

Jacksonville State University

# ORIENTATION GUIDE 2025

— Spring Semester —



# CONGRATULATIONS

on your acceptance to Jacksonville State University! We are glad to have you as part of the Jax State Family. This booklet contains information regarding mandatory orientation and registration for Spring Semester 2025. Orientation provides useful information about the University and offers an opportunity to meet other new students, current Jax State students, faculty members, and staff. Students attending orientation must attend all meetings in order to register for classes.

## ORIENTATION ELIGIBILITY & REGISTRATION

Orientation is **required** for first-year students under the age of 25 and strongly **encouraged** for all first-time transfer students. To be eligible to attend orientation, students must have received an official letter of acceptance from the Office of Admissions ([www.jsu.edu/admissions](http://www.jsu.edu/admissions)). To make reservations, follow the registration information located in the back of this brochure.

- Orientation Fee: The non-refundable fee must be received in order to confirm your reservation for orientation: \$100
- Registration information on last page of book

## 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. Student ID Cards are made on the fourth floor of the TMB. Pre-submit your picture using this link [jsu.edu/idcards/index.html](http://jsu.edu/idcards/index.html).

## 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 check list below:

- Have you applied for financial aid at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)?
- Have you completed your financial aid file by reviewing your requirements on your MyJaxState account?
- Have you been offered & accepted your aid package?
- If you have accepted a student loan, have you completed the Master Promissory Note & Loan Entrance Counseling at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)?
- Have you reviewed your account balance?
- Do you know the payment due dates and deadlines?
- Did you apply for scholarships?
- Questions: Contact JSU at (256) 782-5006 or [finaid@jsu.edu](mailto:finaid@jsu.edu)
- Check your JSU e-mail account

**Other Resources:** [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) or [jsu.edu/finaid](http://jsu.edu/finaid).

**Remember that you must renew your FAFSA each year at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)!**

## DINING SERVICES

All university dining is managed by Sodexo Dining Services which provides a variety of flexible meal plans available for both resident and commuter students. If you live on campus, your Jax State account will automatically be billed for a meal plan and you will need to choose from the options listed. **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 and for spring meal plan options, please visit the Sodexo website: [dining.jsu.edu](http://dining.jsu.edu)

★ **Meal plan costs are charged per semester.**

### JaxCash:

JaxCash is required for all freshmen, sophomore, and junior students who are taking six or more credit hours in person or hybrid and do not reside on campus. Price: \$319.00 (with tax included)

### Resident: Fall/Spring meal plan options (select one of the four)

- **21 Meals per Week with \$100 Flex per semester**

This plan provides the cardholder with one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner per day seven days a week, plus \$100 flex dollars per semester.

Price: \$2,024.00 (with tax included)

- **14 Meals per Week with \$200 Flex per semester**

This plan provides the cardholder any of 14 of the 21 meals served each week, plus \$200 flex dollars per semester.

Price: \$2,024.00 (with tax included)

- **10 Meals per Week with \$400 Flex per semester \*Default Option\***

This plan provides the cardholder with any 10 of the 21 meals served each week at the dining hall, plus \$400 flex dollars per semester.

Price: \$2,024.00 (with tax included)

- **100 Meals per Semester with \$800 Flex per semester**

This plan provides the cardholder with 100 of the approximately 320 meals served each semester, plus \$800 flex dollars per semester.

Price: \$2,024.00 (with tax included)

### Commuter: Fall/Spring meal plan option

- **Block 50 + \$100 Flex Dollars**

50 meals per semester and \$100 Flex Dollars

### Places to Eat: For more information, visit [dining.jsu.edu](http://dining.jsu.edu).

- Jax State Dining Hall
- WOW American Eats
- Chick-Fil-A
- Mein Bowl
- Boar's Head Deli
- Freshen's
- We Proudly Serve: Starbucks
- Cocky's Kitchen

## UNIVERSITY HOUSING

First-year undergraduate students are required to live on campus inside the residence halls, however, we do allow students to request exemptions. If you are a student from Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah, St. Clair, or Talladega county and do not wish to live on campus, you must submit a request for exemption online. For additional information, please visit [www.jsu.edu/housing](http://www.jsu.edu/housing). Students may complete an application online at [www.jsu.edu/housing/applnow/index.html](http://www.jsu.edu/housing/applnow/index.html). Assignments are made according to the date of application, receipt of \$200 NONREFUNDABLE application fee, and space availability. Every attempt is made to honor requests; however, assignments are not guaranteed. Applications cannot be processed without the \$200 application fee. Students will be assigned by the housing office based on preferences and availability. The housing move-in date is January 7, 2025. If you are attending orientation and moving into your residence hall on January 7th, you will need to attend orientation first and then check in with housing. All assignment information will be sent to your Jax State email address. Housing applications are available online only; paper applications are not available. Please contact Housing Operations and Residence Life at 256-782-5122 for more information.

