

Welcome to Jacksonville State University. Your Home, Our Legacy.

Congratulations on your acceptance to Jacksonville State University! We are glad to have you as part of the Jax State family. The next few years promise to be exciting ones for you. This guide contains information regarding orientation and registration for Fall 2025. Orientation for first-year and transfer students is a one-day program providing useful information about the campus. You will connect with other new students as well as faculty/staff from varied backgrounds and diverse cultures. Students attending orientation will meet with an academic advisor from the college of their intended major, who will help them register for fall classes.

Orientation is mandatory for first-year students under the age of 25 and highly recommended for transfer students. Students who have applied and been accepted to Jax State for Fall 2025 may register for Gamecock Orientation (GO!) at jsu.edu/go.

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Next Steps

☐ **Apply For Financial Aid**

- Complete your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at studentaid.gov. Be sure to include Jax State's school code: 001020
- After completing the FAFSA, check your MyJaxState account for additional requirements that may be needed to complete your financial aid file.
- After submitting the additional required paperwork and receiving an offer from Financial Aid (this will be sent to your student Jax State student email), you need to accept or decline your award online by going to your MyJaxState account and selecting "Financial Aid". This is where you can view your financial aid status, eligibility, and award.
- For further questions, please contact Financial Aid at 256-782-5006 or email finaid@jsu.edu.

☐ **Register For & Attend Gamecock Orientation**

- After registering for Gamecock Orientation, view your checklist and mark off each item as you complete them here: jsu.campusgroups.com/student_checklists
- Complete your pre-orientation checklist before your scheduled GO! session.
- After attending your GO! session, remember to log back in and complete your post-orientation checklist prior to beginning classes.

☐ **Apply for Housing and Residence Life or Housing Exemption**

- All first-year students are required to live on campus or complete an exemption form.
- The priority deadline for housing is April 1, 2025. Visit jsu.edu/housing for additional information on the layout of residence halls, pricing, exemptions, and the online application.
- Students who have a unique situation and are not able to live in on-campus housing may submit an exemption request online for review by the Exemption Board at jsu.edu/housing.
- Fall move-in dates are August 15th - 17th.

☐ **Select A Meal Plan**

- Students living on campus are required to have a resident meal plan.
- All students who are taking 6 or more credit hours in person or hybrid and do not reside on campus are required to have JaxCash.
- Visit the Sodexo Dining Services website at dining.jsu.edu to select a meal plan.

☐ **Familiarize Yourself with Requirements for your Major**

- Go to jsu.edu.
- Click on "Academics."
- Click on "Degree Listing" and find the degree that you are seeking.
- Click on "Undergraduate Degrees and Programs."
- Click on your major and select "View Plan of Study."

☐ **Follow GO! On Social Media**

- On Facebook: JSU Gamecock Orientation
- On Instagram: @jsugamecockorientation

Start Here

Jax State Student Identification Number

Each student is assigned a Jax State identification number upon acceptance to the university. This number is located at the top of your acceptance letter. You will use this number to reference your personal student information when contacting an office on campus. It is strongly recommended that you memorize this number.

Upload your Student ID photo by visiting this link: jsu.edu/idcards

MyJaxState & Password

MyJaxState is Jacksonville State University's portal that provides access to Jax State web-based services and information. Use MyJaxState for email, class registration, financial aid, paying tuition, checking grades, and more. Please go to jsu.edu/it/services/accounts/index.html for all information on how to log in to MyJaxState.

Register for GO!

To register for Gamecock Orientation, please visit: jsu.campusgroups.com/login_only

MyJaxState login credentials can be found in your Jax State acceptance letter. After registering, log back into your orientation reservation system to access your checklist before and after your orientation session. Visit jsu.edu/go/register or scan the QR code for help accessing GO! registration or your checklist.

Vuestro Hogar, Nuestro Legado

To request a Spanish interpretation at GO!, visit this link:

<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=0ad2edf8-00c9-40ba-9e0b-4c086579866a&targetUrl=https%3a%2f%2fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f95929337-74f2-47af-a4ad-54a0882235ed>

Orientation Fee

The nonrefundable \$100 fee must be paid in full before your reservation can be confirmed.

Students' \$100 fee includes:

- Meals (continental breakfast & lunch)
- Educational materials
- GO! T-Shirt

Family & Guests' (limit of 3) \$20 fee includes:

- Meals (continental breakfast & lunch)
- Educational materials
- Educational sessions

To access your GO! Account, visit this link: jsu.edu/go/register.html

Gamecock Orientation

Preparing for Gamecock Orientation

When you arrive at Gamecock Orientation, please allow enough time for parking and check-in. Morning check-in begins at 8:15 AM at Leone Cole Auditorium. The program will begin at 8:30 AM.

