topics include arms control, terrorism, military-civilian relations, manpower and weapons' acquisitions, strategic theory, and conflict resolution.
- 482G. Grantwriting (3).** This course is intended to give a clear understanding of the grant writing process. The process will begin with identification of worthy projects and end with submitting a final grant proposal. Taught with a "hands on" approach. Gives exposure to the grant writing process and peer review from start to finish.
- 493G. The Judicial Process (3).** Procedures involved in judicial process; attendance at actual court trials in the local area.
- 500. Foundations of Public Administration (3).** Explores the evolutionary process of American public administration with the intent of focusing on theoretical and applied contexts of contemporary public administration. Special attention is placed upon the role of administration as it applies to the legislative-executive relations (including accountability, transparency and responsibility in democratic administration), the role of administration in the policymaking process, the legal basis for public administration, and financial and personnel responsibilities of administrators in the public sector.
- 501. The Analysis of Policy (3).** An in-depth investigation of intergovernmental functions and major programs on the federal, state, and local levels of government, including modes of analysis, models of decision making, evaluation methods, styles of executive leadership, by employing examples of past and current policies.
- 502. Research Methods in Public Administration (3).** Social research methods and their application to public administration; examination of the role of social research in the analysis, interpretation and clarification of problems in public administration. (PSC 502 is cross-listed with CJ 502 and only one course may be counted for credit.)
- 504. Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3).** The effective application of major theoretical frameworks to diagnose organizations' ethical cultures and exercising the various principles of leadership when resolving ethical issues in order to institute organizational change.
- 512. Intergovernmental Relations (3).** Examines the development, institutions, processes, and problems of state and local government in the United States and their interaction with each other and with the federal government.
- 521. Administrative Law (3).** Legal principles and procedures involved in administration of government agencies.

531. **Public Personnel Administration (3)**. Functions, procedures, and problems of personnel management at all levels of government.
532. **Public Finance Administration (3)**. Collection, custody, and expenditure of public revenue, public borrowing and debt management, preparation and execution of the budget, and financial accountability for public spending.
540. **Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)**. Designed to enhance the study of complex organizational structures and the behavior of individuals working within those organizations. Emphasis is placed on public institutions and the effects different organizational structures and behaviors have on public policy.
545. **Seminar in Public Administration (3)**. Theories, or models, of administrative organization and behavior and examination of the relationship between public administration and political process.
546. **Diversity in the Workplace (3)**. Examines how and why race, class, and gender differences inform and shape our legal and social structures and impact the legal decision-making process, social change and social institutions of modern American Society.
555. **Seminar in Comparative Public Administration (3)**. Comparison of approaches to and problems associated with public administration in different nation types: western/ nonwestern; developed/underdeveloped; large/small; and open/closed.
- 583, 584. **Directed Studies in Political Science (3)**. Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head. Requires in-depth research/study of specific topics under close supervision by the instructor. A letter grade will be assigned for this course.
- 585, 586. **Directed Studies in Public Administration (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head. An in-depth study of selected topics.
- 594, 595. **Legal Internship (3)**. Permission of the instructor and approval of the department head. Supervised assignment in offices of area district attorneys, judges, or law firms. Minimum of 8 hours per week. Grade of Pass/Fail only.
- 597, 598. **Public Affairs Internship (3) (3)**. (Grade of Pass or Fail only) Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor. Supervised assignment in office of an area public agency for a minimum of 112 hours during the student's last semester of coursework.

## PSYCHOLOGY

The Psychology Department offers courses leading to the Master of Science degree in psychology with an emphasis in applied behavior analysis. Included in the curriculum are a broad range of behaviorally focused courses. The purpose of this degree is to prepare students for careers in the application of behavior analytic techniques to the behavioral habilitation of diverse populations. The Behavior Analyst Certification Board® (<http://www.bacb.com/>) has verified the following course sequence as meeting the coursework requirements for eligibility to take the Board Certified Behavior Analyst Examination®: PSY 511, PSY 521, PSY 528, PSY 529, PSY 530, and PSY 538. Applicants will have to meet additional experience requirements to qualify for national certification and state licensure.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Students are accepted in fall semesters only. For priority consideration, submit all of the following application materials before April 1; the final deadline is July 1. Applications completed after July 1 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official scores on the General Test of the GRE taken within five (5) years immediately preceding enrollment ([www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)).
5. Three (3) Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. A curriculum vitae including education, employment, and other applicable psychology-related experience/skills (e.g., practicum/research experience, presentations, publications).
7. Letter of intent describing reasons for pursuing a master's degree with a major in psychology at JSU.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

See the Graduate Studies website for forms and fee information. All items must be sent to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602.



## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the M.S. in Psychology program is determined on a selective basis after careful review of all application materials. Applicants may be required to interview with the Psychology Graduate Committee so that additional information can be gathered before a final admission decision is made. Meeting the minimum standards for consideration for admission does not guarantee admission to the program, and the Psychology Graduate Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to admission requirements.

### Unconditional Admission

Unconditional admission is determined by the Psychology Graduate Committee. Applicants with at least a 3.5 undergraduate GPA, GRE score of 300, and undergraduate coursework in applied behavior analysis or experience working under a Board Certified Behavior Analyst will be given priority.

### Conditional Admission

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the Psychology Graduate Committee. Applicants are only admitted by this option if there are spaces available in the program. Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.5 in the first semester of graduate hours attempted or obtain approval from the Psychology Graduate Committee to continue in the program.

## DEGREE PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

The following degree progression requirements apply to all students accepted into the M.S. in Psychology program:

- Adhere to the standards of conduct specified in the Behavior Analyst Certification Board's Professional and Ethical Compliance Code for Behavior Analysts
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.5 or obtain approval from the Psychology Graduate Committee
- Successfully complete a mid-program review with members of the Psychology Curriculum Committee, including an academic assessment, following completion of the program's core courses.
- Enroll continuously until the degree is complete (may be exceptions in special circumstances).

