



UNIVERSITY SCHOOL of JACKSON • Profile • Class of 2010

USJ

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Grades: PreK-12th Grade

Total Enrollment: 1,230
Upper School (9-12): 361

Class of 2009: 72
Class of 2010: 82

Founded in 1970, University School of Jackson (USJ) is West Tennessee's premier college preparatory school. From the developmental curriculum in the pre-kindergarten program to the Advanced Placement courses in the Upper School, USJ focuses on the needs of the individual student, providing an environment in which each student can maximize his or her potential in academics, athletics, fine arts, and leadership. USJ is the only independent school between Memphis and Nashville that focuses on preparing students for college. We attract students throughout West Tennessee, with some of our students traveling an hour or more each day to our campus. USJ students routinely win awards in regional and state academic, athletic, and fine arts competitions.

The Student

Students who choose USJ seek a school with a rigorous college preparatory curriculum plus extensive extracurricular programs. An education at USJ prepares students for the most academically selective colleges and universities. In addition, a USJ education provides our students access to many college scholarship opportunities. Not only do USJ students earn scholarships and gain acceptance to a college of their choice, our students also find that they are well prepared to succeed in college.

Each candidate for admission to USJ is evaluated on the basis of a personal interview, admission tests, and academic records. USJ admits students of any race, color, gender, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

The Faculty

The Upper School staff consists of 36 faculty and administrators, with 22 masters degrees and three doctorates. Faculty are selected on the basis of their academic qualifications in the subject they teach, effective communication skills, and an abiding commitment to the teaching profession.

The Environment

Our Upper/Middle School campus features science labs with separate classrooms and computer stations, state-of-the-art computer labs and networked technology, a 500-seat performing arts theater, a Library/Media Center with computer workstations, and one of the finest secondary school athletic complexes in Tennessee. USJ's unique learning environment challenges students to do their best in everything they pursue. At the same time, USJ knows that educating students for a lifetime includes more than books and athletics; it also includes development of honor and character. Expectations for our students are high as we prepare them for the world beyond USJ.

USJ ... West Tennessee's College Preparatory School

Academic Profile

Grading Scale*

- A = 93-100 (Excellent)
- B = 85-92 (Very Good)
- C = 75-84 (Satisfactory)
- D = 70-74 (Less than Satisfactory)
- F = Below 70 (Failing)

*Effective Fall 2006

Grading Scale (Through May 2006)
A = 95-100
B = 87-94
C = 76-86
D = 70-75
F = Below 70

GPA – Honors & AP Weighting: Numerical grades on transcripts are unweighted. Class Standing and GPA are based on the weighted average for all Honors and AP courses. Honors courses are given a 0.5 point weight and AP courses are given a 1.0 weight to the semester grade in calculating the 4.00 GPA, which includes all courses taken. Academic Honors and Class Standing are determined by the 100-point average using number grades only with the Honors grades weighted 5 points and the AP grades weighted 10 points.

15 Advanced Placement Courses: English III Language, English IV Literature, Calculus (AB/BC), Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics B, U.S. History, European History, Spanish Language, Music Theory, and Studio Art (2 & 3 Dimensional and Drawing). Students are required to take the AP exam in the spring in order to earn the AP weighting.

Honors Courses: English I & II, English IV World Lit., Algebra I, Algebra II & Trig., Geometry, Precalculus, Spanish II, French (or) Spanish III, French IV, Chemistry I, Physics, and Biology.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math (Algebra I, II & Trig, and Geometry)
- 3 units of Social Science (U.S. & World History or European History)
- 3 units of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 3 units of the same Foreign Language
- 1 unit of Creative/Performing Arts
- 0.5 units of Computer
- 4.5 units of electives

23.0 Total Units + Community Service
(minimum of 50 hours)

Graduation Honors: Seniors are honored for their academic excellence. Graduating with Honors requires a 94.5 weighted average, High Honors requires a 96.5 weighted average, and Highest Honors requires a 98.5 weighted average.

