

Ursuline Profile

Founded in 1874, Ursuline Academy of Dallas is an independent Catholic, college preparatory school for young women sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters.

The mission of Ursuline Academy is the total development of the individual student through spiritual formation, intellectual growth, service to others, and building of community.

Ursuline Academy educates young women for leadership in a global society.



Founded **1874**

Oldest continuously operating school in Dallas



Total Enrollment (9-12) **880+**



Students of Color **34%**



Tuition 2023-2024 **\$27,000**



Catholic **71%**



Average Class Size **15-18**



Student-Teacher Ratio **9:1**



Faculty **106**

Majority with advanced degrees

Accreditation

Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS)

Memberships & Affiliations

Association for Academic Leaders

CASE

Educational Records Bureau (ERB)

Global Education Benchmark Group (GEBG)

International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS)

National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)

National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA)

One Schoolhouse

Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS)

The College Board

Ursuline Education Network (UEN)



We are a Microsoft Showcase School.

Financial Assistance

In 2023-2024, the Academy will grant more than **\$1,700,000** in financial assistance and merit awards to **201** students, representing approximately **23%** of the student body.

National Merit Scholarship Program

2021-23: 9 Ursuline students were named National Merit Finalists; 28 were Commended Scholars.

National Hispanic Recognition Program*

2021-23: 47 Ursuline students were recognized in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.

National African American Recognition Program*

2021-23: 8 Ursuline students were recognized in the National African American Recognition Program.

*The National Hispanic and National African American Recognition Programs include both Juniors and Seniors.



College Preparatory Curriculum

Ursuline Academy offers a challenging college preparatory curriculum with additional opportunities for elective course work to support individual growth and development. Criteria for acceptance into AP and Honors courses are specialized and selective.

Graduation Requirements for Class of 2024

26 Credits are required for graduation:

English	4.0	Physical Education	1.0
Mathematics	3.0	Fine Arts	1.0
Science*	3.0	Computer Science	1.0
Social Studies**	3.0	Freshman Seminar:	
Theology	4.0	Life Skills	0.5
World Language***	3.0	Upperclassman Seminar:	
Electives	2.0	Life Skills	0.5

*Requirement: Physics I, Chemistry I, Biology I, students begin with Physics I in their freshman year, 4 years strongly recommended

**Requirement: World History, Government, United States History, and Macroeconomics

***Requirement: Same language in consecutive years, students begin in their freshman year, 3 years or through level 3

Grading and Ranking Policy

It is the policy of Ursuline Academy not to rank our students. Our selective admission is based on an entrance test, grade school record, recommendations, interview, and application essay responses. Only semesters completed at Ursuline are included in the Ursuline GPA. Additional weighting of 0.6 for AP and Honors courses is added only in determination of the GPA and is **not reflected in the numeric grade.**

Grading Scale

93-100	4.0	A	83-86	3.0	B	73-76	2.0	C
90-92	3.7	A-	80-82	2.7	B-	70-72	1.7	C-
87-89	3.3	B+	77-79	2.3	C+	65-69	1.0	D

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

Students in honors/AP classes are expected to focus on new material, receive and apply instruction more quickly to novel situations, be self-driven, and relish and seek out challenges. Students must meet criteria to enroll in honors classes such as academic readiness, faculty recommendations, and standardized tests scores.

Honors Courses

Computer Science
English
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies*
World Language

*Social Studies honors classes are not available to Freshmen.

