Academic Overview

Resources
For a detailed list of graduation requirements and courses, please visit: https://tinyurl.com/UPrepProgramOfStudy

For more detailed information about our intensives program, please visit: https://www.universityprep.org/academics/intensives

To learn more about our Launchpad program, please visit: https://www.universityprep.org/academics/upper-school/lunchpad

Accreditation
UPrep is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS). The school is also a member of ACCIS, NAIS, NACAC, and PNAAC.

Curriculum
All classes are college preparatory. Because UPrep’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 the fine arts and physical education programs. Additionally, Upper School students may take fully online courses for credit through Global Online Academy, a consortium of 120 leading independent schools in the U.S. and abroad.

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

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

Computing Grade Point Average and Class Rank
Grading in academic course work is rigorous. UPrep does not weight grades, compute, or report GPAs for individual students, or compute class rank (due to the small size of each graduating class).
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. Intensives courses include required classes (such as Biology or Humanities), elective classes that meet graduation requirements (such as Introduction to Statistics or Health), as well as elective classes (such as Ceramic Arts, Engineering I, Entrepreneurship, or Video Journalism). Intensive classes are listed on the transcript as a semester class and are the equivalent of a semester credit.