



2022 2023 College Profile

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Southern Association
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Grades Infant-12th Grade

Total Enrollment 1,109

Upper School (9-12) 291

Class of 2021 44

Class of 2022 71

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. 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 state and regional academic, athletic, and fine arts competitions.

Students

Students who choose USJ seek a school with a challenging college preparatory curriculum and 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 with 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, gender, and national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, financial aid programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Faculty

The Upper School staff consists of 33 faculty and administrators, with 24 masters degrees and two 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.

Environment

Our Upper/Middle School campus features science labs with separate classrooms, a comprehensive wireless network that supports the 1:1 laptop program, 500-seat performing arts theater, Library/Media Center, 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.

Honor Code

The Honor Code at USJ is predicated on the belief that all students are honorable young men and women and have the right to be trusted. Our students desire to learn more in an atmosphere where honesty and integrity endure and are integral parts of their lives. Elected class representatives and one speaker administer the Honor Code, guided by the Dean of Students and two faculty advisors. Students respect the council members' leadership and impartiality.



Academic Profile

Grading Scale

Letter Grade/GPA

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 65-69

F < 65

GPA – Honors & AP Weighting

Letter grades on transcripts are unweighted. GPA is based on the weighted average of 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 4.50 GPA. Academic honors 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.

Class Rank

Due to the small class size and challenging curriculum, we believe class rank is not a strong discriminator with which to predict college performance. Therefore, USJ does not rank.

USJ & Covid 19: The University School of Jackson's fourth quarter of the 2019-20 school year was conducted via synchronous, online learning. The calculation for that semester was adjusted from 25% for each quarter to 30% for quarter three and 20% for quarter four with no semester exams being given. There were no club meetings or officers selected for 2020-21.

16 Advanced Placement Courses

English Language, English Literature, Calculus (AB/BC), Biology, Chemistry, Physics, U.S. History, Music Theory, European History, Environmental Science, Spanish Language, French Language, Psychology, Human Geography, 2-Dimensional Design, 3-Dimensional Design, and Drawing.

Students are required to take the AP exam in the spring in order to earn the AP weighting.

(* Number of AP classes can vary due to student course requests.)

Honors Courses

English I & II, Algebra I, Algebra II & Advanced Math, Geometry, Precalculus, Spanish I, French I, Spanish II, French II, Spanish III, French III, Spanish IV, French IV, Biology I, Chemistry I, and Physics.

Graduation Requirements

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math (Algebra I, II, III & Trigonometry, Geometry)
- 3 units of Social Science (U.S., World History, Social Science)
- 3 units of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- 3 units of the same World Language
- 1 unit of Creative/Performing Arts
- 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 end-of-semester exams. The school day has 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, ACT, National Association of Independent Schools, Southern Association of Independent Schools, Tennessee Association of Independent Schools, Memphis Association of Independent Schools, Mu Alpha Theta, National Association for College Admission Counseling, Southern Association for College Admission Counseling, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, National Art Education Association, National Association for Music Education, National Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, Société Honoraire de Française, National English Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and National Art Honor Society.

Advanced Placement Exams Taken in 2022

Total Number of AP Students

84

Total Number of AP Exams taken

159

All USJ students who are enrolled in an AP course are required to take the AP exam.

Advanced Placement Scholars (# of Students/Grade Mean)

| Year | Scholars | With Honor | With Distinction | National Scholars | Total |
|------|----------|------------|------------------|-------------------|---------|
| 2022 | 9/3.35 | 3/3.75 | 6/4.05 | - | 18/3.75 |
| 2021 | 8/3.34 | 3/3.88 | 7/3.86 | - | 18/3.69 |
| 2020 | 11/2.84 | 5/3.67 | 14/3.82 | 1/4.60 | 30/3.54 |
| 2019 | 19/3.17 | 5/3.85 | 11/3.99 | - | 35/3.61 |
| 2018 | 6/3.42 | 11/3.72 | 12/4.14 | 4/4.33 | 29/3.98 |

Typical Course of Study

University School of Jackson offers a challenging course of study for students throughout their four years in the Upper School. These academic pursuits are blended with extracurricular activities of the student's choosing, including athletics, club leadership and participation opportunities, and the arts, and together result in a well-rounded life of excellence. Students are also encouraged to balance their participation in curricular and extracurricular activities with time spent with family and friends, helping them learn how to lead productive, fulfilling, and enriched lives.