Parking Information

If you are using a GPS, our location is 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265. When entering campus, follow the Gamecock Orientation signs to Leone Cole Auditorium. *Please do NOT park in restricted spaces and/or spaces for people with disabilities unless you have an accessible parking pass or tag. Accessible parking is available near Leone Cole Auditorium.

To view the campus map and GO! Parking, visit this link: map.jsu.edu

Technology @ GO!

- Make sure to follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with information.

- Check your Jax State email for important information. It is important to know your username and password for your email and MyJaxState before attending orientation.
- Make sure to have your fully charged cell phone AND laptop with you for class registration.
- Students will need to download Duo Mobile in order to access their MyJaxState system and register for classes. View Duo Mobile instructions here: jsu.edu/it/services/accounts/duo-security.html
- Contact Technology Support if you cannot log into your email account.
- To view major-specific laptop requirements, visit: jsu.edu/it/laptop

When you attend Gamecock Orientation, bring the following:

- Fully charged device used for DuoMobile Authentication and fully charged laptop for class registration.
- MyJaxState username and password, received in your Jax State acceptance letter.
- Transcripts for all college work previously completed, CLEP, or AP/IB credit.
- Comfortable clothes and walking shoes. You will be walking frequently around campus for different meetings.
- A light jacket. Weather during summer is very hot and humid, but conference rooms can be chilly.
- Umbrella and raincoat. Alabama weather is unpredictable in the summer; be prepared.
- Transportation around campus is not provided for students, family members, or guests.
- For any accommodations, please contact Disability Resources at 256-782-8380.

Behavior Expectations

The Jax State Student Code of Conduct applies throughout orientation. To view the Code of Conduct, visit this link:

https://www.jsu.edu/studentaffairs/pdf/student_handbook_20242025.pdf

Family & Guests

A Note to Jax State Family and Guests

Parents and family members are important resources for our new students. We have designed special sessions for parents and guests that will take place throughout the orientation day. This event is designed for new students' parents and guests to gain valuable information concerning services offered to students on campus. Parents and guests will also be able to talk with representatives from the different offices on campus.

Parents and guests will attend some sessions with their students, including lunch. There is a family and guest fee of \$20 per person. This non-refundable fee includes meals (continental breakfast & lunch), educational materials, and educational sessions. Each student is limited to three family members or guests. Walking is a central component of the GO! experience. Parents and guests are advised to wear comfortable clothing and shoes due to warm temperatures and movement among buildings on campus. This is a full-day program. Please plan to spend the entire day on campus to receive the full benefit of this program.

Parent & Family Connection Portal

- To create an account, visit jsu.edu/parents
- Accessing this system will allow you to receive timely updates about what is happening on campus.
- Complete FERPA requirements to access students' information on the portal.

During the Program Parents Will:

1. Meet other Jacksonville State University parents.
2. Meet with your student's Gamecock Orientation Leaders who can answer your questions and concerns about your student's adjustment to life at Jax State.
3. Meet and talk with representatives from Financial Aid, RMC Student Health Center, Campus Safety, Residence Life, and many other offices.
4. Participate in sessions designed for parents on how to assist your student with
5. their transition to Jax State.
6. We will walk you through the Parent and Family Portal

Math & English Placement

Jax State EdReady Math & English Placement Exams

Jax State wants to save you time and money by offering the NO-COST, INDIVIDUALIZED Jax State EdReady Math Placement and English Placement!

Who takes Jax State EdReady?

All first-year students and transfer students who have not completed their first required math and/or English course are required to take EdReady.

When Should I Complete Jax State EdReady Math & English Placement?

You may access your EdReady placement exams as soon as you receive your acceptance letter to Jax State. The deadline to complete both EdReady exams is two weeks before your scheduled orientation date.

EdReady English Placement

All new students take English EdReady and work their study paths to a score of 90 for college preparation. Students without ACT/SAT scores may use their English EdReady initial score for placement.

If your ACT English Subtest score is 17 and below you will be placed in EH 105 or EH115 for your first-year writing course.

If your SAT English Subtest score is 420 and below you will be placed in EH 105 or EH115 for your first-year writing course.

If your English EdReady score is 55 and below you will be placed in EH 105 or EH115 for your first-year writing course.

If your ACT English Subtest score is 18 and above you will be placed in EH 101 for your first-year writing course.

If your SAT English Subtest score is 430 and below you will be placed in EH 101 for your first-year writing course.

If your English EdReady score is 56 and above you will be placed in EH 101 for your first-year writing course.

If your ACT English Subtest score is 25 and above you will be placed in EH 103 for your first-year writing course.

If your SAT English Subtest score is 610 and above you will be placed in EH 103 or EH115 for your first-year writing course.

If your English EdReady score is 71 and above you will be placed in EH 103 for your first-year writing course.

