

Campus Tour FAQs

CAMPUS LIFE

Q: What if I don't have a car to bring to campus?

A. JSU has a transit system called the Gamecock Express. One route takes the students to scheduled classes throughout campus and the other takes students throughout the city of Jacksonville.

Q: What can I get at the campus bookstore?

A. Books, school supplies, snacks, scantrons, and Gamecock apparel can be purchased at the bookstore.

Q: What if I don't have a computer?

A. The library provides students with micro labs that have computers and ipads are available to be rented. As well as the ACE tutoring center, which provides students with computers and assistance with work.

Q: Are freshmen allowed to have cars on campus?

A. Yes, freshmen are allowed to have cars on campus but they must purchase a parking decal. Parking decals cost \$25 for each academic year.

Q: What is there to do on campus?

A. We have tons to do on campus! Our SGA is always planning fun events for our students on campus. There are also endless possibilities at our University Recreation and Fitness Center. From swimming to video games to rock climbing, UREC has it all!

Q: How is parking designated for students?

A. For now there are four designated zones for parking.
Silver: Commuting students
Gold: Faculty and staff
Green: North Campus
Orange: South Campus

Q: When should I sign up for orientation?

A. Registration opens during the spring of your senior year. I would apply as soon as possible.

Q: Where can I learn about clubs and organizations?

A. All clubs and organizations are run through the Dean of Students Office. If you are not sure about which organizations fit, a test can be given in order to pinpoint which groups fit best for you.

Q: Is there a health center for students to go to?

A. Yes, we offer the RMC/JSU students may use for free. They provide many services for students such as primary care, wellness checks, referrals and immunizations. For more information visit www.jsu.edu/studenthealth

Q: Is there a place for students to find jobs?

A. Yes. Students may search for jobs on campus through Human Resources>Careers, Dining Services, the UREC and Bookstore.

HOUSING

Q: Are freshmen required to live on campus?

A. Yes, unless they live in one of the following surrounding counties: Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah, St. Clair, or Talladega county.

Q: Are freshmen housing options co-ed?

A. Traditional halls are suited for specific genders, however the only co-ed housing option available for freshman is Meehan Hall.

Q: How many people live on campus?

A. About 2300 students currently reside on campus

<http://jsu.edu/housing/faq.html>

DINING

Q: What type of meal plans are offered?

A. Students may purchase a resident, commuter or flex dollar option to use at dining locations on campus. JSU offers dining at the following locations: Jack Hopper Dining Hall, TMB Food Court, Jazzmans' Café, WOW Café, Gamecock Diner and the Red Rooster.

Q: How can I sign up for a meal plan?

A. You can sign up for a meal plan through Dining Services at dining.jsu.edu

Q: Can I use the meal plan off campus?

A. No, meal plans can only be used for on campus restaurants. Many restaurants in the local area will offer student discounts with student ID though!

Q: Are there any late night dining options?

A. WOW Cafe is our late night dining option on campus and it closes at 12 am.

<https://jsudining.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan/questions>

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Q: How can I get involved on campus?

A. At JSU, we have over 100+ student organizations. At the beginning of the school year, we have a whole day dedicated to getting you involved in these organizations called Get On Board Day. If you still haven't found a way to get involved, come visit our Dean of Students office. They will help get you plugged in or maybe create your own organization!

Q: Why should I get involved on campus?

A. JSU is very invested in your success as a student. Many studies have shown that students who are involved in college perform better academically and have a more fulfilled college experience. With so many opportunities offered, it would be hard NOT to get involved at JSU!

Q: How do I know what organizations are right for me?

A. At JSU, we have a day dedicated to helping you find the best place for you to get involved! It's called Get On Board day. Many of our student organizations will have representatives and information out about their group and they will do their best to get you as involved as possible! The Dean of Students office is always prepared to help you find ways to get involved on campus, as well!

http://jsu.edu/studentlife/student_organizations.html

ACADEMICS

Q: How are freshman advisors assigned?

A. Advisors are assigned based on students' intended major in order to help them succeed best in that career track.

Q: Where are the best places to study on campus?

A. We have many places to study on campus! You can find your favorite study spot in our 13 story library, in our Rec Center where there are charging stations at every table or even in the TMB food court, if you like a busier place to study. Another popular study spot is the Academic Center for Excellence, where you can get free tutoring, as well as the Quad on a sunny day for some fresh air!

Q: Do professors have office hours? Do they vary?

A. Professors are required to have office hours, even for your online classes. The hours will vary but will be posted by their door, online and/or on your syllabus.

Q: Are professors easily accessible outside their classroom(via email or skype)?

A. Your professors will tell you the best way to contact them, however usually email is a popular form of communication.

Q: Is there a penalty for changing your major?

A. Changing your major is a common occurrence for many college students. JSU will not penalize you for switching, however your college path may change causing you to spend more time in college classes.

Q: What if I don't know what I'm going to major in?

A. We have a place for you, even if you don't know what you want to major in. Our Integrated Studies program allows you to build class credit, fulfill your core class requirements all while having the opportunity to be advised in your potential major interests.

Q: What is the average class size of introductory classes?

A. Our average freshman class size is around 30 students but can be up to around 60 for classes in our amphitheater-style classrooms. We like to keep our learning environments small so that students have the opportunity to ask questions, and participate in lectures.

Q: Are final exams on the same date and time of normal classes?

A. Our final exam schedule will be different from your regular class schedule in an attempt to give students more time to study. This schedule varies from semester to semester so check the academic calendar for updates.

Q: Does JSU have tutoring sessions, if so are tutoring sessions free?

A. Yes! JSU has free tutoring available through our Academic Center for Excellence.

Q: Is there a place for students to get help on their papers?

A. Yes! JSU has a writing clinic located in Stone Center that can help with all of your writing needs.

FINANCIAL AID

Q: Does JSU accept HOPE scholarship from Georgia?

A. While JSU does not accept or match the HOPE scholarship from Georgia, many of our Georgia students find our merit scholarships comparable.

Q: What is the minimum criteria for merit based scholarships?

A. You qualify for the Gamecock Spirit Scholarship if you have a 22 ACT or lower or a 1100 SAT or lower. This is a GPA-based tuition scholarship so if you have a 3.5 GPA or above you qualify.

Q: Can out-of-state students qualify for in-state tuition?

A. Yes. There are 10 counties on the Georgia-Alabama line that qualify for in-state tuition. These are listed on the application as well as our website. You can also qualify for in-state tuition if you qualify for any of our merit based scholarships.

<http://www.jsu.edu/bursar/FAQ.html>

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