



Academic Overview

For a list of courses, please visit:

<https://www.universityprep.org/academics/upper-school>

For a detailed list of graduation requirements and academic policies, please visit:

<https://www.universityprep.org/academics/upper-school/academic-policies>

For more detailed information about our Intensives program, please visit:

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To learn more about our Senior Launchpad program, please visit:

<https://www.universityprep.org/academics/upper-school/senior-launchpad>

Accreditation

University Prep is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS). The school is also a member of ACCIS, NAIS, NACAC, and PNACAC.

Curriculum

All classes are college preparatory. Because University Prep's curriculum is demanding, there are no designated honors, International Baccalaureate, or AP classes; students may choose to take AP exams but prepare for them on their own time.

All students must participate in fine arts and physical education programs. Additionally, Upper School students may take fully online courses for credit through Global Online Academy, a consortium of 60 leading independent schools in the U.S. and abroad.

Schedule

The year is organized into two semesters (September-December and January-May). Our rotating block schedule has six classes, which meet two out of every three days. Students are expected to carry a minimum of five classes each semester.

We also offer two Intensive academic experiences each year. Intensives take place in January and May-June, immediately following the first and second semesters. Intensives are three-week terms during which students take one class full-time. Intensive courses include required classes (biology, humanities), elective classes that meet graduation requirements (introduction to statistics, health), as well as elective classes (ceramics, engineering, the history of East Asia, radio lab). Intensive classes are listed on the transcript as a semester class and are the equivalent of a semester credit.

Graduation Requirements

Students need a total of 225 credits to graduate, and semester-long classes and intensive courses earn 5 credits.

English: 40 credits	History: 35 credits
Mathematics: 30 credits	Science: 30 credits, all lab sciences
Physical Education: 20 credits	Electives: 20 credits
Languages: 30 credits (three years of one language)	
40 credits (two years of two languages)	
Fine arts: 20 credits from two of our four disciplines	

Computing Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Grading in academic course work is rigorous. University Prep does not weight grades, compute or report GPAs for individual students, or compute class rank (due to the small size of each graduating class).