



UNIVERSITY SCHOOL *of* JACKSON • Profile • 2011-2012

USJ

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Grades: PreK2-12th Grade

Total Enrollment: 1,181
Upper School (9-12): 332

Class of 2011: 80
Class of 2012: 103

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; some of our students travel 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 rights, privileges, programs, and activities made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

The Faculty

The Upper School staff consists of 37 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 Honor Code

The Honor Code at USJ is predicated on the assumption that all students are honorable young men and women and have the right to be trusted. Our students desire to learn in an atmosphere where honesty and integrity endure and are an integral part of their lives. Elected class representatives and one Speaker administer the Honor Code, guided by the Dean of Students and two faculty advisors. A position on the Honor Council is considered one of reverence and leadership.

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, 500-seat performing arts theater, 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 all that they pursue. 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)

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. 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 (I, II, and III). Students are required to take the AP exam in the spring in order to earn the AP weighting.

Honors Courses: English I & II, Algebra I, Algebra II & Trigonometry, Geometry, Precalculus, Spanish I, French I, Spanish II, French II, Spanish III, French III, Spanish IV, French IV, Chemistry I, Physics, and Biology I.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math (Algebra I, II, III and Trigonometry, and Geometry)
- 3 units of Social Science (U.S., World History, and Social Science)
- 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.

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.

Typical Course of Study

- Grade 9:** English I or I Honors Algebra I or I Honors
Biology I or I Honors French I or I Honors
or Spanish I or I Honors
World History Elective
- Grade 10:** English II or II Honors Geometry or Geometry H
Government/Economics French II or II Honors
or European History AP or Spanish II or II Honors
Chemistry I or I Honors Elective
- Grade 11:** English III or III AP Language
Algebra II or II and Trigonometry Honors
Physics, Physics Honors, Biology AP, or Chemistry AP
French III or III Honors or Spanish III or Spanish III Honors
U.S. History or U.S. History AP
Elective
- Grade 12:** English IV Modern Literature or IV AP Literature
Algebra III and Trigonometry, Precalculus Honors, or
Calculus AB/BC AP
3 Elective choices (choose below or from Electives list):
Physics, Physics Honors, Physics B AP, Chemistry AP,
Biology AP, Environmental Science AP, Ecology,
or Anatomy & Physiology
French IV Honors, Spanish IV Honors or
Spanish Language AP
European History AP, U.S. History, or U.S. History AP
- Electives:** Computer Literacy/ Applications Accounting
Choir/ USJ Singers/ Concert Choir Band
Studio Art (I, II, and III) World Religions
Studio Art AP (I, II, and III) Psychology
Book Study Seminar Fitness
Intro to Theater/Acting Speech
International Art/Exploratory Art U.S. & World Issues
Music Theory AP Journalism
Library Research & Operations Photography
Broadcast Journalism Forensic Science

Memberships: College Board, Educational Testing Service, ERB, ACT, National Association of Independent Schools, Southern 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 Association for Music Education, National Art Education Association, National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, Societe Honoraire de Francaise, National English Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society.

Scores for Advanced Placement Exams taken in 2011

Scores	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Biology	7	7	6	1	0	21
Calculus AB	3	0	0	1	0	4
Calculus BC	6	0	0	0	0	6
Chemistry	5	6	7	3	2	23
English Language	5	8	7	0	0	20
English Literature	0	6	3	1	0	10
Environmental Science	5	3	0	1	0	9
European History	1	0	7	0	1	9
Music Theory	1	2	2	0	0	5
Physics	1	7	5	4	0	17
Spanish Language	2	4	3	0	0	9
Studio Art Drawing	0	2	3	0	0	5
Studio Art 2D	0	0	3	1	0	4
U.S. History	2	5	1	2	1	11

Scores of 4 or above: 58%

Scores of 3 or above: 88%

Class of 2011

ACT	Composite Mean	25.9
100% tested	Middle 50% Range	23-28%
SAT	CR Mean	542
94% tested	Middle 50% Range	480-590
	Math Mean	553
	Middle 50% Range	490-610
	Writing Mean	543
	Middle 50% Range	480-600

SAT	CR	Math	Writing	ACT
700 or above:	5%	11%	3%	33-36: 5%
600-690:	20%	24%	24%	28-32: 31%
500-590:	44%	35%	45%	24-27: 35%
400-490:	28%	25%	24%	20-23: 21%
Below 400:	3%	5%	4%	14-19: 8%

Quintiles:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
GPA	4.11	3.73	3.44	3.01	2.22
ACT	29	29	27	23	22
SAT CR	609	579	567	475	449
SAT M	618	607	546	503	469
SAT W	587	591	561	490	465
	1814	1776	1674	1468	1383

Student averages in Class of 2011:

≥4.0 = 14 (18%)	3.99-3.5 = 24 (30%)	3.49-3.0 = 18 (23%)
2.99-2.5 = 12 (15%)	2.49-2.0 = 9 (11%)	≤2.0 = 3 (4%)

National Merit Competition

Class of	Finalist	Commended	Class size
2011	1*	3**	80
2010	1	1	81
2009	3	3**	72
2008	-	5**	110
2007	1	7***	92
2006	2	2	72

* National Achievement Finalist

w/1 National Achievement *w/1 National Hispanic

Advanced Placement Scholars

(# of Students/Grade Mean)

Year	Scholars	w/Honor	w/Distinction	Total
2010	14/3.26	4/4.06	7/4.17*	25/3.79
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

*w/1 National AP Scholar w/AP average of 4.38

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

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

College Acceptance Summary for Classes of 2007-2011

The colleges listed below have accepted a USJ student from the Classes of 2007-2011.
An asterisk indicates that a USJ graduate from the Classes of 2007-2011 has attended this college.