After working the English EdReady study path to a score of 90, students who place into EH 105 and wish to move to EH 101, or students who place into EH 101 and wish to move to EH 103, may take an additional self-assessment to be considered. Please follow the directions on your English EdReady study path completion page to learn more.

Visit the First-Year Writing website for more information:

jsu.edu/english/first-year-writing.html

How to Take Jax State EdReady Math & English Placement Exams

1. Take at home before your Gamecock Orientation session.
2. Disable pop-up blockers (Chrome and Firefox are recommended browsers).
3. Log-in to your MyJaxState Account (Received in Jax State acceptance letter).
4. Under your "Student" card, select MORE.

5. Then, scroll down and select “Placement Exams.”
6. If the pop-up appears, click “Get Started” (You do not enter a key).
7. Choose the exam you would like to take first (Jax State Math Placement or Jax State English Placement).
8. Click “Add to Goals.”
9. Next, click “Go to Goal.”
10. Click “Start Assessment.”
11. Take this assessment and submit your results. You will immediately be given a score and a study path.
12. If you do not make the required minimum placement score, you should work on your study path to achieve the required score.
13. Repeat steps 3-11 to complete the second EdReady (Math or English).
14. Students are highly encouraged to work both Math and English study paths to a score of 100.

EdReady Math Placement

MS 110 Track Jax State EdReady Score

Course

EdReady Study Path.....	42 and below
MS 110.....	43+
MS 204.....	43+

MS 112 Track Jax State EdReady Score

Course

MS 100.....	79 or below
MS 112.....	80 – 100
MS 113, or 120.....	80+ (also requires ACT 24 or SAT 560)
MS 115.....	80+ (also requires ACT 26 or SAT 600)
MS 125.....	80+ (also requires ACT 28 or SAT 640)

Visit this link for more info:

jsu.edu/studentsuccess/learning-services/placement-exams.html

Student Services

Financial Aid

Students may use their scheduled financial aid (assistance that has been processed, awarded, and accepted), with the exception of federal work study, to confirm class registration. Financial aid status and awards may be verified on MyJaxState. Financial aid awards and scholarships do not cover the orientation fee.

See our student checklist below:

- ☐ Have you applied for financial aid at studentaid.gov ?
- ☐ Have you completed your financial aid file by reviewing
- ☐ your requirements on your MyJaxState account?
- ☐ Have you received and accepted your aid package?
- ☐ If you have accepted a student loan, have you completed the Master Promissory Note, loan entrance counseling, and Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment at studentaid.gov?
- ☐ Have you reviewed your account balance?
- ☐ Do you know the payment due dates and deadlines?
- ☐ Questions? Contact Jax State at 256-782-5006.
- ☐ Check your Jax State email account.

Other Resources include: studentaid.gov, jsu.edu/finaid. Remember that you must renew your FAFSA each year at fafsa.gov!

Office of Housing Operations & Residence Life

First-year undergraduate students are required to live on campus or submit an exemption form. If you are a student from Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah, St. Clair, or Talladega county and do not wish to live on campus, we ask that you submit an exemption request online. Students may complete an application or exemption online at jsu.edu/housing/applynow/index.html. First-year undergraduate students will self-select their assignments based on their application submission date. Details about specific selection dates can be found online at jsu.edu/housing/applynow/index.html. Applications cannot be processed without the \$200 nonrefundable application fee. Students who submit their application after April 1, 2025 or do not select their room during their assigned dates will be assigned by the housing office based on preferences and availability. All assignment information will be sent to the Jax State email address.

Tuition & Fees

Previous Tuition And Fees

Undergrad Freshmen-Juniors (1-11 hours)

In-State is \$353/hour

Out-Of-State is \$706/hour

Undergrad Freshmen-Juniors (12-18 hours)

In-State is \$5,295

Out-Of-State is \$10,590

Undergrad Freshmen-Juniors (19+ hours)

In-State is \$5,295 + \$353/hour

Out-Of-State is \$10,590 + \$706/hour

Fees:

1-3 hours is \$160/hour

4-5 hours is \$133/hour

6+ hours is \$750 flat fee/semester

Distance Learning is \$40/hour

Residence Halls:

Room rates vary anywhere from \$2,080 - \$3,300

Jax State Estimated Cost Calculator:

webprod.jsu.edu/costcalculator

Jax State Tuition & Fees Webpage:

jsu.edu/bursar/fees

Tuition & fees are subject to change

Dining Services

Sodexo, Jax State Dining Services, manages on campus dining. They provide a variety of flexible meal plans available for both resident and commuter students. If you live on campus in Crow, Curtis, Doughty, Dixon, Fitzpatrick, Logan, Meehan, Patterson, North Village, or Sparkman Hall, your Jax State account will automatically be billed for the plan, and you will need to choose from the options listed to the right. If you do not choose a plan, you will be placed on the default plan of ten meals per week with \$400 flex. For more details on how the meal plan works, please visit the Sodexo website: dining.jsu.edu

Meal Swipes

Meal swipes can be used at Jack Hopper Dining Hall on an all-you-can-eat basis, Virtual Dining Concept with meal swipe options, or at WOW American Eats with limited menu items. Students will access their meals using their Jax State student ID card.