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE

The Psychology Graduate Committee will evaluate each student's undergraduate coursework and experience to determine which foundation courses are required in addition to graduate coursework. Although grades achieved in undergraduate foundation courses will not be included in the computation of the graduate GPA, students must earn a grade of B or better in each foundation course if taken after completion of their bachelor's degree.

### Undergraduate Foundation Courses:

PSY 201      Principles of Psychology  
 PSY 301      Research Methods and Statistics  
 Course in behavior analysis or learning

**Non-Thesis Option:**

A minimum of 39 graduate semester hours of psychology courses, plus additional foundation courses for students without adequate undergraduate preparation; successful completion of a comprehensive examination; and a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all graduate coursework are required. The 39 graduate semester hours of psychology courses for the non-thesis option must include the following courses:

**A. Seven Core Courses (21 hours):**

PSY 511	Conceptual Foundations of Behavior Analysis (3)
PSY 521	Functional Assessment (3)
PSY 528	Applied Behavior Analysis I (3)
PSY 529	Applied Behavior Analysis II (3)
PSY 530	Single-Subject Research Methods (3)
PSY 534	Experimental Analysis of Behavior (3)
PSY 538	Ethics and Professional Development (3)

**B. Four Electives Courses (12 hours):**

Twelve hours are electives in psychology chosen from psychology graduate courses listed on the following pages and must meet the following requirements:

- Students must complete PSY 504 as an additional one credit elective and earn a grade of B or better if they have not taken PSY 221, Behavior Analysis Lab, or an equivalent laboratory course at the undergraduate level. If students have already received credit for this course at the undergraduate level, they may not enroll and receive graduate credit in it.
- Students must complete PSY 450G as an elective if they have not taken PSY 450, History and Systems of Psychology, or an equivalent course at the undergraduate level. If students have already received credit for this course at the undergraduate level, they may not enroll and receive graduate credit in it.
- Completion of PSY 570-595 will not count towards the elective degree requirement for students completing the non-thesis option.
- Only six hours in PSY 570-595 may count toward degree requirements.

**C. Two Practicum Courses (6 hours):**

PSY 570	Instructional Practicum (3)
PSY 571	Instructional Practicum (3)
PSY 579	Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum (3)
PSY 580	Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum (3)
PSY 581	Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum (3)
PSY 592	Independent Research (3)
PSY 593	Independent Research (3)
PSY 594	Independent Research (3)
PSY 595	Independent Research (3)

**TOTAL: 39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for the Non-Thesis Option****Thesis Option:**

A minimum of 39 graduate semester hours of psychology courses, plus additional foundation courses for student without adequate undergraduate preparation; successful completion of a thesis and oral defense (see thesis guide for details: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/docs/ThesisGuide.pdf>); and a minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale in all graduate coursework is required. The 39 graduate semester hours of psychology courses for the thesis option must include the following courses:

**A. Seven Core Courses (21 hours):**

PSY 511	Conceptual Foundations of Behavior Analysis (3)
PSY 521	Functional Assessment (3)
PSY 528	Applied Behavior Analysis I (3)
PSY 529	Applied Behavior Analysis II (3)
PSY 530	Single-Subject Research Methods (3)
PSY 534	Experimental Analysis of Behavior (3)
PSY 538	Ethics and Professional Development (3)

**B. Four Elective Courses (12 hours):**

Twelve hours are electives in psychology chosen from psychology graduate courses listed on the following pages and must meet the following requirements:

- Students must complete PSY 504 as an additional one credit elective and earn a grade of B or better if they have not taken PSY 221, Behavior Analysis Lab, or an equivalent laboratory course at the undergraduate level. If students have already received credit for this course at the undergraduate level, they may not enroll and receive graduate credit in it.
- Students must complete PSY 450G as an elective if they have not taken PSY 450, History and Systems of Psychology, or an equivalent course at the undergraduate level. If students have already received credit for this course at the undergraduate level, they may not enroll and receive graduate credit in it.
- Completion of PSY 570-595 will not count towards degree requirements for student completing the thesis option.

**C. PSY 599 Thesis I and II (6 hours)**

Thesis students should contact Graduate Studies to receive an orientation to the thesis process prior to enrolling in the first three semester hours of thesis, 599. This orientation can be completed either in person or via email. The purpose of the orientation is to provide the thesis student with information concerning required forms, due dates, and to answer any questions concerning thesis options and/or procedure. For further information concerning this orientation, please contact LaRilda VanSandt, [vansandt@jsu.edu](mailto:vansandt@jsu.edu), 322 Bibb Graves, 256-782-5345. See Thesis Options and Procedures in this catalog for more information.

**TOTAL: 39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for the Thesis Option**

## PLAN OF STUDY

### Fall

PSY 511 Conceptual Foundations	3
PSY 521 Functional Assessment	3
PSY 528 Applied Behavior Analysis I	3
<i>PSY 504 Graduate Behavior Analysis Lab Required if PSY 221 or equivalent not previously completed</i>	1

### Spring

PSY 529 Applied Behavior Analysis II	3
PSY 530 Single-Subject Research Methods	3
PSY 534 Experimental Analysis of Behavior	3

### Summer

PSY 538 Ethics and Professional Development	3
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### Fall

PSY Elective <i>PSY 450G Required if PSY 450 or equivalent not previously completed</i>	3
PSY Elective	3
PSY Practicum (Non-thesis Option) or PSY Thesis (Thesis Option)	3

### Spring

PSY Elective	3
PSY Elective	3
PSY Practicum (Non-thesis Option) or PSY Thesis (Thesis Option)	3

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**TOTAL: 39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for the Thesis & Non-Thesis Options**

