



SAN FRANCISCO
UNIVERSITY
HIGH SCHOOL
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School Profile 2023-2024

I. THE SCHOOL

San Francisco University High School opened in 1975 as a coeducational, college preparatory, independent secondary school. Enrollment stands at 480 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 50 different ZIP codes, most in San Francisco or Marin county. 59% self-identify as students of color. Our students speak 31 different languages at home. 21% of students were awarded \$4.4M in financial aid for the 2023-2024 school year. The class of 2024 has 120 students.

III. CURRICULUM AND DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

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. UHS does not give academic awards of any kind.

A. HONORS, ADVANCED, OR ACCELERATED CLASSES BY DEPARTMENT

Arts (Civilization & the Arts and two electives required):
AP Art History; AP 2D Design; AP 3D Design; AP Drawing;
AP Music Theory; Advanced Projects in Theatre I and II

English (four years required):
Honors English Seminar

Juniors and seniors study together in semester-long courses they select from a wide array of electives, all of which are taught at the honors level and receive honors credit from the University of California.

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
- French IV-H: Honors Advanced French Language and Culture; AP French Language; Honors French Literature; Advanced French Seminar
- Advanced Latin: Caeser; Advanced Latin: Poets; Advanced Latin: Prose
- Honors Spanish Literature; Honors Advanced Spanish Literature; Honors Advanced Spanish Seminar

History (two years required):
AP European History; AP African American Studies;
US History Honors

Seniors (and occasionally juniors) can also pursue advanced elective seminars that offer a deep and sustained exploration of highly specialized global historical topics.

Mathematics (three years required):
AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC; AP Computer Science-A;
AP Statistics; Multivariable Calculus; Precalculus with
Differential Calculus

The math department also offers an array of advanced electives that require high-order reasoning, calculation, and problem solving. These include: Introduction to Chaos Theory & Fractal Geometry; Introduction to Logic; Non-Euclidean Geometry; Game Theory

Science (two years required):
AP Environmental Science; Advanced Projects in Physics;
Advanced Topics in Biology: Genetics & Biotechnology;
Advanced Topics in Biology: Human Physiology;
Advanced Topics in Modern Chemistry; Honors Biology

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. In addition to serving as TAs for courses (8), they developed a vast and imaginative range of projects, including: Business Analytics; Creative Writing Portfolio; The Paperfuge: Can This Device Help Solve the Postpartum Hemorrhage Crisis?; How Social Media Affects Teenagers' Mental Health; Marine Biology: A Plastic World Beneath Our Waters; Bridging the Gap Between Disability and the Outdoors; Behavior Economics; Unsung Heroes: The Thankless History of the Oneida Nation; The Importance of Conservation and Environmental Literacy; Origins of Ethnic Studies: The 1968 Strike at San Francisco State College; Biracial Identity Through Literature; Reducing Recidivism, One Second Chance at A Time; ChatGPT and Its Effects on Education; Meteorites: Clues to our Universe; Activism in Pottery; The Future of Cities: Self-Driving Cars; Learning Arabic; Exploring Solutions to the Carbon Dioxide Crisis; Building a Battery; Redefining the American Dream: Immigrant Stories; The Sociology and Impact of Disinformation; Rewriting Mythology; The Worth of Shouting Into the Void; Capturing Motion in Drawing; Black-Asian Solidarity; Non-Adhesive Book Binding; Knot Theory in Physics; Hawaiian Statehood.

C. THE BLENDed CONSORTIUM

In the fall of 2019, University High School joined six peer schools in the BlendEd consortium. This program offers students a new level of engaging curriculum that takes advantage of the geography, talent, and culture of the Bay Area. Classes offered through BlendEd are taught by full-time faculty at one of the consortium schools, include regular virtual meetings in addition to 3–5 in-person experiences, and are equivalent in rigor to UHS courses.

D. THE INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIVE EDUCATION

In the fall of 2022, UHS' longstanding Human Development program transformed into the Institute for Responsive Education (REd). REd is comprised of five centers: the Center for Climate Studies, the Center for Community Engagement, the Center for Equity and Community, the Center for Health and Wellness, and the Center for Metacognition and Neurodiversity. Each year, students engage in programming offered by these Centers as part of their graduation requirements. In addition, they have opportunities to participate in interdisciplinary REd electives about topics that address evolving socio-political phenomena both within and outside UHS.