Typical Course of Study

Grade 9:	English I/ I Honors Biology I/ I Honors World History	Algebra I/ I Honors French I/ Spanish I Elective
Grade 10:	English II/ II Honors Chemistry I/ I Honors Gov./ Econ or Eur. Hist. AP	Geometry/ Geometry H French II or Spanish II/ II H Elective
Grade 11:	English III/ III AP Language Algebra II/ II & Trig Honors Physics/ Physics H or Biology II AP or Chemistry II AP French III/ III Honors or Spanish III/ Spanish III Honors U.S. History/ U.S. History AP Elective	
Grade 12:	English IV Modern Lit./ IV World Lit. H/ IV AP-Literature Algebra III & Trig./ Precalculus Honors/ Calculus AB/BC AP <i>3 Elective choices (choose below or from Electives list):</i> Phys./ Phys. Honors/ Phys. B AP/ Chemistry AP/ Biology AP Environ. Science AP/ Anatomy & Physiology/ Ecology French IV Honors or Spanish IV/ Spanish Language AP European History AP/ U.S. History/ U.S. History AP	
Electives:	Computer Literacy/ Applications Choir/ USJ Singers/ Chamber Choir Studio Art (I, II, and III) Studio Art AP (2 & 3 Dimen./ Draw.) Intro to Theater/Acting International Art/ Exploratory Art Music Theory AP Psychology	Accounting Band World Religions Technical Writing Speech U.S. & World Issues Journalism Fitness

Calendar & Day: The school year has two semesters, each with two quarters and ending with a semester exam. The school day is divided into seven periods that are 50 minutes each. Given the privilege of a free period, seniors must take five courses and a study hall both semesters.

Memberships: College Board, Educational Testing Service, ERB, ACT, National Association of Independent Schools, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA), National Art Education Association, The National Association for Music Education, National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, and Societe Honoraire de Francaise.

Scores for Advanced Placement Exams Taken in 2009

Scores	5	4	3	2	1	Total	% Passing	Grade Mean
Biology	5	3	3	2	0	13	85%	3.85
Calculus AB	2	3	0	0	0	5	100%	4.40
Calculus BC	5	0	0	0	0	5	100%	5.00
Chemistry	1	4	0	1	2	8	63%	3.13
Computer Science A	0	0	0	0	3	3	0%	1.00
English Language	1	11	8	5	0	25	80%	3.32
English Literature	2	6	5	1	0	14	93%	3.64
Environmental Science	0	0	2	0	0	2	100%	3.00
European History	0	2	13	4	1	20	75%	2.80
Music Theory	2	0	1	2	0	5	60%	3.40
Physics	5	0	1	0	0	6	100%	4.67
Spanish Language	4	3	0	2	0	9	78%	4.00
Studio Art Drawing	3	2	0	1	0	6	83%	4.17
Studio Art 2D	0	1	2	3	0	6	50%	2.67
Studio Art 3D	0	0	1	0	0	1	100%	3.00
U.S. History	3	1	5	3	0	12	75%	3.33

Scores of 4 or above: 50%

Scores of 3 or above: 79%

% of students participating with AP Excellence:

12th grade: 41.3%

11th grade: 28%

10th grade: 19.1%

% of graduates who scored a 3 or higher during their years at USJ: 56%

Class of 2009

ACT	Composite Mean	25.2
100% tested	Middle 50% Range	22-28
SAT	CR Mean	541
81% tested	Middle 50% Range	470-600
	Math Mean	554
	Middle 50% Range	470-630
	Writing Mean	533
	Middle 50% Range	460-590

SAT	CR	Math	Writing	ACT
700 or above:	9%	7%	7%	33-36: 7%
600-690:	22%	31%	17%	28-32: 21%
500-590:	29%	28%	28%	24-27: 36%
400-490:	35%	34%	43%	20-23: 28%
Below 400:	5%	0%	5%	17-19: 8%

Quintiles:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
GPA	4.07	3.53	3.22	2.81	2.35
ACT	29.9	27.4	23.7	23.4	21
SAT CR	639	555	518	454	467
SAT M	634	595	526	472	464
SAT W	627	545	503	463	459
	1900	1695	1547	1389	1390

