

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Students are classified according to the total number of hours earned.

Year	Hours
Freshman	0-29 semester hours
Sophomore	30-59 semester hours
Junior	60-89 semester hours
Senior	90 or more semester hours

Students may also be classified by class load (full-time or part-time), objective (degree or special non-degree), and by year or class.

By Class Load

A student is a full-time undergraduate student if they carry 12.0 or more semester hours of credit per semester. The full-time credit hour load in a ten-week summer term is twelve (12) semester hours of credit. A student may earn six (6) or more semester hours each five-week summer session.

By Objective

A degree student is one whose immediate educational objective is such that their program consists entirely of work normally creditable toward a Jackson State University degree.

A **non-degree** student is one who is not pursuing a degree program. Such students are either students who have not declared a major or students and graduates with previous college credit:

1. who do not want degree status;
2. whose applications for degree status are incomplete;
3. who are not eligible for degree status;
4. who are working towards teacher certification;
5. who are workshop applicants; or
6. who are visiting (transient) summer school students.

A visiting (transient) student is one who is enrolled at the University with the sole intention of using credits earned toward graduation elsewhere.