

# School Profile 2020–2021

## I. THE SCHOOL

San Francisco University High School opened in 1975 as a coeducational, college preparatory, independent secondary school. Enrollment stands at 410 students this year. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, UHS is also a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the California Association of Independent Schools, the College Entrance Examination Board, and the Secondary School Admissions Test Board.

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### **II. STUDENT BODY**

UHS enrolls a diverse student body from a variety of racial, ethnic, religious, and economic communities. Students come to us from 48 different ZIP codes, most in San Francisco or Marin county. 52% self-identify as students of color. Our students speak 32 different languages at home. 23% of students were awarded \$3.6M in financial aid for the 2020-21 school year. The class of 2021 has 97 students.

## **III. CURRICULUM AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS AT UHS**

UHS offers college-level courses in every discipline, as listed below. Our faculty design the scope and sequence of our curriculum, either choosing to include AP courses or developing honors electives, depending on what best fulfills a program's learning goals. The University of California treats all electives with an "AP" or "Honors" designation as honors courses. We do not limit the number of honors or AP courses students can take, but we urge them to attempt a reasonable load.

### A. HONORS AND ADVANCED CLASSES BY DEPARTMENT

Arts (Western Civ. and two electives required): AP Art History; AP 2D Design; AP 3D Design; AP Drawing; AP Music Theory

English (four years required): English III Honors; English IV Honors

#### Foreign Language (three years required):

- Chinese IV-H: Honors Chinese Language; Chinese V-H: Honors Advanced Chinese Seminar; Chinese VI-H: Honors Advanced Topics in Chinese
- AP French Language; Honors French Literature; Advanced French Seminar
- Advanced Latin
- Honors Spanish Literature; Honors Advanced Spanish Literature

History (two years required): AP European History; US History Honors; History Electives

#### Mathematics (three years required):

AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC; AP Computer Science-A; AP Statistics; Multivariable Calculus; Non-Euclidean Geometry; Chaos Theory

#### Science (two years required):

Advanced Projects in Physics; AP Environmental Science; Honors Biology; Advanced Topics in Biology: Human Physiology; Advanced Topics in Chemistry

#### **B. INDEPENDENT STUDY:**

Consistent with our core values of inquiry and agency, UHS offers a robust Independent Study program that allows students to pursue in-depth learning that they design themselves. Last year, 88 students took advantage of this option. In addition to serving as TAs for courses (5), they developed a vast and imaginative range of projects, including: Artificial Intelligence and Ethics, Asian American Women in Literature, Baldwin and Wright, Calculus through Physics, Charcoal Drawing, Chinese Poetry, Constitutional Law, Early Childhood Development, Economics of Immigration, Evangelist Media, Exercise Science, Human Cognition, Iranian Diaspora, Molecular Thermodynamics, Music History of South Africa, Quantum Physics, Reproductive Politics, Science of Addiction, Unconscious Branding, and Vietnam in the 20th Century.

### **IV. CLASS OF 2020 STANDARDIZED TESTING**

Due to COVID-19, the majority of the class of 2021 were unable to test at the time of our profile's publication. To provide a sense of the typical testing outcomes at University High School, below is the data from the class of 2020.

#### A. SAT Reasoning Test

Middle 50% Scores (74 students tested)	
Evidence Based Reasoning	680 - 760
Math	650 - 760

### **B. ACT Tests**

English	33 - 35
Math	27 - 32
Reading	30 - 35
Science	27 - 34
Composite	29 - 34

#### **C. SAT Subject Tests**

Middle 50% scores (number of students tested)		
Biology - Molecular	620 - 700	(15)
Chemistry	620 - 720	(11)
English Literature	610 - 710	(25)
French	670 - 790	(9)
Math Level II	630 - 770	(44)
Spanish	630 - 690	(12)
US History	600 - 710	(28)

#### **D. National Merit Scholarship Information:**

15 students were commended in the class of 2020. Five were National Merit semifinalists, four were finalists and three were award recipients.

#### **E. Advanced Placement Examinations:**

UHS students took 220 examinations in May 2019. 98% scored 3 or above. 85% scored 4 or above.

Score	Total
5	122
4	64
3	29
2	3
1	2

# V. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT (2016–2020)

Below is a list of the colleges and universities where UHS graduates have enrolled over the past five years. 100% of our students enroll in college, the vast majority in four-year institutions.

COLLEGE	ATTEND
Amherst College	8
Babson College	1
Barnard College	5
Bates College	4
Boston College	7
Boston University	9
Bowdoin College	1
Brandeis University	2
Brown University	13
Bryn Mawr College	3
California Institute of Technology	1
California State University, Long Beach	1
Carleton College	8
Carnegie Mellon University	4
Case Western Reserve University	1
Claremont McKenna College	4
Clemson University	1
Colby College	10
Colgate University	4
College of Marin	1
Colorado College	4
Columbia University	13
Connecticut College	2
Cornell University	10
Dartmouth College	2
Davidson College	5
Dickinson College	1
Drexel University	2
Duke University	7
Emory University	4
Fordham University	1
The George Washington University	3
Georgetown University	7
Gonzaga University	1
Hamilton College	1

COLLEGE	ATTEND
Harvard University	13
Harvey Mudd College	1
Haverford College	1
Howard University	1
Johns Hopkins University	2
Kenyon College	5
Lafayette College	1
Leibniz Kolleg Universität Tüebingen	1
Lewis & Clark College	2
Loyola University Chicago	1
Macalester College	2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3
McGill University	1
Middlebury College	6
Mount Holyoke College	2
Muhlenberg College	1
The New School	1
New York University	13
New York University, Shanghai	1
Northeastern University	6
Northwestern University	9
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	3
Occidental College	2
Pitzer College	7
Pomona College	4
Princeton University	7
Providence College	1
Purdue University	1
Reed College	2
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1
Rhode Island School of Design	1
San Francisco State University	3
Santa Clara University	3
Scripps College	4
Smith College	2

COLLEGE	ATTEND
Southern Methodist University	3
St. Olaf College	3
Stanford University	15
Swarthmore College	5
Syracuse University	2
Trinity College	3
Trinity University	1
Tufts University	19
Tulane University	7
The University of British Columbia	1
University of California, Berkeley	16
University of California, Davis	3
University of California, Los Angeles	16
University of California, Santa Barbara	3
University of California, Santa Cruz	6
University of Chicago	23
University of Colorado, Boulder	4
University of Hawaii, Manoa	1
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	1
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
University of Michigan	4
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
University of Oregon	2
University of Oxford	1

COLLEGE	ATTEND
University of Pennsylvania	5
University of Puget Sound	5
University of Redlands	1
University of San Francisco	2
University of Southern California	9
University of St Andrews	3
University of the Pacific	2
University of Toronto	1
University of Vermont	2
University of Virginia	1
University of Washington, Seattle	1
University of Wisconsin, Madison	4
Vanderbilt University	2
Vassar College	7
Villanova University	1
Wake Forest University	2
Washington University in St. Louis	12
Wellesley College	4
Wesleyan University	7
Wheaton College (MA)	1
Whitman College	4
Williams College	5
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Yale University	12