

THE AMERICAN SCHOOL IN JAPAN



2009 - 2010
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HISTORY

The American School in Japan (ASIJ) was founded in 1902 to provide a high quality education to expatriate business, embassy, and missionary families. Over the last century, ASIJ has continued to grow and expand its facilities and programs. Today, with diverse curricular and co-curricular offerings, a highly qualified faculty of 154, and 1,550 students from approximately 40 countries, ASIJ is one of the oldest and most respected international institutions in Japan.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

ASIJ is a private, college-preparatory day school for students three years of age through twelfth grade. The 5.8 hectare (14.33 acres) main campus in western Tokyo, including a state-of-the-art theater and two artificial turf athletic fields (one with lighting), offers the largest and most complete international school facilities in Japan. In the high school, enrollment for grades 9-12 as of September 2009 is 530 students from 28 countries, with 143 students in the Senior Class. There are 54 teaching professionals, of whom 38 hold advanced degrees. ASIJ offers students unique opportunities in Japanese studies at all grade levels, including the study of Japanese language, history, and culture. Exchange visits with Japanese students and field trips enhance cultural understanding.

ACCREDITATION

ASIJ is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools and is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

There are 36 school weeks divided into two semesters. The first semester begins late August and ends late January. The second semester begins late January and ends mid-June. High school students follow a two-day cycle (A and B day) with four 75-minute periods per day. Students typically take six or seven courses each semester.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ASIJ high school students progress through a college-preparatory program. The school offers Advanced Placement courses in 15 subjects, as well as additional honors courses that provide preparation for Advanced Placement exams in other subjects. For the past five years, approximately 76% of the graduates matriculated at colleges in the United States and 23% in Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, and other countries.

CO-CURRICULARS AND ATHLETICS

ASIJ offers a wide variety of co-curricular activities in the high school. Activities cover most student endeavors outside the regular curriculum and include a rich and diverse array of organized clubs, student publications, visual and performing arts programs, sports, and social events. Through the school, there are numerous opportunities both locally and outside Japan for student participation in community service projects. Interscholastic competition in athletics is scheduled with other international schools and DoDDS (US military) schools which make up the Kanto Plain Association.

MISSION STATEMENT

Developing compassionate, inquisitive learners prepared for global responsibility.

MARKING SYSTEM

Guidelines for letter grades are as follows:

A = 90-100%	D = 60-69%
B = 80-89%	F = below 60%
C = 70-79%	<i>failure</i>

Other transcript grades and abbreviations:

AU =	Audit - No Credit
INC =	Incomplete work
M =	Modified
MED =	Medical excuse - PE
NG =	No Grade
P =	Pass
W =	Withdrawn - No Credit
WF =	Withdrawn Failing - No Credit
WP =	Withdrawn Passing - No Credit

GPA AND RANK IN CLASS

Due to the nature of our school and its relatively small class sizes, ASIJ does not provide the specific rank of its students.

The cumulative GPA of ASIJ students reflects courses taken at ASIJ only. Grades from previous schools are not included. The numerical equivalents used in determining GPA follow NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) guidelines. AP and Honors courses are marked (H) on ASIJ transcripts and receive an additional weighting of 0.5 when students achieve a grade of C- or higher.

A+/A =	4.00	C =	2.00
A- =	3.67	C- =	1.67
B+ =	3.33	D+ =	1.33
B =	3.00	D =	1.00
B- =	2.67	D- =	0.67
C+ =	2.33	F =	0

6th SEMESTER CUMULATIVE GPA DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CLASS OF 2010

Range: 4.16-2.09

Median GPA: 3.50 (N=140 in June 2009)

Above 4.00	7	(5%)
3.75-4.00	27	(19%)
3.50-3.74	37	(26%)
3.25-3.49	34	(24%)
3.00-3.24	15	(11%)
2.75-2.99	15	(11%)
2.50-2.74	4	(3%)
Below 2.50	1	(1%)

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The Class of 2009 had 1 National Merit Scholarship Finalist and 10 Commended Students.

SAT I SUMMARY FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

Range	Critical		
	Reading	Math	Writing
700-800	17	39	26
600-690	46	48	43
500-590	40	28	34
400-490	22	10	22
Below 400	1	1	1
Mean	589	636	602

AP EXAM RESULTS

In May of 2009, a total of 245 candidates took 684 AP exams in 22 different subject areas. Passing scores of 3 or higher were achieved on 655 (96%) of the exams, with 563 (82%) being scores of 4 or 5.