## JSU EDREADY MATH & ENGLISH PLACEMENT:

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

## WHO TAKES JSU 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.

## HOW TO TAKE JSU EDREADY MATH/ENGLISH PLACEMENT:

- 1 Take test at home before your Gamecock Orientation session.
- 2 Disable pop-up blockers. (Chrome and Firefox recommended)
- 3 Log-in to your MyJaxState Account. (Received in JSU 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". (Do not enter a key)
- 7 Choose the exam you would like to take first (JSU Math Placement or English Placement).
- 8 Next Click "Go to Goal."
- 9 Click "Start Assessment."
- 10 Take this assessment and submit your results. You will immediately be given a score and a study path.
- 11 If you do not make the required minimum placement score, you should work on your study path to achieve the required score.
- 12 Repeat steps 3-11 to complete the second EdReady (Math or English).
- 13 You are encouraged to work both English and Math study paths to a score of 100.

## WHEN SHOULD I COMPLETE JSU EDREADY MATH & ENGLISH PLACEMENT?

- You should complete EdReady as soon as you receive your acceptance letter to JSU.
- The deadline to complete EdReady is two weeks before your scheduled orientation date.

# MATH PLACEMENT

## MS 110 Track

Course	JSU EdReady Score
MS 107.....	42 and below
MS 110.....	43-100

## MS 112 Track

Course	JSU EdReady Score
MS 100.....	79 or below
MS 112.....	80-100
MS 111, 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 [www.jsu.edu/studentssuccess/learning-services/placement-exams.html](http://www.jsu.edu/studentssuccess/learning-services/placement-exams.html)

# 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 Initial English EdReady Score for placement.

First-Year Writing Course	English EdReady Initial Score
EH 105/EH 115.....	55 and below 17 and below ACT 420 and below SAT
EH 101.....	56 and above 18 and above ACT 430 and above SAT
EH 103.....	71 and above 25 and above ACT 610 and above SAT

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.

The Writing Center supports student success by assisting students at any point in the writing process, from invention to revision, for any course or writing situation. This service is free, and students may make in-person or virtual one-on-one appointments with a Writing Center consultant by visiting the Writing Center website: [jsu.edu/english/jsuwritingcenter/index.html](http://jsu.edu/english/jsuwritingcenter/index.html)

# MEDICAL INFORMATION & IMMUNIZATION

All students admitted to Jacksonville State University for the first time must meet the Jax State Immunization Requirements. Students are required to provide evidence of vaccinations through the Medcat Immunization Portal.

To access the Medcat Immunization Portal:

- » Log into your MyJaxState.
- » Select the Student Card.
- » Select Medcat Immunization Portal.

- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)** | Students born after 1956 -2 doses of MMR at least 28 days apart after 12 months of age OR a copy of a lab report showing proof of immunity from measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella can be submitted in lieu of the vaccine.
- **VARICELLA (Chickenpox/Shingles)** | Students born after 1979- 2 doses of Varicella vaccine at least 28 days apart OR healthcare provider documented history with the date of the disease (or documented history of chicken pox by provider).
- **HEPATITIS B** | Three doses are required for all students or a blood test showing immunity. All students will be required to have all three doses of the hepatitis B vaccine as outlined in the following schedule. The second dose should be at least 28 days after the first dose and the third dose at least 16 weeks after first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose. If there is no time to complete a series before enrollment, an appointment may be made at the SHC when the next dose of vaccine is due.
- **TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING** | All students are required to complete the Tuberculosis Screening questions. Further tuberculosis testing may be required based upon information received from the screening questions. Students who are screened and found to have a positive screening test will not be permitted to attend classes until follow-up testing determines there is no active Tuberculosis disease. All TB testing must be performed in the United States.
- The Student Health Center advises all adults to be properly immunized. If your classes are fully online and you will not be on campus, you may request consideration for exemption by waiver.
- You should submit an Appeal for Exemption from Immunization for each vaccine requirement that is not met, regardless of the reason. You will need to submit a signed statement of medical exemption from your primary care provider to [studentaffairs@jsu.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@jsu.edu). This confirms with your health care provider if your “medical reason” is based on current information.
- You may also be exempt from immunizations due to your religious beliefs. In this case, you should submit an Appeal for Exemption from Immunization, explaining how immunizations conflict with your religious beliefs. This statement should be submitted to [studentaffairs@jsu.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@jsu.edu).
- Students that have not completed the immunization requirements by the first day of class will be assigned a default temporary waiver and asked to schedule an appointment at the Student Health Center. Students that default into a non-compliance waiver, may be prohibited from registering for classes the following semester.
- Please visit [www.jsu.edu/studenthealth/forms.html](http://www.jsu.edu/studenthealth/forms.html) to complete required student health forms and submit forms to Medcat.