Flex

Flex can be used at any of the food locations listed on campus. Students can access flex “dollars” with their Jax State student ID. Students will swipe their ID, and the amount they purchase will be deducted from their current total amount of flex dollars.

JaxCash

A university fee required of all commuter students. May be used on all on-campus dining locations. For more information about meal swipes, flex dollars, and JaxCash visit: jsu.edu/abs/diningservicesinfo

Everyday App

Download the Dining app to access menus and order Kiwi Bot Delivery.

Places to Eat

For more information, visit: dining.jsu.edu.

- Jack Hopper Dining Hall
- WOW American Eats
- Mein Bowl
- We Proudly Serve Starbucks
- Virtual Dining Concept
- Boar's Head Deli
- Chick Fil A
- Freshens

Meal Plan Options

(Based on last year's rate, subject to change)

- Plan A: 21 meals/week with \$100 Flex
- Plan B: 14 meals/week with \$200 Flex
- Plan C: 10 meals/week with \$400 Flex (default plan)
- 100 meals/semester with \$800 Flex per semester

Commuter Options

- Block 50: 50 meals/semester with \$100 Flex is \$605
- Commuter plan with \$100 Flex is \$110
- Commuter plan with \$200 Flex is \$220
- Commuter plan with \$300 Flex is \$330
- Commuter plan with \$400 Flex is \$440

Parking Decal

Parking decals are required for all vehicles parked on campus. You must register for your decal online on your MyJaxState account. Look for the "Parking" tile on your MyJaxState account and click on "Purchase Parking Decals". The \$100 decal fee* will be charged to your student account and paid for through the Office of Student Accounts. If you have a State of Alabama Jax State license plate (J-Tag), you are still required to order a decal, but it will be free of charge*. When you register for a decal, use your Jax

State email. You will receive a confirmation email with a printable temporary parking pass.

Obtaining a decal: Decals will be mailed to the address provided, unless you choose the J-tag option, which will require you to bring your vehicle tag receipt/registration and your Jax State ID to the Parking Services Office, located in room 403 at the Theron Montgomery Building (TMB) to pick up your decal. Decal fees are subject to change.

Mail Service

The campus mail center is located on the 4th floor of the Theron Montgomery Building. Students can pick up their mail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will receive an email on your GEM account when your mail is ready for pickup. You will go to the lockers and either scan the barcode or enter the access code included in your email. When directed, sign the line in the box, hit enter, and the locker door will open. The student's mailing address is

Student's Name (First, Last)

Jax State Mail Center

700 Pelham Road North

Jacksonville, AL 36265

Any regular postal assistance or service may be provided. For more information, you may contact the Mail Center directly at 256-782-5290. Mail service window hours are 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Mon – Fri.

Student Health Center Information

Medical Information & Immunizations

The Student Health Center is a primary health care facility providing outpatient medical services and urgent and primary care, as well as promoting preventative health measures to currently enrolled students, staff, and faculty.

Please visit jsu.edu/studenthealth/forms.html to complete required student health forms and submit forms. If you have any questions, contact the Student Health Center at:

RMC/Student Health Center

1701 Pelham Road South

Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602

P.256-782-5310 F.256-782-5307

Clinic hours are Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM and Friday 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM, closed daily 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM for lunch.

Walk-Ins are 8-11 AM and appointments are 1 PM–3:30 PM

University Recreation

The 101,000-sq.-ft. Recreation and Fitness Center (RFC) provides recreation and leisure opportunities for Jax State students.

Visit us at jsu.edu/urec. ENGAGE WELLNESS and keep #movingcocky!

Facility Hours (Hours are Subject to Change)

Monday – Thursday

5 AM — 11 PM

Friday

5 AM — 9 PM

Saturday

9 AM — 9 PM

Sunday

12 PM — 9 PM

Rec Center Highlights

- Three-court gym (wood courts for basketball, volleyball, badminton, and more)
- One multi-activity court with buffer walls for indoor soccer, basketball, and volleyball
- Three-lane indoor track
- Cardio machines, free weights, machine weights, and functional training areas
- Three fitness studios
- Jacksonville Nutrition serves smoothies, teas, and protein shakes
- Indoor pool with lap lanes, a vortex, and hot tub
- Outdoor social pool with outdoor patio area
- Gaming lounge

Other Recreational Opportunities

- Free group fitness classes featuring Spin, Pound, TRX, and more
- Adventure Recreation Center with outdoor equipment rentals
- Adventure Recreation trips
- Intramural sports including flag football, basketball, soccer, and more
- Personal training, massage therapy, swim lessons, and other services
- Part-time employment opportunities
- Lifeguard and CPR Certifications

- Premium fitness classes including Yoga and F45 Training

GO! Outdoors

GO! Outdoors gives incoming first-year students an opportunity to better connect with other first-year students and to Jax State.

