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# Jackson State University

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Jackson State University, Mississippi's only urban university, is situated on 125 acres, only five minutes away from downtown Jackson, the state's capital city and the cultural, political, geographic center of the state.

Being in the epicenter of Mississippi business makes for an exciting environment for Tiger students. Not only are numerous year-round activities available on campus, the city offers enriching cultural events shopping centers and malls, museums, theatres, parks and restaurants.

The Jackson State University campus is a dynamic setting, and the university mirrors that with tree-lined walkways, a large central plaza and a new parkway that connects the university to downtown Jackson.

University leaders work diligently to keep in step with the bustling growth and change in the metro Jackson area. Hundreds of millions of dollars are currently being spent on campus construction.

A few of the more recently completed projects include a new \$20-million School of Engineering and a new student union that opened just last year.

But Jackson State University's "Tiger Pride" goes way beyond physical improvements. The school has been ranked first in the nation in awarding bachelor's degrees in education to African-Americans. In fact, it held that distinction for three years in a row.

"With 100 percent of its programs accredited regionally or nationally, Jackson State is a leading producer of African-Americans earning degrees at various levels," said Tommiea Jackson, Jackson State University's manager of public relations, noting the university has six colleges and nearly 100 bachelor's, master's and doctoral programs and also features the W.E.B. DuBois Honors College for academically outstanding students.

Jackson State University is the fourth largest institution of higher learning in the state. The students come from nearly all of Mississippi's 82 counties and from nearly 50 foreign countries. So, although Jackson



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## Jackson State University, 1877

**Address:** 1400 Lynch Street, Jackson, MS 39217

**Main Phone Number:** (601) 979-2100

**Web site:** www.jsums.edu

**Financial Aid:** Federal and state grants, loans, work study, scholarships

**Popular Majors:** Education, economics, finance and general business, elementary and early childhood education, biology

**Current President:** Dr. Ronald Mason Jr.

**Director of Admissions:** Linda Rush

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State University is an all historically black college and university, it is also very culturally diverse.

Additionally, as a "high research activity" university, Jackson State generates multi-millions in federal and other sponsored programs. The university has been recognized among the top four institutions in the United States for increasing students' social mobility.

Jackson State University's academic programs are complemented by residential facilities such as Campbell College Suites, a campus-based television station (TV23) and the state's only digital radio station (WJSU-FM 88.5).

Jackson State University has a long tradition of excellence in athletics. Competing in the Southwestern Athletic Conference, men's sports include baseball, basketball, football, golf, indoor and outdoor track, tennis and cross country. The women compete in basketball, bowling, golf, indoor and outdoor track, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball and cross country.

Most Jackson State University fans and students keep their seats during halftime of Tiger football games. The university's marching band, the Sonic Boom of the South, is known all over the world for its music and the way the band moves on the field.