Grade 9

- English I or I Honors
- Algebra I or I Honors
- French I or I Honors or Spanish I or I Honors
- Biology I or I Honors
- World History
- Elective

Grade 10

- English II or II Honors
- Geometry or Geometry Honors
- French II or II Honors or Spanish II or II Honors
- Chemistry or Honors
- Government/Economics
- Elective

Grade 11

- English III or AP Language
- Algebra II or Honors Precalculus
- French III or III Honors or Spanish III or Spanish III Honors
- Physics, Physics Honors, AP Biology, or AP Chemistry
- U.S. History or AP U.S. History
- Elective

Grade 12

- English IV Modern Literature or AP Literature
- Algebra III & Honors Advanced Math, or AP Calculus AB/BC
- 3 Elective choices from Electives list, below:
- French IV Honors or AP French
- Spanish IV Honors or AP Spanish Language, AP French Language
- Physics, Physics Honors, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, AP Environmental
- U.S. History, AP U.S. History
- AP European History

Electives

- Accounting
- Anatomy & Physiology
- Art I, II, III
- Art History I, II
- Band or Honors
- Book Study Seminar
- Choir/Chorus
- Communications
- Creative Writing

- Criminal Justice
- Digital Tools for Arts
- AP European History
- Forensic Science
- Guitar
- Health & Wellness
- History in Film
- Intro to Theater/Advanced Theater
- AP Human Geography

- Journalism
- AP Music Theory
- Personal Finance
- Psychology
- AP Psychology
- Sculpture I, II
- Speech
- Strength and Conditioning
- Theory of Knowledge

- Yoga
- 20 Century Studies
- Studio Art AP: 2-Dimensional Design, 3-Dimensional Design, and Drawing
- Study Abroad*
- U.S. & World Issues
- World Religions

(* Course offerings can vary due to student course requests.)

* Study Abroad (1/2 credit elective)

- Spanish Study Abroad Program: Students are immersed in Spanish for several weeks, earning more than 40 contact hours of instruction at the Intensa Language Institute. The trip is offered during the summer of even years.

Class of 2022

ACT (100% tested)

| | |
|-------|-----|
| 33-36 | 1% |
| 28-32 | 32% |
| 24-27 | 25% |
| 20-23 | 29% |
| <20 | 16% |

| Quintiles | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|
| GPA | 4.73 | 4.29 | 4.05 | 3.66 | 2.96 |
| ACT | 30 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 20 |

ACT Middle 50% Range 23-31

National Merit Competition

| Class of | Finalist | Commended | Class Size |
|----------|----------|-----------|------------|
| 2022 | - | 1 | 44 |
| 2021 | 1 | 1 | 66 |
| 2020 | 2 | 2 | 69 |
| 2019 | - | - | 60 |
| 2018 | 2 | 3 | 91 |

Student averages in Class of 2022

>4.5 = 11 (25%)

>4.0-4.49 = 14 (32%)

3.99-3.5 = 12 (23%)

3.49-3.0 = 13 (7%)

2.99-2.5 = 4 (1%)

2.49 ≥ 0

College Acceptance Summary for Classes of 2018-2022

The colleges listed below have accepted a USJ student from the Classes of 2018-2022.