Adventure Recreation has designed an adventure-based experience to jumpstart the first-year students' ability to meet other incoming Gamecocks and to learn how to better face the challenges of being a college student ahead. This program is open to all experience levels and is only open to first-year students.

Each trip is specifically created to provide students with leadership experience to make the transition into college life smoother, and so that they may use these skills throughout their own college experience.

GO! Outdoors Dates 2025

- Backpacking along the Pinhoti Trail // June 13th - June 15th
- Rock Climbing and Camping at Cherokee Rock Village // July 12th & 13th

For more GO! Outdoors info visit: <https://www.jsu.edu/urec/adventure/go-outdoors.html>

Academic Information

Conditionally Admitted Students

Students who are conditionally admitted must fulfill specific requirements. They are required to remain enrolled in specific developmental skills courses, participate in required counseling and advisement activities, and address any academic skill deficiencies (including SSC 104) within one year. For more details on admission requirements, please visit: jsu.edu/admissions.

First-Year Student Course Requirements

SSC 101

All students with fewer than 24 earned hours must take SSC 101 (First-Year Experience): First-time freshmen over the age of 24 are exempt. Students will achieve course objectives related to their overall adjustment to being a successful student at Jax State.

SSC 104

Conditionally admitted students must take SSC 104 (Academic Success Skills): This course will be completed during the first year of enrollment and is an individualized freshman seminar providing supportive guidance in study skills.

To learn more about undergraduate programs & certificates, visit:
<https://www.jsu.edu/degrees/undergraduate/>

Jax Mix

Jax MIX is a signature general education program where students can develop their human potential with engaging faculty in courses that merge innovation & experience. Jax MIX aims to prepare students to be competent, ethical professionals and engaged, responsible, global citizens through core education centered on human communication, experience, expression, and inquiry. Students are encouraged through general education to reach for connections, engage with experiences, and discover opportunities as they develop skills essential for employability and lifelong learning. For more information on Jax MIX, visit: [jsu.edu/jaxmix](https://www.jsu.edu/jaxmix)

How Do I Change My Major?

To update or change your major prior to attending Gamecock Orientation visit this link: <https://www.jsu.edu/advising/change-major-minor-concentration.html>. After you register for classes, you must contact the department of your major in order to change your major. For example, if your major is criminal justice and you want to change it to art, contact the Art Department.

Jax State Library

Houston Cole Library

The twelve-story facility is home to over 1.5 million books, over 150 databases for journal and newspaper articles, and thousands of e-books divided into six subject specific floors with a subject specialist librarian on each of these floors. It also houses several unique areas, including the Student Success Center, Children's Corner, Technology Support Center, and the Alabama Gallery (special collections). There's also plenty of study space available, including the third-floor Quiet Floor, as well as a student computer lab and group-study rooms. Whether you need research help, a quiet place to study, or just a quick coffee between classes, let the Houston Cole Library become a central resource for your college career. For more information, visit [jsu.edu/library](https://www.jsu.edu/library).

Library Highlights

- Six subject-specific floors w/subject specialists to provide research help
- We Proudly Serve Starbucks (Lobby)

- Group-study rooms (3rd/4th Floors)
- Open student computer lab (10th Floor)
- Students may check out print materials in the lobby and laptops, digital cameras, musical instruments, and more in the Multimedia Lab.
- Extended hours during fall and spring finals.

Honors Program

First-year students with a 25 or higher composite score on the ACT (or SAT equivalent) and at least a B average in high school are invited to apply for the Honors Program. Entering freshmen with no standardized test score may be provisionally admitted with an initial English Ed Ready score of 71 or above. In order to graduate with honors and be recognized at graduation, a student must successfully complete 24 hours of Honors courses. Students must be a member of the Honors Program to enroll in Honors courses. There are special instructions for registering for classes the first semester in the program, so students should inform their advisor that they are members of the Honors Program. The online application can be found at jsu.edu/honors-program. For additional information, contact the Honors Program at 256-782-5696 or honors@jsu.edu.

