MUSIC EDUCATION P-12
ALTERNATIVE CLASS A (INSTRUMENTAL) (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:

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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 (Instrumental)

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 all colleges/universities with degrees posted. (Students who have previously attended JSU do not need to request a transcript from the university.) Applicants must hold a 2.00 GPA 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.
   - International Education Research Foundation, Inc.
   - Josef Silny and Associates, Inc.
   - World Education Services
   - Please see the ALSDE website (https://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/foreigncredentials-all.aspx?navtext=Other%20Approaches%3a%20Foreign%20CredentialsWorld%20Education%20Services/) for full details.
5. International student applicants must see the International Student Applicants (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) 782-5574 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.

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

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

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 (Instrumental)

An overall 3.25 GPA is required on all coursework attempted for the master’s degree. Transfer credit cannot be used to raise the GPA to the required 3.25.

At least one-half of the graduate courses taken in the teaching field must be numbered 500, 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.

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<td>MU 512</td>
<td>Seminar in Instrumental Music</td>
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Select one of the following:  
MU 513 Music Literature: Renaissance and Baroque Eras  
MU 514 Music Literatures: Classic Era  
MU 515 Music Literature: Romantic Era  
MU 508 Music Literature: Contemporary Era  

Select one of the following:  
MU 520 Music Theory: Style Analysis  
MU 521 Music Theory: Style Analysis  

Select four hours of the following:  
MU 519 Advanced Conducting  
MU 534 Individual Applied Music  
MU 535 Individual Applied Music  
MU 580 Graduate Ensemble  
MU 581 Graduate Ensemble  

Required Music and Education Courses  
ED 501 Introduction to Graduate Teacher Education  
ESE 561 Foundations of Secondary Education  
ESE 567 Literacy Theory and Practice  
MU 545 Evaluation in Music  
MU 571 Elementary Music Materials and Methods  
MU 579 Capstone in Music Education  
MU 582 Secondary Instrumental Music Materials and Methods  
MU 588 Graduate Internship in Music Education, P-12  
SPE 500 Survey Course in Special Education  
or EFD 552 Diversity Issues in Education  

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 500 Survey Course in Special Education (3) is required unless SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Children and Youth (3) was taken at the undergraduate level. If SPE 300 Survey of Exceptional Children and Youth (3) has already been taken at the undergraduate or graduate level, candidates must select EFD 552 Diversity Issues in Education (3) to satisfy this diversity program requirement.

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

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

1. Instrumental techniques classes in areas of brass, woodwinds, percussion, strings, voice.  
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 (catalog.jsu.edu/graduate/academic-policies-procedures/graduation-comprehensive-exam/) section of this catalog for more information.

Completion of this program leads to eligibility for Master’s-level professional educator certification in Music/Instrumental (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.

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 Teacher Education Services, 207 Ramona Wood Hall, 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. Please see the Alabama Certification Instructions (http://www.jsu.edu/education/pdf/AL_%20INSTRUCTIONS%20Certification.pdf) on the Teacher Education Services (http://www.jsu.edu/education/tes/) website.

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