

SUMMARY OF DEGREES AND GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS

Jacksonville State University offers six undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Social Work, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students may be awarded multiple majors within a degree. Students seeking to earn additional bachelor's degrees must complete a minimum of 32 semester hours in residence over and above the previously earned bachelor's degree and must meet all academic requirements for the degree sought as stipulated in the Undergraduate Catalog at the time of enrollment in the additional degree program. The student must submit an updated application form to the appropriate Dean's office for approval in advance. Students may not be awarded multiple degrees in the same graduation exercise. The following summary of general studies requirements must be included in all undergraduate degrees. These represent minimum requirements. Specific degree programs and majors may have additional requirements.

GENERAL STUDIES CURRICULUM (60-64 SEMESTER HOURS)

Area I Written Composition (6 semester hours)

Course Number	Course Title
EH 101	English Composition I
EH 102	English Composition II
EH 103	Honors English Composition I
EH 104	Honors English Composition II

Area II Humanities and Fine Arts (12 semester hours)

Major departments specify which courses are required. As part of the General Studies Curriculum, students must complete a 6-semester hour sequence in either literature or history.

Course Number	Course Title
ART 202	Art Appreciation
DR 242	Introduction to Theatre
EH 141	Oral Communication
EH 201	American Literature I
EH 202	American Literature II
EH 203	Survey of English Literature I
EH 204	Survey of English Literature II
EH 219	Honors Literature I
EH 220	Honors Literature II
EH 231	World Literature I
EH 232	World Literature II
FH 101	Beginner's French I
FH 102	Beginner's French II
FH 201	Intermediate French I
FH 202	Intermediate French II
GN 101	Beginner's German I
GN 102	Beginner's German II
GN 201	Intermediate German I
GN 202	Intermediate German II
MU 233	Introduction to Music
SH 101	Beginner's Spanish I
SH 102	Beginner's Spanish II
SH 201	Intermediate Spanish I
SH 202	Intermediate Spanish II

Area III Natural Sciences and Mathematics (11 semester hours)

Major departments specify which courses are required. Students must complete at least 3 semester hours in mathematics as required by major and at least 8 semester hours in the natural sciences which must include laboratory experiences.

Course Number	Course Title
BY 101 & 103	Introductory Biology I & Lab
BY 102 & 104	Introductory Biology II & Lab
CY 105 & 107	General Chemistry I & Lab
CY 106 & 108	General Chemistry II & Lab
CY 115	Concepts of General Chemistry I
CY 116	Concepts of General Chemistry II
GL 241 & 243	Physical Geology & Lab
GL 242 & 244	Historical Geology & Lab

GY 250 & 252	Physical Geography I & Lab
GY 251 & 253	Physical Geography II & Lab
MS 110	Finite Mathematics
MS 112	Precalculus Algebra
MS 113	Precalculus Trigonometry
MS 115	Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry
MS 120	Calculus and its Applications
MS 125	Calculus I
MS 126	Calculus II
MS 227	Calculus III
PHS 201 & 203	College Physics I & Lab
PHS 202 & 204	College Physics II & Lab
PHS 211 & 213	Physics for Scientists and Engineers I & Lab
PHS 212 & 214	Physics for Scientists and Engineers II & Lab
PHS 271	Elements of Astronomy I
PHS 272	Elements of Astronomy II

Area IV History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences (12 semester hours)

Major departments specify which courses are required. (As part of the General Studies Curriculum, students must complete a 6-hour sequence either in literature or history.)

Course Number	Course Title
AN 224	Introduction to Anthropology
EC 221	Principles of Microeconomics
EC 222	Principles of Macroeconomics
GY 120	World Regional Geography
GY 220	Human Geography
HY 101	Western Civilization I
HY 102	Western Civilization II
HY 201	American History I
HY 202	American History II
PSC 100	Introduction to American Government
PSY 201	Principles of Psychology
PSY 222	Human Development
SY 221	Introduction to Sociology

Area V Pre-Professional, Major and Elective Courses (19-23 semester hours)

Major departments specify required courses and/or electives.