Campus Involvement

Campus Life

Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students Office staff is available for an array of opportunities for student involvement. Jax State recognizes over 120 organizations for students to enhance their college experience outside of the classroom. The Dean of Students Office staff are available to assist you in finding what organization is right for you. Some of the organizations offered to you include:

Student Government Association

- All students enrolled at Jax State are members.
- Serves as the voice for students on campus.
- Houses the Student Senate, Student Activities Council, and Organizational Council.
- Sponsors student events throughout the school year.

Questions? Contact Abbie Beatty, Assistant Dean of Students for Student Life, at abeatty@jsu.edu or 256-782-5068 for more information!

Fraternity and Sorority Life

- Home to twenty-two nationally recognized, diverse fraternities and sororities (comprised of the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council).
 - Develop leadership and career skills while creating life-long friendships.
 - Participate in various philanthropic and community service opportunities.
 - Join the largest community of students on campus, with 950+ members.
- Questions? Contact Kendall Garrett, Assistant Dean of Students for Fraternity and Sorority Life, at kgarrett@jsu.edu or 256-782-5068 for more information!

Important Dates

Fall 2025

Aug. 14 – 17 Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment
Aug. 25 – 29 IFC Fraternity Recruitment
Aug. 16 – 22 J-Week
Aug. 19 Freshman Convocation
Aug. 20 Classes Begin
Aug. 21 Spirit on Mountain Street
Sept. 1 Labor Day
Sept. 1 – 5 MGC Recruitment
Sept. 15 – 19NPHC Week
Sept. 20 – Homecoming
Nov. 24 – 28 Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 3 – 9 Final Exams

Spring 2026

Jan. 7 Classes Begin
Jan. 19 MLK Day
March 23 – March 27 Spring Break
April 22 – April 28 Final Exams

Miss Jacksonville State University

Miss Jacksonville State University is a closed local preliminary franchise of the Miss Alabama Competition Inc. within the Miss America Organization. Miss JSU is an annual scholarship competition that awards over \$11,000 in scholarships and prizes.

GO! Tip: “Keep an open mind as you step into this new chapter of your life! College is full of opportunities to grow, learn, and discover yourself. Embrace every chance to get involved, meet new people, and explore what excites you.” -Kinley Coots

J-Week Events

Convocation and J-Week

What is Convocation?

Freshman Convocation is a unique celebration held each fall to honor the incoming freshman class. Convocation is designed as an opportunity to reflect on the significance of your educational endeavor and the commitment of the university to support you in the pursuit of your goals. Convocation for the Fall 2025 freshman class will be held on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:00 PM. We will give away prizes such as scholarships, T-shirts, and other Jax State gear. This will be a great time to reconnect with your GO! Leader and other friends from orientation.

J-Week at a Glance

A new school year offers new opportunities to make friends and get involved. J-Week is designed to start your year off right by getting you immersed in the culture of the town and university with events like Spirit on Mountain Street and getting you connected to other students and organizations with our annual Get on Board Day event. J-Week will be hosted the week of August 16-22, 2025.

GO! Tip: "Take ownership of your success— YOU hold the power to thrive in college! You're the one who can inspire, uplift, and drive yourself forward. Embrace your newfound independence and accomplish amazing things!" -Grace Anne Ingram

GO! Tip: "Don't hesitate to ask for help. If you ever feel lost, confused, or overwhelmed, reaching out can make all the difference. College is a new and exciting experience, but it can also feel like a lot to handle at times. Asking for help is a powerful first step toward understanding more about the university and finding your way." -Trey Marshall

GO! Tip: "Jax State is the perfect place to kick off your collegiate journey! Here, you'll discover a vibrant sense of community waiting for you around every corner. This is just the beginning of an incredible future, so bright; you'll need shades to see it. Welcome home, Gamecocks!" -Kobe Smith

GO! Staff

Keaton Glass, Director, First and Second Year Experience

Eric McCulley, Coordinator, 1st and 2nd Year
Communication, First and Second Year Experience

Olivia Fields, Coordinator, Peer Mentoring, First and Second Year Experience

Gina Glass, Coordinator, 1st and 2nd Year Initiatives, First and Second Year Experience

Lauren Sechrest, GO! Coordinator

GO LEADER OVERVIEW

GO! Leaders are students who volunteer their time to welcome and assist new students and their families. Members of the GO! Program can be identified by their distinctive red polos and welcoming smiles. These students are trained to help make orientation a memorable and fun experience. Have a question or problem? Seek out a GO! staff member — they're here for you!

GO! Tip: "Jax State stands out for its friendly and welcoming atmosphere! As a student, you'll be supported by faculty and staff who are genuinely dedicated to helping you succeed, as well as by peers who will encourage you every step of your college journey. At Jax State, you are never alone. I hope you fall in love with "The Friendliest Campus in the South" just as I have. Welcome to your home, our legacy!" -Lauren Sechrest

GO! Tip: "Take every opportunity to make friends! Talking to classmates and joining extracurriculars on campus will help you build friendships and connections that last far beyond college. These experiences have made my time at Jax State exceptional and surrounded me with people who will support me through all the different stages of life." -Maeley Ledford

GO! Leaders

Group 1

Merari Velasquez - Nursing - “¡Habla Español!”