Advanced Placement Courses and Post-AP Courses

English Language & Composition	Comparative Government and Politics
English Literature & Composition	Macroeconomics
Calculus AB and BC	Microeconomics
Statistics	Psychology
Computer Science A	Chinese Language & Culture
Computer Science Principles	French Language & Culture
Biology	Spanish Language & Culture
Chemistry	Spanish Literature & Culture
Environmental Science	Music Theory
Physics I and Physics II	Studio Art: 2-D Design
Physics C: Mechanics	Studio Art: 3-D Design
Art History	Studio Art: Drawing
European History	Business French Post-AP
US History	Multivariable Calculus Post-AP
World History	Linear Algebra Post-AP
Human Geography	Computer Science Advanced Topics Honors Post-AP
US Government and Politics	

Standardized Testing

Class of 2022 SAT	Middle 50%	Mean
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	580-690	636
Mathematics	540-670	603
Class of 2022 ACT	Middle 50%	Mean
Composite	23-31	27

Class of 2023 Student Voices



Biya Mary Cham

College Choice: Texas A & M University

"Ursuline's motto of *Serviam* reminds me every day that even as a high school student, I have the power to make a positive difference in the world. I have had many opportunities to find service in line with my passions, and this has laid the foundation for me to be a strong servant leader who puts needs of others before myself."



Obademilade Mary-Anne Fashemo

College Choice: University of Pennsylvania

"Throughout my time at Ursuline, I have been able to take both challenging core classes and unique electives. The wide curriculum Ursuline offers allows students to take an interdisciplinary approach to education and hone in on interests they want to pursue further in college."



Anna Gabrielle Kahl

College Choice: University of Notre Dame

"At an all-girls high school, I have learned how to be more outspoken, grow as a leader, and become more confident in my own abilities in an environment that values me as a young woman. I have been able to grow in areas that I didn't expect to develop through the support of my peers."

Ursuline Academy of Dallas – Educating Global Leaders

Ursuline students engage in a variety of transformative experiences which help them grow in global competence. As they get to know and touch the realities of other cultures, they gain new appreciation for different perspectives and a better understanding of what it means to be a citizen of the world. They also have the opportunity to share a unique sisterhood with students around the globe. Educational and cultural exchanges take place each year with sister schools in Australia, Brazil, Chile, China, England, France, Jordan, Peru, South Africa, Taiwan, and Wilmington, Delaware. Mission trips and global studies opportunities are also offered.

Spiritual Formation and *Serviam*, “I Will Serve”

Ursuline education is rooted in the belief that spiritual life is to be nurtured and developed. Students discover the possibilities that faith in Jesus Christ offers through an array of curricular and extra-curricular activities including Theology studies, integration of Catholic social teachings in coursework, annual retreats, school-wide liturgies, student-led prayer services, and daily prayer. All Ursuline schools share a commitment to forming students as servant leaders. In the spirit of *Serviam* (Latin for “I will serve”), students and alumnae reach out to society through service projects initiated by students and service learning incorporated into classroom instruction.

HONOR CODE/DISCLOSURE POLICY

Students at Ursuline Academy of Dallas are governed by an Honor Code that encourages an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust in our community. As young women bound by a code of conduct, students are expected to answer all college application questions truthfully. When asked, counselors report to colleges all disciplinary violations resulting in suspension or expulsion.

Portrait of an Ursuline Graduate

Act, move, believe, strive, hope, cry out to God with all your heart...

– St. Angela Merici, Foundress of the Ursuline Order

An Ursuline graduate

- Is a woman of faith and reflection.
- Embodies *Serviam* by using her gifts to learn from and serve others.
- Appreciates multiple perspectives and celebrates the uniqueness of all locally and globally.
- Encourages and exemplifies integrity and resiliency.
- Is a life-long learner who engages with others ethically, critically, empathetically.
- Is an independent, innovative thinker who instigates and embraces change.
- Strives to build a strong sense of community.



Holly Michael Kaighan

College Choice: The University of Oklahoma

“My academic experience at Ursuline has been phenomenal! The teachers give you their time to teach you patience, perseverance, and above all a well-rounded sense of independence. The bond of sisterhood is a great advantage...there is no stronger feeling than knowing 800 girls have your back.”