Student averages in Class of 2009:

≥4.0 = 8 (11%)	3.99-3.5 = 17 (24%)	3.49-3.0 = 18 (25%)
2.99-2.5 = 21 (29%)	2.49-2.0 = 8 (11%)	≤2.0 = 0 (0%)

National Merit Competition

Class of	Finalist	Commended	Class size
2010	1 (semi)	1	82
2009	3	3*	72
2008	-	5*	110
2007	1	7**	92
2006	2	2	72
2005	3	2	90

* w/1 National Achievement **w/1 National Hispanic

Advanced Placement Scholars

(# of Students/Grade Mean)

Year	Scholars	w/Honor	w/Distinction	Total
2009	9/3.55	3/3.54	11/4.23*	23/4.08
2008	12/3.26	8/3.68	12/4.22	32/3.82
2007	13/3.28	5/3.86	9/4.00	27/3.67
2006	14/3.14	9/3.71	5/4.21**	28/3.63
2005	18/3.22	9/3.73	9/4.00	36/3.63
2004	16/3.40	6/3.87	8/4.10	30/3.76

*w/2 National AP Scholars w/AP average of 4.94

**w/1 National AP Scholar w/AP average of 4.75

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College Acceptance Summary for Classes of 2005-2009

The first number after the college gives the number of 2009 USJ graduates accepted; the second gives the number of 2009 graduates who attended the institution. An asterisk indicates that a USJ grad from the Classes of 2005-2009 has attended this college.