## PSYCHOLOGY COURSES (PSY)

- 450G. History and Systems of Psychology (3).** Examines the historical evolution of modern psychology and the conceptual systems which have been developed.
- 504. Graduate Behavior Analysis Lab (1).** Teaches the skills involved in specifying, observing, and changing behavior as well as the standard behavioral laboratory techniques.
- 511. Conceptual Foundations of Behavior Analysis (3).** Issues underlying the acquisition, conceptualization, and understanding of valid knowledge in psychology, including the design, implementation, and interpretation of research.
- 521. Functional Assessment (3).** The strategies and ethics of functional assessment are presented in the larger context of behavioral assessment. Research articles relevant to indirect, descriptive, and experimental functional assessment approaches and assessment-based interventions are reviewed.
- 528. Applied Behavior Analysis I (3).** Prerequisite or corequisite: PSY 221 or PSY 504. An introduction to and examination of the theory, principles, and methods of modern applied behavior analysis.
- 529. Applied Behavior Analysis II (3).** Prerequisites: "B" or better in PSY 221 or PSY 504 and PSY 528. Diverse populations commonly served by applied behavior analysts (e.g., substance abuse, autism, traumatic brain injury) are examined with respect to their prevalence, defining characteristics, etiology, and current research trends. The potential for the use of applied behavior analysis in underserved populations is also discussed.
- 530. Single-Subject Research Methods (3).** Prerequisites: "B" or better in PSY 221 or PSY 504 and PSY 528. Examination of the strategies and tactics used in single-subject research to implement socially important behavior change.
- 534. Experimental Analysis of Behavior (3).** Prerequisite: "B" or better in PSY 511. A development of the paradigmatic framework of the experimental analysis of behavior, and an examination of the research and resulting body of knowledge provided by that analytical approach.
- 538. Ethics and Professional Development (3).** Prerequisites: "B" or better in PSY 530 and PSY 534. Discussion of ethical guidelines and professional skills pertinent to research and practice in behavior analysis.
- 540. Analysis of Child Development (3).** Prerequisites: Completion of 12 semester hours of core psychology graduate courses including PSY 530 and PSY 534. The behavior-analytic view of child development is compared and contrasted with other systems for understanding development (e.g., Piagetian theory). Students review and critically evaluate current and seminal literature related to several developmental domains (e.g., motor, language, social).
- 541. Verbal Behavior (3).** Prerequisites: PSY 530 and PSY 534. The conceptual foundation, empirical basis, and practical application of verbal behavior are surveyed.
- 544. Behavior Analysis in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (3).** Prerequisites: PSY 530 and 534. Discussion of important literature relevant to the use of applied behavior analytic principles and methods for studying and treating problems related to intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).
- 551, 552, 553, 554. Seminar in Contemporary Topics (3) (3) (3) (3).** Prerequisites: PSY 530 and PSY 534. Various topics covering real-world applications of contemporary topics in psychology.
- 555. Behavior Analytic Approaches to Instruction (3).** Prerequisites: PSY 530 and PSY 534. Behavior analytic approaches to teaching, including programmed instruction, direct instruction, personalized systems of instruction, precision teaching, and curriculum-based measurement, are examined in addition to a review of general classroom behavior management strategies.

566. **Impulsivity and Self-Control (3)**. Prerequisite: PSY 530 and PSY 534. The conceptual, experimental, and economic analysis of impulsivity and self-control in both human and non-human animals.
- 570, 571. **Instructional Practicum (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Approval of the instructor. Application of psychological principles in educational settings such as undergraduate courses. Responsibilities could include lab assistantship tasks including mentoring of students, presentation of coursework, organization of class materials, etc. under the supervision of a faculty member.
- 579, 580, 581. **Applied Behavior Analysis Practicum (3) (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Approval of the instructor. Practice of behavior analysis in applied settings such as habilitation of individuals with developmental disabilities, modification of behavior in schools, and improvement of organization performance.
- 592, 593. **Independent Research (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Approval of the instructor. Students will conduct supervised research projects chosen in coordination with their supervisor.
- 594, 595. **Independent Readings (3) (3)**. Prerequisites: Approval of the instructor. Independent readings will normally include content not offered in regularly scheduled classes.
599. **Thesis (3) (3)**. (Grade of Pass or Fail only) Prerequisites: Approval of the instructor. Design and conduct an empirical research study, topic to be chosen in coordination with thesis committee chair, resulting in a written thesis to be defended before the student's thesis committee. See Thesis Options and Procedures section of this catalog.

## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The mission of Jacksonville State University's MPA Program is to provide a diverse student population with the knowledge and core competencies to become effective public administrators. Through the use of a standardized public administration curriculum and interdisciplinary cooperation, our program is able to prepare students for leadership roles in a variety of public and non-profit organizations. Utilizing traditional classroom and on-line formats, our program is able to provide quality graduate education that promotes the values and ideals of public service to all students.

Applicants to the MPA with a major in public administration must select one of the following concentrations: administrative management, criminal justice, education, emergency management, or political science.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are July 1 for fall admission, November 1 for spring admission, and April 1 for summer admission. Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the graduate program chair.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MPA

Applicants for the MPA must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602, to be considered for admission:

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. Official test scores on the GMAT, the General Test of the GRE, or the MAT.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.
6. A statement of purpose/interest that shows why the MPA degree is important to the applicant, what the applicant will bring to the program, and how the degree will benefit the applicant's career aspirations.
7. A professional resume, including academic history, employment, and voluntary/community work. Students who have one year or more of administrative experience working for a federal, state, or local government, or a nonprofit organization must include this experience on their resumes and include a letter from the federal, state, or local government, or nonprofit organization employer, on agency letterhead, in order to be exempt from the internship requirement of this degree. The employer's letter must state the dates of employment as well as the student's main responsibilities while employed within the organization. Students lacking substantial prior administrative experience in government or nonprofit organizations must register for three semester hours of internship credit (PSC 597, Public Affairs Internship), during their last semester of coursework, successfully complete their internship responsibilities in a government (federal, state, or local) or nonprofit organization, and receive a passing grade for PSC 597. Students who receive an internship waiver (based on

- administrative experience as discussed earlier) will take a public administration course elective in lieu of PSC 597, Public Affairs Internship, by advisement.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS TO THE MPA**

Applicants who meet the general admission requirements to graduate studies are eligible for admission to the MPA. A particular undergraduate major is not specified for admission to this program.