Subject Area	5	4	3	2	1
Biology	32	9	3	0	0
Calculus AB	38	7	2	0	0
Calculus BC	12	0	0	0	0
Chemistry	17	13	7	0	1
Comp Sci AB	5	6	2	2	0
Econ-Macro	41	27	2	1	0
Econ-Micro	8	4	2	0	1
English-Lang	18	36	23	7	0
English-Lit	2	2	1	2	0
Environ Science	8	14	11	4	0
Euro History	13	6	2	0	0
French Lang	2	3	4	0	0
Japanese Lang	92	7	1	0	0
Physics B	4	5	1	0	0
Physics C: Mech	7	1	2	0	0
Psychology	2	0	0	0	0
Spanish Lang	4	3	3	0	0
Statistics	31	12	8	1	0
Studio Art Draw	2	1	1	0	0
Studio Art 2D	1	6	4	0	0
US History	31	30	13	10	0
World History	1	0	0	0	0
<i>Total</i>	<i>371</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>% of Total</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>

CLASS OF 2009 AP RECOGNITION

Number of Seniors who took AP exams = 111

AP Scholar 25 (23%)
(Grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams)

AP Scholar With Honors 14 (13%)
(Grades of 3 or higher on four or more AP exams;
average grade of at least 3.25)

AP Scholar With Distinction 37 (33%)
(Grades of 3 or higher on five or more AP exams;
average grade of at least 3.5)

WHERE OUR 2009 GRADUATES WERE ACCEPTED

Bold = Matriculated.

* = Multiple acceptances.

US Institutions

American U*
Arizona State U*
Azusa Pacific U*
Babson C
Baldwin-Wallace C
Baylor U
Belmont C
Bentley C
Biola U
Bloomsburg U of PA
Boston C*
Boston U*
Brandeis U
Brigham Young U*
Brigham Young U, HI*
Brigham Young U, ID
Bryn Mawr C*
Bucknell U*
Cal Lutheran U*
Cal Poly Pomona
Cal State Fullerton*
Cal State Long Beach
Cal State Northridge
Cal State Sacramento
Carleton C*
Carnegie Mellon U
Chandler-Gilbert CC
Chapman U*
Claremont McKenna C*
Clark U*
Clemson U
Colby C*
Colgate U*
Colorado State U
Columbia U
Connecticut C
Cooper Union
Cornell U*
Cornish C of the Arts
Dartmouth C*
Dominican U
Drexel U
Duke U*
East Stroudsburg U of PA
Eastern Illinois U
Elon U*
Emory U
Endicott C
Fairfield U
Fordham U
George Washington U
Georgetown U
Georgia Tech
Gettysburg C*
Goucher C*
Gustavus Adolphus C*
Hampshire C
Harvard U

Harvey Mudd C
Hawaii Pacific U*
Heidelberg C
Hobart & William Smith C
Hofstra U
Holy Cross, C of
Hood C
Howard U
Illinois State U
Ithaca C*
Johns Hopkins U
Kalamazoo C
Lawrence U
Lehigh U*
Lewis & Clark C*
Linfield C
Lock Haven U of PA
Loyola Marymount U*
Loyola U Chicago
Lynn U
Macalester C*
MD Institute C of Art*
Marymount C
Massachusetts C of Art*
MA Institute of Tech
McDaniel C
Menlo C
Mills C
Moore C of Art & Design
Mount Holyoke C
New England Culinary Inst
New York U*
Northeastern U*
Northwestern U*
Oberlin C*
Occidental C*
Oregon State U*
Otis C of Art & Design
Pace U*
Pacific Lutheran U
Parsons School of Design*
Paul Smith's C
PA Inst of Culinary Arts
Penn State, U Park*
Pepperdine U*
Pitzer C*
Pt Loma Nazarene U
Portland State U
Princeton U*
Purdue U*
Reed C*
RI School of Design
Rice U
Rochester Inst of Tech
Saint Mary's C of CA*
San Diego State U
San Francisco State U
San Jose State U*
Santa Clara U

Savannah C of Art/Design*
School of Museum of F.A.*
Scrapps C*
Seattle Pacific U
Seattle U*
Skidmore C*
Southern Methodist U*
St. Edward's U
St. John's C
St. Olaf C*
Stanford U
Suffolk U
SUNY Albany
Syracuse U*
Temple U
Texas Tech
Trinity U
Tufts U*
Union C
U California Davis*
U California Irvine
U California Los Angeles
U California Merced
U California San Diego*
U California SB*
U California Santa Cruz*
U Central FL
U Chicago
U Cincinnati
U CO Boulder*
U Connecticut
U Georgia
U Hawaii, Manoa
U Illinois U-C*
U Maryland C Park
U Miami*
U Michigan
U Nevada, Las Vegas
U NC Chapel Hill*
U Notre Dame
U Oregon*
U Pacific
U Pennsylvania*
U Pittsburgh
U Portland
U Puget Sound*
U San Diego*
U San Francisco*
U South Carolina
U Southern California*
U Texas, Austin
U Virginia
U Washington*
U Wisconsin, Madison
Ursinus C
Utah Valley U
Vanderbilt U
Vassar C*
Villanova U