If you have any questions, contact the RMC/JSU Health Center at:

RMC Health Center  
1701 Pelham Road South  
Jacksonville, Alabama 36265-1602  
P.256.782.5310 F.256.782.5307

## COST FOR SPRING 2025 SEMESTER (Subject to Change)

### Tuition:

Undergrad Freshmen-Juniors (1-11 hours)	
In-State	\$348/hour
Out-of-State	\$696/hour
Undergrad Freshmen-Juniors (12-18 hours)	
In-State	\$5,220
Out-of-State	10,440
Undergrad Freshmen-Juniors (19+ hours)	
In-State	In-State \$5,220 + \$348/hour
Out-of-State	Out-of-State \$10,290 + \$696/hour

\*JSU Estimated Cost Calculator: [webprod.jsu.edu/costcalculator](http://webprod.jsu.edu/costcalculator)

\*JSU Tuition & Fees Webpage: [www.jsu.edu/bursar/fees](http://www.jsu.edu/bursar/fees)

### Fees:

1-3 hours	\$190/hour
4-5 hours	\$158/hour
6 or more hours	\$900 per semester (flat rate)

**Residence Halls:** Room rates vary \$2,080-\$3,300

### Summary of Expenses (Estimated):

Tuition	\$5,220
Housing	\$2,080
Dining	\$2,024
Books	\$900
Miscellaneous	\$500
Fees (12 hours)	\$900
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$11,624</b>

\*For full list of all housing prices visit [jsu.edu/housing](http://jsu.edu/housing)

## PARKING DECAL

• **Vehicle Parking Decal** | Parking decals are required for all vehicles parked on Jax State's campuses. Registration for parking decals can be completed online at: [myjaxstate.edu](http://myjaxstate.edu). The current year decal fee is \$50\* and will be charged to the student's account. Once online decal registration has been completed, decals will be mailed to the address provided. If the decal is for a JSU license plate, also known as a JTAG, the decal must be picked up by bringing the vehicle's state license plate tag registration to the Parking Services office located on the 4th floor of the TMB (Theron Montgomery Building), adjacent to the Mail Center.

\*Decal fees are subject to change.



## MYJAXSTATE ACCOUNTS

- **MYJAXSTATE** ([myjaxstate.jsu.edu](http://myjaxstate.jsu.edu)) | MyJaxState is Jacksonville State University's web portal that provides access to all web-based services including class registration, financial aid, student accounts, transcripts and more. Quick links to access CANVAS and GEM can also be found in the MyJaxState portal under the "Featured" card.

\*The username and default password for MyJaxState will be provided to you in your acceptance letter.

- **GEM/EMAIL** ([gem.jsu.edu](http://gem.jsu.edu)) | You can access your GEM account through the MyJaxState portal or by going directly to the website. Be sure to check your email regularly to keep up with JSU updates, newsletters, class information and more. Microsoft Office 365 is also available for download through your GEM account.

\*Your email address will include your MyJaxState username followed by @stu.jsu.edu. The password will be the same as your MyJaxState password.

- **DUO** | All users must enroll in DUO to access email and other Office applications off-campus. DUO is a multi-factor authentication (MFA) app that creates a secondary security check to ensure authorized account access. New students will be prompted to set up and install DUO after their first successful sign in to the MyJaxState portal.

\*For additional information about these accounts, please visit [jsu.edu/it](http://jsu.edu/it) or contact the Technology Support Center at 256-782-8324. You can also email us at [studentsupport@jsu.edu](mailto:studentsupport@jsu.edu).







# JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## CAMPUS MAP

★ This is where you will meet the morning of your orientation day.