Applicants must meet one of the following admission formula requirements. For purposes of computing the undergraduate GPA, a 4.00 grade point scale is used. The plus (+) and minus (-) grades from undergraduate transcripts are not used in calculating the GPA. Please use the following concordance tables when figuring your formula. GRE Verbal and Quantitative Concordance Tables [http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance\\_information.pdf](http://www.ets.org/s/gre/pdf/concordance_information.pdf); MAT Scaled Score Conversions <http://www.csustan.edu/advstd/mat.html>.

#### **Unconditional Admission**

200 times the undergraduate GPA on the undergraduate degree plus the GMAT is equal to or greater than a total of 850 points;

OR

450 times the undergraduate GPA plus the total score of verbal and quantitative sections of the General Test of the GRE is equal to or greater than a total of 1900 points;

OR

15 times the undergraduate GPA plus the MAT score is equal to or greater than a total of 80 points.

#### **Conditional Admission**

Any applicant failing to meet the requirements for unconditional admission may be conditionally admitted with the recommendation of the graduate faculty in the applicant's major and approval of the Director of Graduate Studies.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MPA DEGREE**

A total of 39 semester hours is required for most concentrations; an exception is Education which requires 40 semester hours. The student must complete a total of 27 semester hours in required public administration courses (which includes an internship if a waiver is not granted for prior administrative experience); 12 semester hours (13 hours for Education) in a concentration from one of the following fields: administrative management, criminal justice, education, emergency management, or political science; and if an internship is not required, then the student will take a three semester hour public administration course elective by advisement. Regarding the internship requirement, all degree candidates lacking at least one year of prior administrative experience in a government or nonprofit organization must register for three semester hours of internship credit (PSC 597, Public Affairs Internship— which requires 112 hours of work in the student's internship area), successfully complete the internship responsibilities in a government (federal, state, or local) or nonprofit organization, and receive a passing grade for PSC 597. In addition, students who need to take PSC 597, Public Affairs Internship, must enroll in the course during their last semester of coursework. Students who have at



least one year of prior administrative experience with a government or nonprofit organization when they submit their application for admission consideration to the MPA program may request a waiver of the internship requirement. If a student is working with a government or nonprofit organization during their time in the program and will have the requisite one year administrative experience prior to his or her last semester of coursework, the student may submit a letter from his/her employer on agency letterhead to the MPA Program Director stating the time frame the student has worked for the organization and the student's primary duties. Once the letter is received, an internship waiver will be considered. The approval authority for the internship waiver is the MPA Program Director. The overall goal of the internship requirement is to ensure that all MPA students have prior administrative experience working for a government or nonprofit organization which allows the MPA student exposure to the public sector and public sector values prior to the awarding of the MPA degree.

**Required Public Administration Courses (27 semester hours):**

PSC 500	Foundations of Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 501	The Analysis of Policy (3)
PSC 502	Research Methods in Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 504	Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3)
PSC 531	Public Personnel Administration (3)
PSC 532	Public Finance Administration (3)
PSC 540	Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)
PSC 546	Diversity in the Workplace (3)
PSC 597	Public Affairs Internship (3) (If required – if not then the student will take a three semester hour public administration elective course by advisement.)

**Concentration in One of the Following Fields of Study:**

Administrative Management: 12 required semester hours  
 or  
 Criminal Justice: 12 semester hours by advisement  
 or  
 Education: 13 required semester hours  
 or  
 Emergency Management: 12 required semester hours  
 or  
 Political Science: 12 semester hours by advisement

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**39-40 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

To reiterate, a student who is not required to take PSC 597, Public Affairs Internship, will take an additional three semester hour public administration course by advisement with his or her primary public administration advisor in order to complete the 39-40 semester hours.

Course descriptions for the public administration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.

Course descriptions for the concentration courses are provided in the various program sections of this catalog.

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT**

The School of Business and Industry offers an area of concentration in administrative management within the MPA degree program. Please refer to the Master of Public Administration section this catalog for required application materials and admission requirements for this program.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

A total of 39 semester hours is required for the degree. The student must complete 27 semester hours in required public administration courses (which includes an internship if a waiver is not granted for prior administrative experience) and 12 semester hours in the Administrative Management concentration.

**Required Public Administration Courses (27 semester hours):**

PSC 500	Foundations of Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 501	The Analysis of Policy (3)
PSC 502	Research Methods in Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 504	Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3)
PSC 531	Public Personnel Administration (3)
PSC 532	Public Finance Administration (3)
PSC 540	Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)
PSC 546	Diversity in the Workplace (3)
PSC 597	Public Affairs Internship (3) (If required – if not, then the student will take a three semester hour public administration elective course by advisement.)

**The student must complete 12 semester hours of required Administrative Management concentration courses listed below:**

MGT 504	Organization and Administration (3)
MGT 537	Business Leadership (3)
BA 501	Organizational Communication (3)
	Administrative Management course by advisement (3)

The remaining Administrative Management required course, as noted above, will be selected from any of the School of Business and Industry classes for which the student has met all prerequisites. This will be determined for each student based on interaction with their Administrative Management concentration advisor.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

1. Course descriptions for the Administrative Management concentration courses are provided in the Business Administration section of this catalog.
2. Course descriptions for the Public Administration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

The Department of Criminal Justice offers an area of concentration in criminal justice within the MPA degree program. Please refer to the Master of Public Administration section this catalog for required application materials and admission requirements for this program.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

A total of 39 semester hours is required for the degree. The student must complete 27 semester hours in required public administration courses (which includes an internship if a waiver is not granted for prior administrative experience) and 12 semester hours in the Criminal Justice concentration.