MAJOR/MINOR REQUIREMENTS/ELECTIVES: Minimum 60-64 hours

TOTAL: Minimum 120-132 hours

Students are encouraged to incorporate internships and practical field experiences in their degree plans. These field experiences may or may not be credit-bearing, but are considered integral to the learning process. Students should consult their academic advisors for prior approval and guidance.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Majors for the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees may be selected from any field in which majors are offered with the exceptions of physical education, computer science and computer information systems, family and consumer sciences, criminal justice, accounting, management, marketing, mathematics, finance, education, social work, chemistry, emergency management, geography, psychology and teaching fields. Minors may be selected from any fields in which minors are offered. Students may not take as a second (double) major a subject not permitted as a major in this degree.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

The requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) are listed under the Department of Art.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

The requirements for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree are the same as those for the Bachelor of Arts degree, with the following exceptions:

1. Where the degree is chemistry and the minor is biology or mathematics, a foreign language is highly recommended. However, the taking of a foreign language is encouraged in all programs.
2. Majors for the B.S. degree may be selected from the following fields: finance, biology, economics, family and consumer sciences, sports management and recreation studies, exercise science and wellness, management, marketing, accounting, computer science, computer information systems, chemistry, emergency management, mathematics, geography, sociology, psychology, criminal justice, occupational safety and health management, applied manufacturing engineering, industrial leadership, and applied electronics engineering.

Students may not take as a second (double) major a subject not permitted as a major in this degree.

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

The requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work (B.S.W.) degree are listed under the Department of Sociology and Social Work. Specific general studies requirements and Social Work requirements are detailed. Double majors are not allowed in the B.S.W. degree.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

The requirements for various degrees in education vary considerably. See the section entitled College of Education for the requirements of degrees in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Family & Consumer Science Education, Secondary Education, Physical Education and Collaborative Education. Information regarding teaching fields may be found under the respective department or college.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) are listed in the section entitled Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing. Programs of study are listed for both general students and licensed registered nurses seeking degree completion.

PRE-ENGINEERING

Students entering pre-engineering will consult their engineering advisor and the program outlined under the Department of Applied Engineering.

PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Jacksonville State University provides the necessary academic experience for students who plan to seek admission to a health professional school in medicine, dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, physician assistant, etc. In most instances, students are expected to have completed a four-year program of study leading to a baccalaureate degree. While a specific major is not required for the health professions, most students who successfully matriculate in a health professional school, including medical school, have elected a major in biology or chemistry.

Admission to a health professional school will require successful performance on the appropriate entrance examination (the MCAT, DAT, VAT, OCAT, etc.), a GPA of 3.2 or higher that has been achieved through a rigorous program of study, and a successful personal interview. These achievements are usually preceded by a serious dedication to academic studies and a high degree of competitiveness achieved through activities that demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills, such as undergraduate research.

Students must be well prepared prior to seeking admission; in general, this means a basic working knowledge of biology (17 semester hours or more), chemistry (16 semester hours or more), and often physics (8 semester hours or more). Advanced course work in biology and/or chemistry is highly recommended. Admission requirements to specific schools and programs vary; therefore, students considering health profession careers must seek advice from one of the **pre-health professional advisors** very early in the course of study. Students should plan individual academic programs carefully, taking the specific courses required for admission to the health professional schools and programs to which they plan to apply. To ensure a successful and positive academic experience, students should work closely with the pre-health professional advisors. For this purpose, Jacksonville State University maintains a Health Careers Office in the Department of Biology. Additional information on careers in the health professions may be found online at <http://www.jsu.edu/biology/>.

PRE-LAW COURSES

There is no single prescribed course of study which pre-law students must follow in order to gain admission to law school. The course of study most generally recommended is a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in one of the social sciences. Majors in political science and economics are especially recommended as they provide the lawyer with an excellent background for relations with government and business.

In addition to having an undergraduate degree, pre-law students are required to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) prior to entering law school. This should be done late in the student's junior year or early in the student's senior year. Additional information regarding the law school admission process may be obtained from the Law School Admission Council at www.LSAC.org. Additional information regarding pre-law may be obtained from the Director of Academic Services, College of Arts and Sciences, located in 107 Martin Hall.

HONORS PROGRAM

In keeping with the University's mission of serving the academic needs of a diverse student population, the Honors Program provides academically gifted students with the opportunity to develop fully their intellectual potential. The Honors Program provides an enriched educational experience by fostering a strong grounding in the liberal arts and sciences, small classes, interaction with other outstanding and motivated students, instruction from some of JSU's most innovative and engaging faculty, special activities, and special recognition for students successfully completing 24 hours or more of Honors courses. There is no deadline for applying to the Honors Program; however, prompt application is encouraged. The application and guidelines are available at www.jsu.edu/cas/honors/index.html or by calling 256-782-5696.

JSU offers Honors courses which fulfill many freshman and sophomore course requirements, as well as junior and senior "Honors by Contract" opportunities in most majors. Incoming students are invited for admission to the Honors Program based on ACT or SAT test scores. Since test scores may not always provide a complete picture of ability, students may consult with the department head about enrolling in Honors classes.