Class of 2009	Accep./Att.	Class of 2009	Accep./Att.	Class of 2009	Accep./Att.	Class of 2009	Accep./Att.
*Agnes Scott College		Elon Univ.		*Nutmeg Conservatory for Arts		Colorado	
Alaska Pacific Univ.		*Emerson College.....11		Oglethorpe Univ.		*Dallas	
Allegheny College		*Emory Univ.1		Ohio State Univ.1		*Evansville	
American Univ.		Florida Gulf Coast Univ.		Oklahoma Baptist Univ.		Florida.....1	
Andrews Univ.		Florida Southern College		Ouachita Baptist Univ.		*Georgia.....31	
Appalachian State Univ.		Florida State Univ.....1		Oxford Emory		Hartford.....1	
Aquinas College		Frances Marion Univ.		Parsons School of Design		Illinois-Urbana	
*Arizona State Univ.1		*Freed-Hardeman Univ.		*Pellissippi Comm. College		*Kentucky	
*Arkansas State Univ.		Furman Univ.1		Pennsylvania State.....1		Louisiana of Lafayette.....1	
*Asbury College.....11		George Mason Univ.		Point Park Univ.		Louisville.....1	
*Auburn Univ.31		George Washington Univ.		Pomona College		Maryland-Baltimore	
*Austin Peay State Univ.....3		*Georgia Tech.....1		Pratt Institute		Massachusetts	
Baldwin-Wallace College		Hamilton		*Presbyterian College		*Memphis.....111	
Baylor Univ.		*Harvey-Mudd College		*Princeton Univ.		*Miami.....11	
Belhaven College		Hawaii Pacific Univ.		Providence College.....1		*Mississippi.....121	
*Bellarmine Univ.....1		*Hendrix College		*Purdue Univ.1		Missouri-Columbia.....1	
*Belmont Univ.....21		High Point Univ.		Queens College.....2		*Missouri-Kansas City	
Berry College		*Howard Univ.		*Radford Univ.		North Alabama	
*Bethel Univ.....5		Humboldt State Univ.		Randolph Macon College		North Carolina Asheville	
Biola Univ.1		*Indiana Univ.11		*Rhodes College.....42		North Carolina Chapel Hill....1	
*Birmingham-South. College....21		James Madison Univ.		*Ringling College of Art/Design		North Carolina Pembroke	
Boston College.....1		*Johns Hopkins.....21		Rochester Inst. of Technology		North Carolina Wilmington	
*Boston Univ.....1		*Jackson State Comm. College..84		*Samford Univ.2		Northern Colorado	
*Brigham Young Univ.		Kendall College of Art/Design		Savannah College of Art		Northern Kentucky	
Brown Univ.		*King College.....1		School of Visual Arts		*Oklahoma.....1	
Bryan College		*Lambuth.....21		Seattle Pacific Univ.....1		Oregon	
Butler Univ.		Lehigh Univ.		*Sewanee: Univ. of the South....21		*Ottawa.....1	
Campbell Univ.		Lewis & Clark College		*Southern Methodist Univ.1		Ozarks	
*Campbellsville Univ.		Lipscomb Univ.		Southern Virginia Univ.		Pennsylvania.....1	
*Carnegie Mellon Univ.		Lincoln Memorial Univ.		*St. Louis Univ.2		Richmond	
*Carson Newman		Lindenwood Univ.		*St. Mary's College.....1		Rochester	
Case Western Reserve Univ.		Lindsey Wilson College		*Tennessee Wesleyan College		San Diego.....1	
*Catawba College		*Louisiana State Univ.....53		*Tennessee Tech.....82		Santa Cruz.....1	
Centenary College.....1		Loyola-Chicago.....3		Texas A&M		South Carolina	
*Centre College.....1		Loyola-Maryland.....1		*Texas Christian Univ.		Southern California	
Charleston Southern Univ.		*Loyola-New Orleans		*Towson Univ.1		*Tennessee-Martin.....74	
Chicago Art Institute		Lyon College		Trevecca Nazarene Univ.1		*Tennessee-Chattanooga.....164	
Christian Brothers Univ.1		Maine Maritime Academy		Tufts Univ.		*Tennessee-Knoxville.....199	
*Citadel.....1		Marymount Manhattan.....1		*Tulane Univ.5		*Texas.....1	
City College of New York		*Maryville College.....2		Tusculum Univ.1		Texas Dallas	
Clemson Univ.1		*McGill.....21		*Tuskegee Univ.		Toronto.....2	
Colgate Univ.		McMasters		U.S. Merchant Marines		*Virginia.....1	
*College of Charleston.....1		Memphis College of Art.....1		*U.S. Military Acad. West Point		Waterloo.....1	
Colorado State Univ.		*Mercer Univ.1		*U.S. Naval Academy		Western Ontario.....2	
Columbia College of Art		Mercyhurst College		*Union Univ.....24....11		Vanderbilt Univ.	
Cornell Univ.		*Meredith College		Univ. of the Arts		Villanova Univ.1	
Covenant College		*Miami Univ. of Ohio.....1		University of... Akron		Virginia Military Institution	
Creighton Univ.		*Middle Tennessee State Univ...115		Alabama.....161		Virginia Tech	
Crowder College		Millsaps College		Alabama-Birmingham.....2		*Volunteer State Comm. College	
Cumberland Univ.1		*Mississippi College		Alabama-Huntsville		*Wake Forest Univ.	
Dalhousie Univ.		*Mississippi State Univ.....125		Alberta.....1		Washington Univ. in St. Louis...2	
*Dartmouth College		*Mississippi Univ. for Women....11		Arizona.....2		Webster Univ.	
Davidson College		*MIT		*Arkansas.....32		*Wellesley	
*Dawson College		Montana State Univ.		*British Columbia.....21		Western Kentucky Univ.1	
*Delta State Univ.		*Montreat College		*California Davis.....11		West. State Coll. of Colorado...1	
DePaul Univ.		Murray State Univ.3		California Riverside.....1		Westmont College.....1	
Dickinson College		New York Univ.		California San Diego		*Wheaton College.....11	
Drury Univ.		North Carolina State.....1		California Santa Barbara		Wilfrid Laurier.....1	
Duke Univ.1		NE Oklahoma A&M College		*Chicago.....11		William and Mary	
*East Carolina Univ.		Northeastern Univ.1		Cincinnati		*Wofford College	
East Tennessee State Univ.1		*Northwestern Univ.				Wright State Univ.	
Eastman School of Music		*Notre Dame.....2				*Xavier Univ.11	
						York Univ.1	