**Required Public Administration Courses (27 semester hours):**

PSC 500	Foundations of Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 501	The Analysis of Policy (3)
PSC 502	Research Methods in Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 504	Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3)
PSC 531	Public Personnel Administration (3)
PSC 532	Public Finance Administration (3)
PSC 540	Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)
PSC 546	Diversity in the Workplace (3)
PSC 597	Public Affairs Internship (3) (If required – if not, then the student will take a three semester hour public administration elective course by advisement.)

**The student must complete the 12 semester hours of required Criminal Justice concentration courses listed below:**

CJ 500	Contemporary Criminal Justice Issues (3)
CJ 507	Legal Issues (3) <b>OR</b>
CJ 509	Criminal Justice Planning and Evaluation (3)

Criminal Justice course by advisement (6)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

1. Course descriptions for the Criminal Justice concentration courses are provided in the Criminal Justice section of this catalog.
2. Course descriptions for the Public Administration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: EDUCATION**

The School of Education offers an area of concentration in Education within the MPA degree program. Please refer to the Master of Public Administration section this catalog for required application materials and admission requirements for this program.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

A total of 40 semester hours is required for the degree. The student must complete 27 semester hours in required public administration courses (which includes an internship if a waiver is not granted for prior administrative experience) and 13 semester hours in the Education concentration.

**Required Public Administration Courses (27 semester hours):**

PSC 500	Foundations of Public Administration (3) (Taken during the first semester.)
PSC 501	The Analysis of Policy (3)
PSC 502	Research Methods in Public Administration (3)
PSC 504	Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3)
PSC 531	Public Personnel Administration (3)
PSC 532	Public Finance Administration (3)
PSC 540	Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)
PSC 546	Diversity in the Workplace (3)
PSC 597	Public Affairs Internship (3) (If required – if not, then the student will take a three semester hour public administration elective course by advisement.)

**The student must complete the 13 semester hours of required Education concentration courses listed below:**

*ED 500	Introduction to Graduate Education and Technology (1) (Discipline specific section required first semester of enrollment.)
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**Choose *four* courses from the five courses listed below:**

EFD 500	Research in Education (3)
EFD 531	Philosophy of Education (3)
EFD 532	Social Foundations of Education (3)
EFD 560	Psychological Principles of Learning (3)
EIM 503	Computer-Based Instructional Technologies (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**40\* Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

1. \*If a graduate student has not completed ED 500 (discipline specific section), the student must complete this course as a corequisite for the first semester of enrollment in Education courses.
2. Students who register for courses in the School of Education are required to purchase College LiveText. College LiveText Education Solutions is a complete development, management, and assessment solution specifically designed for colleges and universities. Additional information on College LiveText can be obtained at <http://www.livetext.com>.
3. Course descriptions for the Education concentration courses are provided in the Education section of this catalog.

4. Course descriptions for the Public Administration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Department of Emergency Management offers an area of concentration in emergency management within the MPA degree program. Please refer to the Master of Public Administration section this catalog for required application materials and admission requirements for this program.

The Department of Emergency Management also offers courses for the Master of Science (MS) with a major in emergency management. Please refer to the Emergency Management section of this catalog for required application materials and admission requirements for this program.

A graduate certificate in emergency management is also available for non-degree students who wish to specialize in the area of emergency management. Please refer to the Emergency Management section of this catalog for requirements for the graduate certificate in emergency management.

### REQUIRED COURSES

A total of 39 semester hours is required for the degree. The student must complete 27 semester hours in required public administration courses (which includes an internship if a waiver is not granted for prior administrative experience) and 12 semester hours in the Emergency Management concentration.

**Required Public Administration Courses (27 semester hours):**

PSC 500	Foundations of Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 501	The Analysis of Policy (3)
PSC 502	Research Methods in Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 504	Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3)
PSC 531	Public Personnel Administration (3)
PSC 532	Public Finance Administration (3)
PSC 540	Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)
PSC 546	Diversity in the Workplace (3)
PSC 597	Public Affairs Internship (3) (If required – if not, then the student will take a three semester hour public administration elective course by advisement.)

**The student must complete the 12 semester hours of required Emergency Management concentration courses listed below:**

EM 505	Foundations of Emergency Management (3)
EM 590	Capstone in Emergency Management (3)

**Choose *two* courses from the four courses listed below:**

EM 525	Disaster Recovery (3)
EM 540	Hazard Mitigation (3)
EM 545	Emergency Preparedness (3)
EM 555	Disaster Response (3)

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

### 39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

**Notes:**

1. Course descriptions for the Emergency Management concentration courses are provided in the Emergency Management section of this catalog.
2. Course descriptions for the Public Administration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.

**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
MAJOR: PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
CONCENTRATION: POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration offers an area of concentration in political science within the MPA degree program. Please refer to the Master of Public Administration section this catalog for required application materials and admission requirements for this program.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

A total of 39 semester hours is required for the degree. The student must complete 27 semester hours in required public administration courses (which includes an internship if a waiver is not granted for prior administrative experience) and 12 semester hours in the Political Science concentration.

**Required Public Administration Courses (27 semester hours):**

PSC 500	Foundations of Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 501	The Analysis of Policy (3)
PSC 502	Research Methods in Public Administration (3) (Taken within the first two semesters.)
PSC 504	Administrative Leadership and Ethics (3)
PSC 531	Public Personnel Administration (3)
PSC 532	Public Finance Administration (3)
PSC 540	Organizational Theory and Bureaucratic Structures (3)
PSC 546	Diversity in the Workplace (3)
PSC 597	Public Affairs Internship (3) (If required – if not, then the student will take a three semester hour public administration elective course by advisement.)