Virginia Tech
Wake Forest U
Washington State U
Wellesley C
Wesleyan U
West Virginia U
Wheaton C, IL
Wheaton C, MA*
Whitman C*
Widener U
Wilkes U
Willamette U
William & Mary, C of
Yale U

International

Canada

Art Inst of Vancouver
Carleton U
McGill U*
Queen's U
U British Columbia*
U Ottawa
U Toronto
U Waterloo
York U

Japan

Int'l Christian U*
Sophia U*
Temple U Japan*

United Kingdom

Cardiff U
Central St. Martin's
Chelsea C of Art & Design
Imperial C of ST&M
King's C London*
Kingston U
London Sch of Economics
Nottingham Trent U
U College London*
U Bath*
U Central Lancashire
U Durham*
U East Anglia
U East London
U Edinburgh*
U Glasgow
U Kent at Canterbury
U Liverpool
U Manchester*
U Nottingham*
U Southampton*
U of the Arts
U Warwick
U York*

Other Countries

U Melbourne, Australia
Parsons S of Design, Paris

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Four years (eight semesters) of high school attendance and 22 credits are required for an ASIJ diploma. The minimum requirements include:

Subject	Credits
English	4
Social Studies (one credit of US History)	3
Math	2
Science (one credit of physical science; one credit of life science)	2
Modern Languages (two levels of the same language)	2
Physical Education	1½
Creative & Applied Arts	1½
Creative & Applied Arts and/or PE	1
Health	½
Electives	4½
Study of Japan (Japan Studies, Japan Seminar, Japanese Literature in Translation, or Japanese Language)	
Total	22

2009-2010 ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

English

English 9
 English 10
 American Literature
 Japanese Lit in Translation
 Psych Views of Literature
 Poetry
 Mythology
 Futuristic Literature
 Writing Workshop I/II
 Imaginative Writing
 Journalism
 English Literature
 Adv Composition (H)
 Tragedy (H)
 Modern Literature (H)

Social Studies

Foundations of Mod World
 Modern World History
 US History
 Psychology
 Economics
 AP Macroeconomics (H)
 Japan Studies
 Film in Society
 Contemporary Asian Studies
 AP European History (H)
 AP US History (H)
 Japan Seminar (H)

Math

Foundations of Math
 Math in Decision Making
 Algebra I/II
 Geometry
 Acc Algebra II

Intro Probability & Stats
 Appl'd Precalc: Trig
 Appl'd Precalc: Math Modeling
 Precalculus
 Acc Precalculus
 AP Calculus AB (H)
 AP Calculus BC (H)
 AP Statistics (H)

Computer Science

Intro to Programming
 Intermed Programming
 AP Comp Science (H)

Science

Conceptual Physics
 Biology
 Chemistry
 AP Biology (H)
 AP Chemistry (H)
 AP Physics (H)
 AP Environ Science (H)
 Astronomy
 Marine Studies

Modern Languages

Chinese I
 French I/II/III/IV
 French V (H)
 Spanish I/II/III/IV
 Spanish V (H)
 Japanese Foundations
 Japanese 1/2/3/4/5
 AP Japanese Lang & Culture (H)
 Japanese 6A/6B/7/8/9
 Japanese 9 (H)

Adv Japanese: Intro to Lit
 Adv Japanese: Comparative Cultures
 Adv Japanese: Media Literacy
 Adv Japanese: Contemporary Japan (H)
 Adv Japanese: Current Issues (H)
 Adv Japanese: Lit (H)

Creative & Applied Arts

Film Making
 Digital Film Making

Music

Wind Ensemble
 Concert Band
 Jazz Band
 Choir
 Choir Level 2
 Vocal Jazz Ensemble
 Music Comp & Song Writing
 Adv Music Comp & Song Writing
 Rookie Band
 Strings
 Guitar I/II

Visual Arts

Art Spectrum I/II
 Visual Communication & Design
 Computer Art & Design
 Web Design
 Painting
 Metal Craft

Glass Art
 Life Drawing
 Advanced Drawing
 Photography & Digital Imaging I/II
 Ceramics
 Advanced Ceramics
 Art History
 Yearbook Design
 AP Studio Art (H)

Theater Arts

Theater Design
 Stage Craft

Life Skills

Independent Living

PE/Health

Health
 PE 9/10
 Strength Training & Conditioning
 ARC Lifeguard Training
 Personal Fitness
 Lifetime Activities

Learning Support

(by recommendation only)
 Skills for Success
 Comprehensive Lang Arts

Other Courses

Teaching Intern
 Student Aide

(H) = Honors Course