 Accessible Parking Available

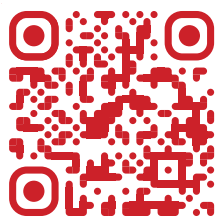
 Parking







# PARKING FOR ORIENTATION



SCAN FOR DIGITAL MAP

# CAMPUS MAP LEGEND

- 1 Amphitheater
- 2 Stone Center
- 3 Merrill Hall
- 4 Brewer Hall
- 5 Transportation Services
- 6 Softball Field
- 7 Rowe Hall
- 8 Baseball Field
- 9 Soccer Field
- 10 Rock House
- 11 Patterson Hall
- 12 Logan Hall
- 13 International House
- 14 Martin Hall
- 15 McGee Science Center
- 16 Self Hall
- 17 Dixon Hall
- 18 Crow Hall
- 19 Pete Mathews Coliseum
- 20 Duncan Maintenance
- 21 Carlisle Fine Arts Facility
- 22 Sparkman Hall
- 23 Ayers Hall
- 24 President's House
- 25 Houston Cole Library
- 26 Mason Hall
- 27 Counseling Services
- 28 Ramona Wood Building
- 29 Angle Hall
- 30 Penn House Apts
- 31 Intramural Field/Track
- 32 Tennis Courts
- 33 Paul Carpenter Village
- 34 Bennett Field
- 35 Pannell Hall
- 36 Leone Cole Auditorium
- 37 Jack Hopper Hall
- 38 Quad
- 39 Anders Hall (Round House)
- 40 Hammond Hall
- 41 Theron Montgomery Bldg ★
- 42 TMB Lawn
- 43 Fitzpatrick Hall
- 44 Daugeette Hall
- 45 Salls Hall (University Police)

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Curtiss Hall

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AmFirst Stadium

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Stephenson Hall

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Loring and Debbie White  
Football Complex

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Gamecock Field

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Kenamer Hall

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Recreation and Fitness Center

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Jax Apts

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Campus Inn Apts

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Dillon Field

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William A. Meehan Hall

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Colonial Arms Apts

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Mountain Street Homes

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University Development

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Jacksonville State University

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North Village Hall

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JSU Dining

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Merrill Hall Basement

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CEPS Complex



# GAMECOCK ORIENTATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Visit [jsu.edu/go](http://jsu.edu/go) and click "Register for Orientation". Use your MyJaxState login credentials, that can be found in your acceptance email, to login to Campus Groups. Select the orientation you would like to attend, and then register. After registering, log back into the orientation reservation system to access a checklist of items that should be completed before attending orientation.

After you register and submit payment for Gamecock Orientation, you will receive your Gamecock Orientation (GO!) confirmation through your GEM email account.

## ORIENTATION DAY SCHEDULE

December 5, 2024 & January 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.	Check-in at TMB
10:00 a.m.	Student Services and Introduction to Academic Advisement
11:15 a.m.	Rec Tour
12:15 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Advisement and Registration
	Parents will have the opportunity to visit student service offices on campus during this time.*

\*Student service office numbers on next page

## WHAT TO BRING

- Orientation confirmation
- Wear comfortable walking shoes and casual clothing
- Records of previously earned college, CLEP, or AP credit
- Jax State Student ID number
- Driver's license, tag number, proof of vehicle registration
- Spending money for snacks, souvenirs, etc.
- Umbrella and Jacket
- MyJaxState & GEM login information
- A device to access Duo Mobile

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information about orientation, contact First and Second Year Experience Office at (256) 782-5042. Admission questions should be directed to (256) 782-5268 or visit [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu).



## HELPFUL NUMBERS\*

The area code for all numbers below is (256) or call us toll free by dialing (800) 231-5291. Visit us on the web at [www.jsu.edu](http://www.jsu.edu).

Orientation Information	782-5042	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/go">www.jsu.edu/go</a>
Academic Advising & Career Development	782-8303	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/advising">www.jsu.edu/advising</a>
Admissions	782-5268	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/admissions">www.jsu.edu/admissions</a>
Student Accts (payment of fees)	782-5458	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/bursar">www.jsu.edu/bursar</a>
Counseling Services	782-5475	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/ccservices">www.jsu.edu/ccservices</a>
Disability Resources	782-8380	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/dss">www.jsu.edu/dss</a>
Financial Aid	782-5006	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/finaid">www.jsu.edu/finaid</a>
Learning Services	782-5570	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess/learning-services">www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess/learning-services</a>
Military & Post Traditional	782-8838	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/post-trad">www.jsu.edu/post-trad</a>
Student Services		
Registrar	782-5400	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/registrar">www.jsu.edu/registrar</a>
RMC Student Health Center	782-5310	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/studenthealth">www.jsu.edu/studenthealth</a>
Sodexo Dining Services	782-7242	<a href="http://dining.jsu.edu">dining.jsu.edu</a>
Student Success Center	782-5024	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess">www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess</a>
Dean of Students Office	782-5491	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/studentlife">www.jsu.edu/studentlife</a>
Tutoring	782-8223	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess/academic-support/tutoring.html">www.jsu.edu/studentsuccess/academic-support/tutoring.html</a>
Telephone Center	782-5990	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/it">www.jsu.edu/it</a>
University Housing	782-5122	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/housing">www.jsu.edu/housing</a>
University Police	782-8888	<a href="http://www.jsu.edu/police">www.jsu.edu/police</a>

\*Student Services: [www.jsu.edu/go/student-service-videos.html](http://www.jsu.edu/go/student-service-videos.html)







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Jacksonville, AL 36265

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[@JSUGamecockOrientation](https://www.instagram.com/JSUGamecockOrientation)

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