Megan Christine Nuchereno

College Choice: Santa Clara University

“Ursuline has nurtured my ability to see things from all sides and perspectives. Through all my classes I have been pushed to recognize arguments from different sides. Now when presented with an issue, I can almost always empathize with either perspective, regardless of my opinion. This ability is crucial in today’s global society.”



Ava Sophia Place

College Choice: Texas Christian University

“As I have matured in age, my relationship with Christ has flourished. Through Peer Ministry at Ursuline, I found a community on a similar faith journey where I could develop my relationship with God. Also at Ursuline, I have learned the importance of listening to others’ thoughts and respecting each individual.”

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Ursuline Academy

Core Values

- Spiritual formation and faith development
- Respect for the uniqueness of the individual
- Development of the whole person
- Development of a nurturing community spirit
- Commitment to peacemaking
- *Serviam* (I will serve) as a lived reality

Academic excellence is a hallmark of an Ursuline school.

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University and College Acceptances



Class of 2023

Size of Class: **204 young women students**

College Placement: **98% four-year colleges**

Merit Awards: **The Class of 2023 was offered more than \$33 million in merit-based scholarships.**

Texas

Abilene Christian University
Austin College
Baylor University
Dallas Baptist University
Dallas College
Rice University
St. Edward's University
Southern Methodist University
Southwestern University
Stephen F. Austin State University
Texas A & M University
Texas A & M University-Corpus Christi
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of Texas at Tyler
Trinity University
University of Dallas
University of Houston
University of Houston-Downtown
University of North Texas
University of the Incarnate Word

Out of State

Auburn University
Alfred University
Arizona State University
Ave Maria University
Bard College
Belmont University
Benedictine College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Brown University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University, Humboldt
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Canisius College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary College of Louisiana
Centenary University
Central Washington University
Chapman University
Chicago State University
Clark Atlanta University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of Charleston
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Cornell University
Creighton University
CUNY City College
Dartmouth College
Depaul University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
Emerson College
Emory University
Fisk University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University

Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gonzaga University
Grand Canyon University
Grinnell College
Hampton University
Harvard University
Hawaii Pacific University
Hofstra University
Howard University
Indiana University Bloomington
Iowa State University
James Madison University
John Paul the Great Catholic University
Kansas State University
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University New Orleans
Lynn University
Marietta College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University
Michigan State University
Mississippi State University
Missouri State University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount Saint Mary's University
New Mexico State University-Dona Ana
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northern Arizona University
Northwestern University
Oklahoma State University
Oral Roberts University
Oregon State University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Pittsburg State University
Purdue University
Reed College
Rhode Island School of Design
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Rollins College
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Saint Mary's College of California
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Seattle Pacific University
Seton Hall University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Smith College
South Carolina State University
Southeastern University
Spelman College
St. Olaf College
Syracuse University
The Catholic University of America
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Kansas
The University of Oklahoma
The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
The University of Tulsa
Towson University

Tufts University
Tulane University of Louisiana
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard Academy
United States Merchant Marine Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Arizona
University of Arkansas
University of California Los Angeles
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Central Florida
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Colorado Springs
University of Colorado Denver
University of Connecticut
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii At Manoa
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kentucky
University of Louisville
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Dakota
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of the Pacific
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wake Forest University
Westmont College
Whittier College
William & Mary
Xavier University
Xavier University of Louisiana

Out of Country

The University of British Columbia
The American University of Paris
Nebrija University
Franklin University Switzerland
Goldsmiths, University of London
Northumbria University, Newcastle
Oxford Brookes University
University of Aberdeen
University of Birmingham
University of Exeter
University of St Andrews

Ua+ offers summer school, expanded summer camps, programs, and activities for the entire Ursuline community. Workshops are now available year-round for students, parents, alumnae, faculty, staff, and friends, providing space and time for exploration, deep dives, and passion projects. For more information, contact Amy Gilchrist, Director of Auxiliary Programs, agilchrist@ursulinedallas.org.