Abilene Christian University	*Emerson College	Oklahoma Baptist University	* Kentucky
Agnes Scott College	*Emory University	Ouachita Baptist University	Louisiana at Monroe
Alaska Pacific University	*Florida Gulf Coast University	Oxford Emory	Louisiana at Lafayette
Allegheny College	Florida State University	*Parsons, The New School of Design	Louisville
American University	*Fontbonne University	Pennsylvania State	Massachusetts
Appalachian State University	Frances Marion University	Pomona College	*Memphis
Aquinas College	*Freed-Hardeman University	*Pratt Institute	*Miami
Arizona State University	Furman University	Providence College	Michigan
*Arkansas State University	George Washington University	*Purdue University	*Mississippi
*Asbury College	*Georgia Tech	Queens College	Missouri-Columbia
*Auburn University	*Gordon College	Randolph Macon College	*Missouri-Kansas City
*Austin Peay State University	Grambling State University	*Rhodes College	*North Alabama
Baylor University	Hamilton	*Ringling College of Art/Design	North Carolina-Asheville
*Bellarmine University	Harvey-Mudd College	*Samford University	North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Belmont Abbey College	*Hendrix College	Savannah College of Art	North Carolina-Greensboro
*Belmont University	High Point University	School of Visual Arts	North Carolina-Wilmington
*Bethel University	*Howard University	Seattle Pacific University	Northern Kentucky
Biola University	Humboldt State University	*Sewanee: University of the South	*Oklahoma
*Birmingham-Southern College	*Indiana University	Southern Adventist University	*Ottawa
Boston College	Jacksonville University	*Southern Methodist University	Ozarks
Boston University	James Madison University	*St. Louis University	Pennsylvania
Bowling Green State University	*Johns Hopkins	St. Mary's College	Richmond
*Brigham Young University	*Jackson State Community College	St. Petersburg College	*Rochester
Brown University	Kendall College of Art/Design	Temple University	San Diego
Bryan College	*King College	*Tennessee Technological University	San Francisco
Butler University	Lehigh University	*Texas Christian University	Santa Cruz
*Carnegie Mellon University	Lincoln Memorial University	*The King's College	South Carolina
*Carson Newman	Lindenwood University	*Towson University	South Florida
Case Western Reserve University	*Lipscomb University	Trevecca Nazarene University	Southern California
Centenary College	*Louisiana State University	Tufts University	Southern Mississippi
*Centre College	Loyola-Chicago	*Tulane University	*Tennessee-Chattanooga
Charleston Southern University	Loyola-Maryland	Tusculum College	*Tennessee-Martin
Chicago Art Institute	*Loyola-New Orleans	*Union University	*Tennessee-Knoxville
Christian Brothers University	Maine Maritime Academy	University of ...	Texas
*Citadel	Manhattanville College	Akron	*Texas-Dallas
Clemson University	Marymount Manhattan	*Alabama	Toronto
Colgate University	Maryville College	Alabama-Birmingham	*Virginia
*College of Charleston	*McGill	Alabama-Huntsville	Waterloo
Colorado State University	McMasters	Alberta	Western Ontario
Columbia College	Memphis College of Art	Arizona	*Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Mercer University	*Arkansas	Villanova University
Covenant College	*Meredith College	British-Columbia	Virginia Commonwealth University
Cumberland University	Miami University of Ohio	*California-Berkeley	Virginia Tech
Dalhousie University	*Michigan State University	California-Davis	*Wake Forest University
*Dartmouth College	Millsaps College	California-Irvine	*Walters State Community College
Davidson College	*Mississippi College	California-Riverside	Washington University in St. Louis
*Dawson College	*Mississippi State University	California-Santa Barbara	*Wellesley
*Delta State University	Montana State University	Central Arkansas	Western Kentucky University
*DePaul University	*Middle Tennessee State University	*Chicago	Western State College of Colorado
Drexel University	*Murray State University	*Colorado at Boulder	Westmont College
Dickinson College	*MUW Mississippi Univ. for Women	Connecticut	*Wheaton College
*Douglas Ed. Center	New York University	*Dallas	Wilfrid Laurier
Drury University	North Carolina State	*Evansville	William and Mary
Duke University	Northeastern University	Florida	Wofford College
East Tennessee State University	Northwestern University	*Georgia	Wright State University
*Eckerd College	*Notre Dame	Hartford	*Xavier University
Elon University	Ohio State University		*York University