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## **Department Summary:**

The Department of Secondary Education at Jacksonville State University provides programs of study in ten undergraduate programs for grades 6-12, four undergraduate programs for P-12, seven master's programs for grades 6-12, and two P-12 master's level programs.

Our mission is to prepare professional educators to be knowledgeable, ethical, caring, creative decision makers as life-long teachers and learners in a diverse society through degree programs grounded in educational research, theory, and best practices, including pedagogy rich with content knowledge, integrated technologies, and opportunities for reflection.

## **Department Statistics:**

### **Average number of students in an academic year:**

Undergraduate = 1000 (fall, spring, and summer terms combined)

Graduate = 500 (fall, spring, and summer terms combined)

### **Student to Faculty Ratio:**

Undergraduate = \* 18:1

Graduate =\*15:1

\*These numbers include the use of our regular pro rata and adjunct faculty.

## **Faculty & Their Expertise:**

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