MUSIC EDUCATION P-12 ALTERNATIVE CLASS A (VOCAL-CHORAL) (MASTER OF ARTS)

Alternative Class A Programs are for students who completed a non-teaching degree or for students who want to change teaching fields. Completion of the Alternative Class A program leads to the Master's degree and recommendation for Master's-level Alabama Class A professional educator certification.

Application Deadlines

Deadline dates for applications and receipt of all required application materials are:

Date	Event
July 1	Fall Admission
November 1	Spring Admission
April 1	Summer Admission

Any exceptions to these deadlines must be granted by the respective graduate program chair.

Application Materials Required for the Alternative Class A Program MA with a Major in Music Education P-12 (Vocal-Choral)

Applicants for a master's degree education program must submit all of the following documentation to Graduate Admissions to be considered for admission:

Graduate Admissions
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North
Jacksonville, Alabama, 36265-1602

1. Completed JSU Graduate Application for Admission (https://gr-recruiter.jsu.edu/Apply/Account/Login/).
2. Non-refundable $35.00 application processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from the baccalaureate degree awarding institution and **all** transcripts from institutions where post-baccalaureate work has been completed. To be considered for admission, applicants must hold a degree from an institutionally accredited institution or its foreign equivalent. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.)
   Applicants must hold a 2.00 GPA[1] on the most recent undergraduate degree or a 3.00 GPA on the most recent master's degree. This GPA must be documented on the official transcript of the degree-granting regionally accredited institution and must be the GPA that was used as the basis for granting the degree.
4. If a degree was earned outside the United States, the student must provide a course-by-course and credit hour-by-credit hour degree evaluation prepared by a state-approved agency:
   - Center for Applied Research, Evaluation and Education, Inc.
   - Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
   - International Consultants of Delaware
   - International Education Evaluations, Inc.
   - International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
   - Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.
   - World Education Services
   - Please see the ALSDE website (https://www.alabamaachieves.org/) for full details.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/admission/international-student-applicants/) section of this catalog for other application and enrollment requirements.
6. Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation. Once transcripts have been received, applicants must contact Teacher Education Services (http://www.jsu.edu/education/tes/) at (256) 782-5504 for an individual evaluation concerning undergraduate course deficiencies and teacher education program eligibility requirements prior to registration for coursework.
7. Applicants must take the graduate music diagnostic exam given by the Music Department. The examination requires students to demonstrate competence in the theory of music, knowledge of the history and literature of music, and an applied music audition.

[1] Applicants with below a 2.50 GPA will have additional requirements that will be assessed at the Alternative Class A Transcript Evaluation.

Admission Requirements for the Alternative Class A Program MA with a Major in Music Education P-12 (Vocal-Choral)

Applicants are admitted on a selective basis upon review of the completed application package.

Admission to graduate studies is not equivalent to unconditional admission to an approved teacher education program. Graduate candidates in Alternative-A teacher education programs may take no more than two courses, or 6 hours, prior to meeting the criteria for unconditional admission to the program.

Teacher Education Program eligibility requirements must be completed prior to unconditional admission to the Teacher Education Program.

Applicants who are granted conditional admission must achieve a GPA of at least 3.00 on the first 12 graduate hours attempted. Failure to meet these conditions will result in the student being dropped from graduate studies.

Minimum Requirements for the Alternative Class A Program MA with a Major in Music Education P-12 (Vocal-Choral)

An overall 3.00 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master's degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.00.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 5100 or above, and no more than three hours in the teaching field may be transferred to JSU.

Students not enrolled for a one year period must receive department head approval before continuing coursework in the program and be re-evaluated by Teacher Education Services.