**The student must complete 12 semester hours of required Political Science concentration courses listed below:**

PSC 450G	The American Executive (3)
PSC 512	Intergovernmental Relations (3)
PSC 521	Administrative Law (3)
	Political Science course by advisement (3)

The remaining graduate course (as noted above) will be selected from any of the political science classes for which students have met all prerequisites. This will be determined for each student based on interaction with their Political Science concentration advisor or the MPA Director.

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**39 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree**

**Notes:**

1. Course descriptions for the Political Science concentration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.
2. Course descriptions for the Public Administration courses are provided in the Political Science section of this catalog.



## SOCIAL WORK

The Department of Social Work offers courses leading to the Master of Social Work (MSW) degree with Advanced Generalist Specialization, which prepares graduates to engage in independent social work practice to address local, regional, and national workforce needs for social work services, with emphasis placed on rural and non-urban communities. The program aims to provide professionals with advanced, ethical, evidence-based social work practice and professional leadership skills at all practice levels with the goal of improving individual and societal well-being.

The Master of Social Work (MSW) program is offered in a hybrid/blended format. This design gives students a combination of learning formats, including, but not limited to, online and lecture learning. The program emphasizes a full range of high quality experiences throughout the curriculum in terms of innovative courses, creative field work/internships, relevant research, service-learning activities, and dynamic faculty-student, student-student, and community-student relationships that will prepare graduates for successful social work careers.

The program is guided by the institutional mission, program mission, professional purpose, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards, and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Code of Ethics.

For more information specific to the MSW program, please contact the Department of Sociology and Social Work, 256-782-8208 or the Social Work program website at [www.jsu.edu/socialwork/](http://www.jsu.edu/socialwork/).

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Applicants for the Master of Social Work **Two-Year Traditional program** are considered for admission for the fall semester only, and all required application materials must be received by July 1. Applications received before March 15 will be given priority consideration. Applications completed after July 1 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year, unless otherwise specified.

Applicants for the Master of Social Work **One Year Advanced Standing program** are considered for admission for the summer semester only, and all required application materials must be received by April 1. Applications received before January 15 will be given priority consideration. Applications completed after April 1 will be considered for admission in the fall semester of the following year, unless otherwise specified.

### APPLICATION MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (available online at <https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Pages/Login.aspx>).
2. Non-refundable \$35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
4. A Personal Statement: Guidelines for the Personal Statement can be found on the Graduate Studies Student Resources webpage at <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/student-resources/msw-personal-statement.html>.
5. Three Graduate Reference Forms completed by individuals who can provide qualitative assessment of the applicant's potential for success in graduate coursework. At least one form must be from a previous professor/instructor and at least one from a supervisor of a paid or unpaid social services agency or an employer. Reference forms will be submitted electronically. Instructions for

submission will be sent through email to the applicant upon submission of the online graduate application.

6. A resume, including education, employment, and other applicable social work-related experience/skills (e.g., practicum/research experience, presentations, publications).
7. A Social Problem Analysis: Guidelines for the Rural/Non-Urban Social Problem Analysis can be found on the Graduate Studies Student Resources webpage at <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/student-resources/msw-social-problem-analysis.html>.
8. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
9. International Students with an Undergraduate Degree in Social Work Please Note: The Office of Social Work Accreditation (OSWA), part of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation as the sole accrediting agency for social work education in the United States. The office's International Social Work Degree Recognition and Evaluation Service (ISWDRES) recognizes academic credentials in social work that are comparable to accredited baccalaureate and master's degrees in social work in the United States. Recognition is necessary to establish qualifications for employment, graduate school admission, membership in the National Association of Social Workers, state licensing, and/or certification. Recognition is based on the general comparability of the program objectives (as stated in the program catalogue or program's official memorandum) and level of the applicant's social work education to social work education in the United States.

See the Graduate Studies website for forms and fee information. All items must be sent to Graduate Studies, Jacksonville State University, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MSW

### **Two-Year Traditional Program**

In addition to meeting the above general admission requirements, applicants for the MSW Two-Year Traditional Program must have a four-year degree from an accredited college or university with a liberal arts background, which provides preparation in the social sciences (12 hours minimum) and a curriculum that includes literature, biological and/or physical sciences, psychology, and math.

The Two-Year Traditional Program is for students who:

1. Have an undergraduate social work degree from a BSW program not accredited by CSWE,
2. Have an undergraduate degree in a field other than social work,
3. Have an undergraduate social work degree from a BSW program accredited by CSWE, but do not meet the admissions criteria for the One Year Advanced Standing Program, or
4. Meet the admissions criteria for the university and the MSW Two-Year Traditional Program.

Applicants must have a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale with at least a 3.00 in the last 60 hours of the undergraduate degree.

The MSW Admissions Committee will review all application and admission requirements. Admission to the MSW program is determined on a selective basis. Meeting the minimum standards for consideration for admission does not guarantee admission to the MSW program. The MSW Admissions Committee may request a personal interview with applicants when deemed necessary for application evaluation.

NOTE: The MSW Admissions Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to admissions requirements.

### **One Year Advanced Standing Program**

In addition to meeting the above general admission requirements, applicants for the MSW One Year Advanced Standing Program must have an undergraduate degree in social work from a program accredited by the CSWE.

The One Year Advanced Standing Program is for students who:

1. Have an undergraduate degree in social work from a program accredited by CSWE, and
2. Meet the admissions criteria for the university and the MSW One Year Advanced Standing Program.

Applicants must have a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale with at least a 3.00 in the last 60 hours of the undergraduate degree.

