

JSU FACULTY SENATE 2024-2025  
Recommendation #2425-01

**Recommendation Regarding Classification of Students**

Whereas, the current classification of students does not match the number of credit hours for the majority of JSU degrees, and

Whereas, some students may be unable to graduate in a timely manner because they are unable to register for “senior” restricted classes until spring semester of their senior year, and

Whereas, other universities in the state, such as the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Montevallo, and University of North Alabama all have modified their hours to match a 120-hour degree requirement, and

Whereas, the Registrar has indicated that this implementation is possible with an August 2025 date, and

Whereas, the Director of Financial Aid has indicated that this new system would not adversely affect our students,

We, the Faculty Senate, recommend that the classification of students in the 2025-2026 JSU undergraduate catalog be revised from:

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<b>Hours</b>	<b>Classification</b>
0-31	Freshman
32-63	Sophomore
64-95	Junior
96+	Senior

To

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<b>Hours</b>	<b>Classification</b>
0-29	Freshman
30-59	Sophomore
60-89	Junior
90+	Senior