IV. STANDARDIZED TESTING

Despite the easing of pandemic restrictions, it has remained challenging for students to secure SAT and ACT dates in or near the Bay Area. To provide a sense of the typical testing outcomes at University High School, tables a) and b) below present data from the class of 2024. Tables c) and d) present three-year aggregated data.

A. SAT Reasoning Test

Middle 50% Scores (73 students tested)

Evidence Based Reasoning	670 - 750
Math	660 - 755

B. ACT Tests

Middle 50% Scores (43 students tested)

English	33 - 36
Math	27 - 32
Reading	32 - 36
Science	30 - 33
Composite	30 - 34

C. National Merit Scholarship Information:

50 students were commended in the classes of 2021, 2022, and 2023. 13 were National Merit semifinalists, 11 were finalists, and four were award recipients.

D. Advanced Placement Examinations:

UHS students took a total of 596 examinations in May 2021, 2022, and 2023. 84% scored 3 or above. 61% scored 4 or above.

Score	Total
5	181
4	185
3	135
2	68
1	27

V. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT (2019 - 2023)

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
American University	2
Amherst College	1
Babson College	2
Barnard College	5
Bates College	4
Boston College	9
Boston University	7
Bowdoin College	1
Brandeis University	1
Brown University	12
Bryn Mawr College	1
Bucknell University	3
California Institute of Technology	1
Carleton College	3
Carnegie Mellon University	2
Chapman University	3
Claremont McKenna College	2
Clark University	1
Colby College	7
Colgate University	3
Colorado College	5
Colorado School of Mines	1
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	1
Columbia University	9
Connecticut College	1
Cornell University	8
Dartmouth College	6
Davidson College	1
Denison College	1
Drexel University	2
Duke University	7
Emily Carr University of Art & Design	1
Emory University	4
Fordham University	3
Franklin and Marshall College	1

COLLEGE	ATTEND
The George Washington University	3
Georgetown University	11
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Gonzaga University	2
Hamilton College	1
Harvard University	7
Harvey Mudd College	2
Haverford College	5
Howard University	2
Ithaca College	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
Kenyon College	5
Lafayette College	2
Lehigh University	1
Leibniz Kolleg Universität Tübingen	1
Lewis & Clark College	3
Linfield University	1
Loyola Marymount University	1
Loyola University Chicago	2
Macalester College	2
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	1
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
McGill University	2
Middlebury College	3
The New School	3
New York University	6
New York University, Shanghai	1
Northeastern University	5
Northwestern University	6
Oberlin College	2
Occidental College	4
Pace University	1
Pitzer College	6
Pomona College	5

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COLLEGE	ATTEND
Princeton University	6
Purdue University	1
Queen's University	1
Reed College	3
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1
Rhode Island School of Design	1
Rice University	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Santa Clara University	2
Sarah Lawrence College	1
Scripps College	3
Smith College	3
Southern Methodist University	6
St. Olaf College	1
Stanford University	26
Stevens Institute of Technology	1
Swarthmore College	5
Trinity College	1
Trinity College Dublin	1
Trinity University	1
Tufts University	19
Tulane University	8
Union College	1
The University of British Columbia	1
University of California, Berkeley	17
University of California, Davis	5
University of California, Irvine	1
University of California, Los Angeles	13
University of California, Merced	1
University of California, Riverside	1
University of California, San Diego	5
University of California, Santa Barbara	1
University of California, Santa Cruz	5
University of Chicago	27
University of Colorado, Boulder	3
University of Denver	1
University of Hawaii, Manoa	1

COLLEGE	ATTEND
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	1
University of Kansas	1
University of Maryland, College Park	1
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
University of Michigan	4
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	2
University of Notre Dame	1
University of Oregon	4
University of Pennsylvania	8
University of Pittsburgh	1
University of Puget Sound	1
University of Redlands	1
University of Richmond	3
University of San Diego	1
University of San Francisco	2
University of Southern California	4
University of St Andrews	5
University of the Pacific	1
University of Toronto	1
University of Vermont	1
University of Virginia	2
University of Washington, Seattle	3
University of Wisconsin, Madison	8
Vanderbilt University	5
Vassar College	5
Villanova University	1
Wake Forest University	5
Washington University in St. Louis	5
Wellesley College	4
Wesleyan University	8
Wheaton College (MA)	1
Whitman College	2
Whittier College	1
Williams College	2
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	2
Yale University	10