The MSW Admissions Committee will review all application and admission requirements. Admission to the MSW program is determined on a selective basis. Meeting the minimum standards for consideration for admission does not guarantee admission to the MSW program. The MSW Admissions Committee may request a personal interview with applicants when deemed necessary for application evaluation.

NOTE: The MSW Admissions Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to admissions requirements.

### **Unconditional Admission**

Applicants must have a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.50 on a 4.00 scale with at least a 3.00 in the last 60 hours of the undergraduate degree.

### **Conditional Admission**

A student who does not meet the requirements for Unconditional Admission may be admitted on a conditional basis, provided the student has a minimum overall undergraduate GPA of at least 2.25 on a 4.00 scale with at least a 2.75 in the last 60 hours of the undergraduate degree.

Conditional admission requires the recommendation of the MSW Admissions Committee and approval of the MSW Program Coordinator and/or Chair of the Social Work Department and by the Office of Graduate Studies. Students are only admitted by this option if there are spaces available in the MSW program. Conditional admission status will be reviewed and may be removed upon completion of twelve (12) hours of graduate coursework with a GPA of 3.00 or higher.

**Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.**

### **Degree Progression Policies**

The following progression policies apply for all students accepted into the MSW program. Students must:

- Adhere to the standards of conduct specified in the Social Work Code of Ethics and the JSU Social Work Professional Standards document.
- Enroll continuously until the degree is completed. (Exceptions may be made in special circumstances.)
- Complete field practicum (900 clock hours for Two-Year Traditional students and 450 clock hours for One Year Advanced Standing students) in agency settings designated by the school's field coordinator.

**Life or Work Experience**

The MSW Program does not award academic credit for life or work experience under any circumstances. There are no exceptions to this policy.

**PLANS OF STUDY**

The MSW curriculum is structured into two different programs: two-year full-time and one-year advanced standing. Students start as a cohort and move through the program together. **The generalist required core curriculum consists of 27 credit hours and 450 hours of field placement. An asterisk (\*) denotes a required core curriculum course.**

**TWO YEAR TRADITIONAL PROGRAM (60 Hours)****Fall**

SW 505 Generalist Practice with Individuals	3
SW 506 Generalist Practice with Families and Groups	3
SW 512 Cultural Competence for Generalist Practice	3
SW 518 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3

**Spring**

SW 507 Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations	3
SW 519 Human Behavior and the Social Environment II	3
SW 570 Field Practicum I (450 hours; 32 hours a week; 2 hour bi-weekly seminar)	9

**Summer Bridge**

*SW 510 Social Welfare Programs, Policy, and Analysis	3
*SW 514 Social Work Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
*SW 521 Social Work Practice in Rural and Non-Urban Areas	3

**Fall**

*SW 520 Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology	3
*SW 524 Advanced Generalist Methods with Individuals and Families	3
*SW 525 Advanced Generalist Methods with Groups and Organizations	3
SW Elective	3

**Spring**

*SW 571 Field Practicum II (450 hours) (32 hours a week) (2 hour bi-weekly seminar)	9
SW Elective	3
TOTAL	60

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

**ONE YEAR ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM (39 hours)**

**Summer Bridge**

*SW 510 Social Welfare Programs, Policy, and Analysis	3
*SW 514 Social Work Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
*SW 521 Social Work Practice in Rural and Non-Urban Areas	3
SW Elective	3

**Fall**

*SW 520 Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology	3
*SW 524 Advanced Generalist Methods with Individuals and Families	3
*SW 525 Advanced Generalist Methods with Groups and Organizations	3
SW Elective	3

**Spring**

*SW 571 Field Practicum II (450 hours) (32 hours a week) (2 hour bi-weekly seminar)	9
SW Elective(s)	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>

**Please Note:** All students must apply for graduation by the given deadline of the semester in which they plan to graduate: <http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html>.

## SOCIAL WORK COURSES (SW)

505. **Generalist Practice with Individuals (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. Course provides foundation content in the knowledge and skills for strengths-based generalist social work practice with individuals. Students will begin to acquire generalist social work practice skills and an identity with the social work profession.
506. **Generalist Practice with Families and Groups (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. Course provides foundation content in the knowledge and skills for strengths-based generalist social work practice with families and groups. Family assessments and interventions and group practice issues will be examined.
507. **Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. Course provides foundation content emphasizing developing generalist knowledge and skills for strengths-based generalist social work practice at the group, organizational, community and societal levels.
510. **Social Welfare Programs, Policy and Analysis (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. Surveys social welfare institutions, emphasizing the strengths and weaknesses of programs within the context of the social problems they address. The course includes an introduction to social welfare policy analysis and the role of the social work profession in affecting change in social welfare policy. Student membership in the National Rural Social Work Caucus is required.
512. **Cultural Competence for Generalist Practice (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. Students will examine the impact of culture, race and ethnicity on client/worker interactions. The course presents practice theories and interventions for culturally competent advanced generalist practice with different populations. Students will develop essential knowledge, awareness, and skills to support culturally competent social work practice. Concepts related to the promotion of social and economic justice are emphasized. Topics include power, privilege, oppression, rural myths and stereotypes, and community self-concept.
514. **Social Work Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3).** Prerequisite: SW 518, 519 or advanced standing status. This course will enable the student to develop competence in the integrated use of research and information technologies in knowledge building in social work practice. Students are introduced to the components of quantitative and qualitative research methods. Students will develop knowledge of evidence-based practice, including skills needed to identify, acquire and assess appropriate interventions for practice across client system levels.
516. **Crisis Intervention and Trauma Management (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. This course examines social work practice theories and intervention approaches and skills as they apply to practice with survivors of various forms of traumatic life events. Students will be able to apply theory to intervention techniques. Participants will learn the fundamentals of trauma and traumatic stress, and a general understanding of the implications of crisis intervention techniques to modify, manage, and cope with trauma.
518. **Human Behavior and the Social Environment I (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. This course explores the basic concepts and theories that explain the development of personality and social behavior within a social systems framework. Attention is given to the impact of bio-psycho-social-cultural factors on individuals, small groups, and the family. This course examines behavior within the context of individuals, families, groups, organizations, communities, and cultures and the core theories that guide social work practice.