An asterisk indicates that a USJ graduate from the Classes of 2018-2022 has attended this college.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Appalachian State University | *Georgetown University | Point Park University | Evansville |
| *Arkansas State University | George Mason University | *Princeton University | *Florida |
| *Arkansas Tech University | *Georgia State University | *Purdue University | *Georgia |
| *Auburn University | *Georgia Tech | Randolph-Macon College | Illinois |
| *Austin Peay State University | Hampshire College | Reed College | *Kentucky |
| *Baldwin Wallace University | Harding University | *Rhodes College | *Louisiana-Monroe |
| Ball State University | *Harvard University | Rice University | Mary-Hardin |
| *Baylor University | Hendrix College | Rockhurst University | Maryland |
| *Belmont University | High Point University | *Samford University | *Memphis |
| Beloit College | Howard University | Sara Lawrence College | *Miami |
| *Bennington College | Illinois Institute of Technology | *Savannah College of Art | Michigan |
| Berry College | Illinois Wesleyan University | *Seton Hall University | Minnesota |
| *Bethel University | *Indiana University | *Sewanee: University of the South | *Mississippi |
| *Birmingham-Southern College | *Jackson State Community College | Smith College | Missouri |
| *Boston College | James Madison University | *Southeast Missouri State University | *North Alabama |
| Boston University | Kent State University | *Southern Illinois | North Carolina-Ashville |
| *Brandeis University | Lee University | University,Carbondale | North Carolina-Chapel Hill |
| Butler University | *Lipscomb University | *Southern Methodist University | North Caroline-Greensboro |
| *Campbellsville University | Long Island University | St. John's College | *Oregon |
| *California Polytechnic | Louisiana State University | *St. Louis University | Pacific |
| Carson Newman | *Loyola Marymont University | Syracuse University | *Pennsylvania |
| *Centre College | Loyola- Chicago | Temple University | Pittsburgh |
| Chapman University | Loyola- New Orleans | *Tennessee Technological University | Portland |
| *Christian Brothers University | Lyon College | *Texas A&M University | Richmand |
| *Citadel | Marymount Manhattan College | *Texas Christian University | Rochester |
| *Clermont McKenna College | Mercer University | Texas State University | San Francisco |
| Clemson University | *Miami of Ohio | The New School | South Carolina |
| College of Charleston | *Middle Tennessee State University | *Trine | *Tennessee-Chattanooga |
| College of William & Mary | *Millsaps College | Trinity University | *Tennessee-Knoxville |
| College of Wooster | *Mississippi College | Tufts University | *Tennessee-Martin |
| Colorado State University | *Mississippi State University | *Tulane University | Texas |
| *Columbia University | Missouri State College | Tusculumn University | The Cumberlands |
| CUNY John J. College | *Missouri Valley College | Union College | Viginia |
| *Delta State University | Molloy College | *Union University | West Florida |
| Denison University | Mulhenburg College | | Wisconsin |
| DePaul University | *Murray State University | University of ... | |
| Duke University | Nazareth College | *Alabama | |
| *Drake University | *New York University | *Alabama-Birmingham | Ursinus College |
| *East Tennessee State University | North Carolina State | *Alabama-Huntsville | *Vanderbilt University |
| *Eckerd College | Northeastern University | *Arkansas | Virginia Tech |
| *Elon University | *Northwestern University | Arkansas-Little Rock | Viterbo University |
| Emory University | Ohio Northern University | Arizona | Wake Forest University |
| Florida Atlantic | Ohio State University | California-Davis | Washington & Lee |
| Florida Institute of Technology | Oklahoma City University | California-Santa Barbara | *Washington University in St. Louis |
| *Florida International University | Oregon State | California Irvine | *Western Kentucky University |
| Florida Southern University | Pace University | Central Florida | Wheaton College |
| *Florida State University | Pamona College | Cincinnati | Williams College |
| Fordham University | Pennsylvania State | *Conneticut | *Wofford College |
| *Furman University | Pennsylvania State-Harrisburg | Denver | Wright State University |

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