Course	Title	Credits
Required Music Teaching Field Courses		
MU 5700	Research Methods in Music and Music Education	3
MU 5705	Seminar in Choral Music	3
Select one of the following:		3
MU 5701	Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras	
MU 5702	Music Literatures: Classic Era	
MU 5703	Music Literature: Romantic Era	
MU 5704	Music Literature: Contemporary Era	
Select one of the following:		3
MU 5716	Music Theory: Style Analysis	
MU 5717	Music Theory: Style Analysis	
Select four hours of the following:		4
MU 5715	Advanced Conducting	
MU 5714	Vocal Pedagogy	
MU 5870	Individual Applied Music	
MU 5871	Individual Applied Music	
MU 5900	Graduate Ensemble	
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Required Music and Education Courses		
ED 5101	Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education	3
ESE 5561	Foundations of Secondary Education	3
ESE 5567	Literacy Theory and Practice	3
MU 5708	Evaluation in Music	3
MU 5709	Elementary Music Materials and Methods	3
MU 5711	Secondary Vocal Music Materials and Methods	3
MU 5980	Capstone in Music Education	3
MU 5950	Graduate Internship in Music Education, P-12 [1]	3
SPE 5100	Survey Course in Special Education [2]	3
Total Hours		**43**

43 Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

1. 50% time at the elementary and 50% time at the secondary level; offered in fall and spring during public school hours.
2. SPE 5100 Survey Course in Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Children and Youth (3) has already been taken. This course may not be older than 10 years unless the candidate has teaching experience within the last five years, or the course was used for prior certification. If the course is older than 10 years and the candidate does not have prior-level certification, the EPP must provide experience documentation (EXP) to support the candidate's use of this course. If a student has already met this requirement, they will need to take an advisor approved graduate level elective.

Undergraduate Requirements

59 semester hours of undergraduate coursework from the area of music to include:

Course	Title	Credits
Music Theory		18
Music History		6
Conducting		5
Class Applied music [1]		5
Additional Music Courses [2]		25
Total Hours		**59**

43-102 Total Undergraduate and Graduate Semester Hours Required for this Degree

1. Vocal technique classes.
2. These must include courses in major applied instruction and include evidence of a degree level recital performance. Of the total at least 19 semester hours must be at the 300-400 level.

Graduation and Comprehensive Exam

A comprehensive exam is required for this degree; please see the graduate advisor for full details. All students must apply for graduation (http://www.jsu.edu/graduate/graduation.html) by the given deadline of the semester (http://www.jsu.edu/registrar/academic-calendar/) in which they plan to graduate. Please see the Graduation and Comprehensive Exam (https://catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/) section of this catalog for more information.

Completion of this program and all state required testing leads to eligibility for Master's-level professional educator certification in Music/Vocal-Choral (P-12).

Please Note: Teacher education programs are approved by the Alabama State Board of Education and are, therefore, subject to periodic revision resulting from changes in State certification requirements. Subsequently, modifications in students' programs may become necessary. Students in all graduate level teacher education programs must schedule their coursework each semester with approval of their faculty advisors. Successful completion of this program includes meeting all requirements including earning a passing score on the edTPA portfolio during the internship semester. upon completion of this program and any state-required Praxis Subject Assessments, a student will be eligible to apply for the Master's Level Professional Certificate which provides teacher certification for music/vocal-choral P-12. Teacher Education Programs may be altered to meet changes in Federal and Alabama State Department of Education regulations.

Alabama Class A Professional Educator Certification Requirements

Issuance of Alabama professional educator certificates is the legal responsibility of the Alabama State Department of Education. Universities cannot issue a professional certificate. To be eligible to apply for certification, a student must complete an appropriate program of study at a college or university which has been approved by the State Board of Education to offer a program leading to the desired certificate. When a student completes the program of study, the institution recommends to the State Department of Education that the appropriate certificate be issued.

1. Alabama State Department of Education regulations are subject to change; therefore, it is recommended that students apply

for certification upon graduation. During their last semester of coursework, students should contact the Certification Office of the Department of Accreditation, Certification and Partnership Initiatives, CEPS Complex, Pod 4, Room 405, for information about this process. The university cannot recommend any student for certification who has not satisfied all state and university requirements for admission to and completion of an approved program.

2. Recommendation for certification must be made within 60 months of program completion. Recommendation after 60 months requires completion of current program requirements.