519. **Human Behavior and the Social Environment II (3).** Prerequisites: SW 518 and graduate standing. This course provides students with core knowledge of theory pertaining to broad social units (i.e., the work place, organizations, institutions, ideologies, the world views, etc.). The course utilizes a systems framework and emphasizes the themes of advocacy, empowerment and planned change in exploring various theoretical orientations to the study of human behavior in organizations, communities and society.
520. **Psychopathology and Psychopharmacology (3).** Prerequisite: SW 505, 506, 507 or advanced standing status. This course provides a focus on a bio-psycho-social-cultural understanding of mental illness from an ecosystems perspective. Students critically examine the DSM-V and the psychopharmacological interventions for psychopathological conditions across the lifespan.
521. **Social Work Practice in Rural and Non-Urban Areas (3).** Prerequisite: SW 505, 506, or advanced standing status. This course introduces students to social work in the rural context. Presents current trends in rural social work practice and considers the most effective ways to serve rural communities. Issues related to social work practice, rural communities, rural behavior, and social welfare policy are presented. A generalist model of practice, systems and person-in-environment theories help students develop a more sophisticated understanding of general problems and concerns found in rural communities.
524. **Advanced Generalist Methods with Individuals and Families (3).** Prerequisite: SW 505, 506, 507 or advanced standing status. This course develops the advanced generalist practice competencies needed for intervention with individuals and families from diverse backgrounds. Evidence-based theories and practice intervention strategies are applied.
525. **Advanced Generalist Methods with Groups and Organizations (3).** Prerequisite: SW 505, 506, 507 or advanced standing status. This course develops the advanced generalist practice competencies needed for administrative and supervisory intervention with organizations and communities. Evidence-based theories and practice intervention strategies are applied, including the development of skills in social work leadership and administration.
528. **Substance Abuse and Addictions (3).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing and admission to MSW program or with Instructor Permission. Examines the prevalence and etiology of chemical dependency and its impact on individuals, families, and society. Utilizes an advanced generalist practice modality for the development of professional social work knowledge, values and skills in the prevention and treatment of chemical dependency across multiple systems.
531. **Aging, Society and the Life Course (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. The course provides an in-depth understanding of aging issues at individual and societal levels for effective social work practice with older adults and their families. This course prepares students to conduct social work interventions with older adults and their families in rural and non-urban communities.
534. **Health, Health Care and Disabilities (3).** Prerequisite: Graduate standing and admission to MSW program or with Instructor Permission. This course provides knowledge about the contemporary organization of health care including the examination of state and federal health and disability policies and programs and models of integrated health care. It includes analysis of the ethics and politics of inequality in U.S. health and healthcare systems.
537. **Advanced Practice with Children and Adolescents (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. This course focuses on clinical social work practice with children and adolescents. Students will learn specific skills for effectively assessing and treating children and adolescents. The course examines the complexities of the interactions between children and their environment.

540. **Death, Loss and Disaster Response in Social Work Practice (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. The course offers an overview of the social impact of violence, major types of violent events, and natural disasters. Students will acquire skills in community mobilization, collaborative recovery and response practices, and grief support. Special attention will be paid to evidence based crisis and trauma responses.
546. **Advanced Practice in Forensic Social Work (3).** Prerequisite: Degree admission to MSW program and graduate standing. This course explores the role of social work in legal processes within the criminal justice system, child welfare system, mental health system, juvenile justice system, domestic/family violence, etc. It includes the application of knowledge and skills in forensic interviewing, risk assessment, expert testimony, mediation, and victim advocacy.
570. **Field Practicum I (9).** Prerequisites: SW 505 and 506. Advanced field instruction in a social welfare setting under the direct supervision of a professional social worker. Focuses on the development of advanced applied skills, knowledge, and values for direct social work practice. Four hundred fifty (450) hours of agency experience and two (2) hour biweekly integrative seminars are required for the semester.
571. **Field Practicum II (9).** Prerequisites: SW 521, 524 525, and 570. Advanced field instruction in a social welfare setting under the direct supervision of a professional social worker. Focuses on the development of advanced applied skills, knowledge, and values for direct social work practice. Four hundred fifty (450) hours of agency experience and two (2) hour biweekly integrative seminars are required for the semester.



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## COURSE PREFIXES

ACC.....	Accounting
AN.....	Anthropology
ANP.....	Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
ART.....	Art
BA.....	Business Administration
BY.....	Biology
CJ.....	Criminal Justice
CS.....	Computer Science
CTE.....	Career Technical Education
CY.....	Chemistry
DNP.....	Doctor of Nursing Practice
DR.....	Drama
EC.....	Economics
ECE.....	Early Childhood Education
ECG.....	Counselor Education
ED.....	Education
EED.....	Elementary Education
EFD.....	Education Foundations
EH.....	English
EIM.....	Instructional Media
EM.....	Emergency Management
EPY.....	Educational Psychology
ESE.....	Secondary Education
FCS.....	Family and Consumer Sciences
FIN.....	Finance
FNP.....	Family Nurse Practitioner
GY.....	Geography
HPE.....	Health and Physical Education
HY.....	History
IL.....	Instructional Leadership
LM.....	Library Media
MBY.....	Marine Biology
MFG.....	Manufacturing Systems Technology
MGT.....	Management
MKT.....	Marketing
MS.....	Mathematics
MU.....	Music
NU.....	Nursing
PHS.....	Physics
PSC.....	Political Science
PSY.....	Psychology
RDG.....	Reading Specialist
SPE.....	Special Education/Collaborative Teacher
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