Alex Stopyak - Psychology

Group 2

Breanna Daniel - Psychology

Hayden Gallahar - Accounting

Group 3

Grace Anne Ingram - Special Education, K-12

Canon Williams - Secondary Education, Science

Group 4

Kinley Coots - Forensic Investigation

Oscar Ibarra - Psychology - “¡Habla Español!”

Group 5

Maeley Ledford - Pre-Health Biology

Trey Marshall - Special Education, K-12

Group 6

Emmie Grizzard - Secondary Education

Kobe Smith - English, Creative Writing

Overnight Accommodations

Hotel Finial - Address: 1600 Quintard Avenue, Anniston, AL, 36202

Contact: 256-236-0503

Red Roof Inn - Address: 1530 Pelham Road South, Jacksonville, AL, 36265

Contact: 256-435-3300

Hilton Garden Inn - Address: 280 Colonial Dr, Oxford, AL, 36203

Contact: 256-831-0083

Hampton Inn - Address: 1041 JD & L Dr. SW, Jacksonville, AL, 36265

Contact: 256-782-0330

Courtyard by Marriott - Address: 289 Colonial Dr., Oxford, AL, 36203
Contact: 256-831-7955

For a full list of overnight accommodations visit this link:
visitcalhouncounty.com/stay/hotels

GO! Tip: "Join a club or organization that interests you in any way! Getting involved is not only a great way to add excitement to your lifestyle, but it also helps you grow as a leader and makes Jax State feel more like home!" - Hayden Gallahar

GO! Tip: "Get involved! Joining clubs, organizations, or participating in activities is a great way to meet new people, build friendships, and expand your network— all while pursuing your interests. Starting college can feel overwhelming and stressful but surrounding yourself with a supportive community can make the transition much smoother and more enjoyable." - Emmie Grizzard

GO! Tip: "If you ever feel anxious, take a deep breath and smile. A smile can turn any day around!" - Oscar Ibarra

Directions to Orientation

From Huntsville, Alabama: Take US-Hwy 431 (Governor's Drive) South through Gadsden. Once south of Gadsden, turn left onto Alabama Hwy 204. Hwy 204 leads directly to campus. Please consult the campus map for your desired location.

From Birmingham, Alabama: Take I-20 East to Exit 185 (Anniston/Oxford-Alabama Hwy 21). Turn left onto Alabama Hwy 21 North. Go through Oxford, Anniston/McClellan, and the Jacksonville Square (about 20 miles). You will see the 12-story Houston Cole Library on the right and the marble university sign on the left. The entrance to the university is on your left. Please consult the campus map for your desired location.

From Rome, Georgia: Travel on Hwy 27 South to Cedartown, and take US-Hwy 278 West to Piedmont, Alabama. In Piedmont, turn left on Hwy 200. Hwy 200 merges onto Alabama Hwy 21 South. Follow Hwy 21 South to Jacksonville. You will see the 12-story Houston Cole Library on the left and the marble university sign on the right. The entrance to the university is on your right. Please consult the campus map for your desired location.

From Atlanta, Georgia: Take I-20 West to Exit 185 (Anniston/Oxford-Alabama Hwy 21). Merge right onto Alabama Hwy 21 North. Go through Oxford, Anniston/McClellan, and the Jacksonville Square (about 20 miles). You will see the 12-story Houston Cole Library on the right and the marble university sign on the left. The entrance to the university is on your left. Please consult the campus map for your desired location.

Directory

Stay Cocky with a Tee and Your Student ID!

Pick up your orientation T-shirt and Student ID at Gamecock Orientation! Upload a photo of your Student ID before your GO! session by visiting this link: jsu.edu/idcards

Helpful Numbers

The area code for all numbers below is (256), or call us toll free by dialing 800-231-5291, or visit us on the Web at www.jsu.edu.

Orientation Information: Number: 782-5042 Website: www.jsu.edu/go

Admissions: Number: 782-5268 Website: www.jsu.edu/admissions

Student Accounts (payment of fees): Number: 782-5458 Website: www.jsu.edu/bursar

Counseling Services: Number: 782-5475 Website: www.jsu.edu/ccservices

Disability Resources: Number: 782-8380 Website: www.jsu.edu/dss

Financial Aid: Number: 782-5006 Website: www.jsu.edu/finaid

RMC/University Health Center: Number: 782-5310 Website: www.jsu.edu/studenthealth

Registrar: Number: 782-5400 Website: www.jsu.edu/registrar

Sodexo Dining Services: Number: 782-7242 Website: www.jsu.edu/sodexomyway.com

Dean of Students Office: Number: 782-5491 Website: www.jsu.edu/studentlife

Academic Support and Success: Number: 782-8225 Website: www.jsu.edu/student-success/academic-support

Information Technology: Number: 782-8324 Website: www.jsu.edu/it/index

Housing Operations & Residence Life: Number: 782-5122 Website: www.jsu.edu/housing

Campus Safety & University Police: Number: 782-8888 Website: www.jsu.edu/police

Veteran and Military Services: 782-8838 Website: www.jsu.edu/veterans

Student Success Center: 782-5020 Website: www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess

Academic, Athletic, & Career Advising: Number: 782-8463 Website: www.jsu.edu/advising

Testing Services: Number: 782-5475 Website: www.jsu.edu/disabilityresources/testing

Math and English Placement: Number: 782-5783 Website:
www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess/learning-services/placement-exams.html

Jacksonville State University Campus Map

Visit this link to view the digital map:
<https://map.jsu.edu/>

What To Expect

Orientation Day Agenda

8:15 AM - Check In

(Students and Guests) Leone Cole Auditorium -

The party starts here! Students will check in with their GO! Leaders outside of Leone Cole Auditorium. Here, students and guests will receive name badges, which will act as a meal pass for lunch.

8:30 AM - Opening Session

(Students and Guests) Leone Cole Auditorium -

The Jax State experience begins with an hour of entertaining skits. Students will learn about Jax State student services during this high-energy production. This session will set the tone for the remainder of the day where students will learn more about Jax State.

9:45 AM - Student Services Overview

(Students) Ayers Hall - Students will meet with their GO! Leaders to discuss all the resources available to help them be successful on campus. GO! Leaders will go over the online portals necessary for a smooth transition to campus life including MyJaxState, campus e-mail (GEM), and online registration information. Students will have time to ask any follow up questions and get to know other students within their group.

(Guests) Leone Cole Auditorium - GO! Staff will be present to discuss services available on campus to help guests and students be successful. Afterwards, guests will have the opportunity to ask questions about student services to staff from various departments on campus.

11:15 AM - Lunch

(Students and Guests) Jax State Dining Hall - Students and guests will enjoy all-you-can-eat dining at Jax State Dining Hall. Name badges must be shown to be admitted.

12:15 PM - It's GO Time

(Students) Ayers Hall - Students will meet with their GO! Leaders and learn about best practices in transitioning to college. GO! Leaders will share personal tips and information on all of the campus resources available for students.

(Guests) Theron Montgomery Building (TMB) - Parents and guests will head to the TMB to hear from the Parent Engagement Committee about ways to get involved.

12:45 PM

(Students) Meet in Leone Cole - Students will meet back in Leone Cole to dismiss by college for Academic Advisement and Registration.

(Guests) Meet in Theron Montgomery Building (TMB) - Parents and guests will remain at the TMB for the next session.

1:00 PM - Academic Advisement and Registration

(Students) Ayers Hall/Various Locations - Students will hear from faculty/staff from their college and meet with their academic advisor to register for classes. Specific information will be shared about the student's chosen major and college. This is a great time to ask major-specific questions!

(Guests) Theron Montgomery Building (TMB) - Parents and guests will hear from Jax State staff, administrators, and students. They will share personal experiences and tips on the college transition for both students and parents.

1:30 PM - Browse Session & Check-Out

(Students and Guests) Leone Cole Auditorium -

Following registration, students will meet up with family and guests at Leone Cole Auditorium. Here, you can visit representatives from student services. Students will then check out to receive a GO! T-shirt.

2:00 PM - GO! After Party

(Students and Guests) UREC - To conclude your day at orientation, students and guests can visit the University Recreation and Fitness Center. Here, students will be able to explore the UREC facility, enjoy music and snacks, and be entered to win a scholarship. Representatives from student organizations will be available to answer questions and provide information about involvement.

GO! Tip: "Try not to set too many expectations for how college will go. When you expect things to go a certain way, you can end up feeling stuck or disappointed if it doesn't happen like that. Instead, focus on setting small, realistic goals that help you grow and succeed one step at a time. This way, you can enjoy the experience and reach your full potential without putting too much pressure on yourself." -Breanna Daniel

GO! Tip: "Experience all of the Jax State traditions and allow yourself to feel the family atmosphere of this university. We have outstanding faculty, staff, and students who will make you feel right at home." - Canon Williams

GO! Tip: "Step out of your comfort zone, embrace new experiences, and push yourself to grow every day! Jax State is full of incredible opportunities— make the most of them!" - Alex Stopyak

GO! Tip: "College is what you make of it! You never know what opportunities might come your way, and every moment is a chance to create your own unique journey." - Merari Velasquez