

2023-24 University School of Milwaukee Profile

School Information

USM is a coeducational PK-12 preparatory day school with a 171-year history of independence in education, cultivating excellence in learning, leadership, and citizenship for prekindergarten through 12th grade students. Students are engaged, known, and valued within our passionate independent school community, guided by our Common Trust: we agree to treat one another with respect, trust, honesty, fairness, and kindness. Selective admission is based on a student's ability to perform college prep work. Admission is non-discriminatory.

Upper School Demographic

Upper School enrollment: 412 students (94 students in Class of 2024) from 5 Milwaukee-area counties

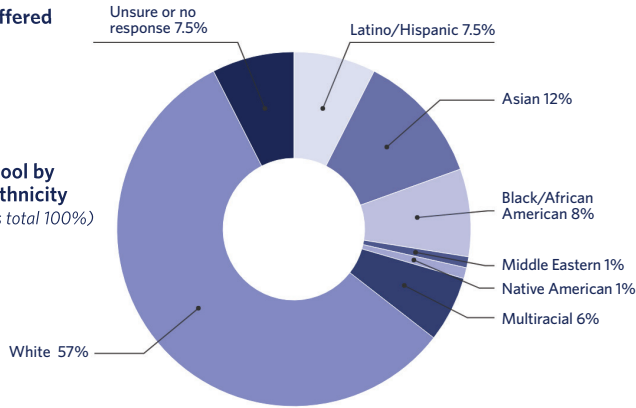
Upper School gender composition as reported: 52% female, 48% male

Students receiving financial assistance: 33.8%

Athletic participation: +/-90% (24 varsity teams); 366 students play at least 1 sport; WIAA Midwest Classic Conference (captains voted on during preseason)

57 clubs offered

Upper School by race and ethnicity
(Percentages total 100%)



Course Offerings

All academic classes are college preparatory. Many of our electives are comparable to AP in rigor.

Math and Science are the only departments to use "Honors" in course titling. Classes in other disciplines are considered honors-level.

No student may take more than four AP classes in a year without special approval and demonstrated history of academic excellence. Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to sit for the exam.

Academic Information

At minimum, students must satisfy the following graduation requirements

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
ENGLISH	English 1	English 2	English 3	English 4 Electives**
HISTORY	World Civilizations	Western Civilization	U.S. History**	
MATHEMATICS*	Students must complete Algebra 1, Algebra 2*, and Geometry* by graduation			
SCIENCE*	Biology*	Chemistry*	Physics*	
WORLD LANGUAGES	2 consecutive years of the same world language (students progressing through a level over more than one year will have that denoted on the transcript as #A, #B)			
ARTS	Public Speaking + 3 semesters of visual or performing art			
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	FITT 4 Life	Wellness & Physical Education		
Students must complete 30 service hours.				

*Honors option available with faculty recommendation

**AP option available

Class of 2023 Advanced Placement Data

1+ AP course: 96% **4+ AP courses: 63%** **7+ AP courses: 19%**

Most Rigorous Courses

English: Creative Writing; Digital Journalism; English 4 Digital Detox; Narrative Film Analysis; The Psychology of Literature; AP English Literature & Composition

History: AP US History; AP Microeconomics† (not offered after 2020); AP Art History; Post AP: The US as a Global Power; Economics; Fascism & the Legacy of WWII; Moral Philosophy; Psychology; World Religions; Global Studies Seminar; Legal and Ethical Issues in Art

Mathematics: Pre-Calculus-H; AP Statistics; AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC; Post AP: Linear Algebra; Multivariable Calculus

Science: Physics-H; Anatomy & Physiology A & B; Astronomy; Biochemistry of Human Metabolism & Diet; Materials Science (first offered '22-'23); Women's Health; AP Biology; AP Environmental Science; AP Chemistry; AP Physics 2; AP Physics C

World Languages: Intermediate 4-China through the Lens; AP French Language & Culture 1, 2; Latin IV; Spanish Intermediate 4-Literature & Writing; Spanish Intermediate 5; AP Spanish Language & Culture; AP Spanish Literature & Culture; Post AP: Advanced Topics in Spanish-Human Rights

Arts: Advanced Drawing and Painting; Photo & Digital Art Portfolio; AP 2-D Art and Design

Computer Science: AP Computer Science Principles; AP Computer Science A

Innovation: Advanced Robotics 1-4; Innovation Master Class, chosen from CAD/3D Printing; Plasma Laser; Raspberry Pi; Arduino

† summer only course

Disciplinary Reporting

USM expects students to disclose reportable violations of our Common Trust per application requirements. Counselors will ensure that appropriate context is communicated to institutions that ask.

Standardized Testing: Class of 2023

ACT Summary (50% of class testing, N=43)	Middle 50%	Class Average Using Highest Scores
English	23-34	27.5
Math	22-31	25.7
Reading	22-34	28.3
Science Reasoning	23-31	26.6
Composite	23-31	27

SAT Summary (31% of class testing, N=29)

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Evidence Based Reading & Writing	605-730	667
Mathematics	595-765	670
Total 1600 scale	1200-1485	1337

National Merit Scholarship Program

	Class of: 2023	2022	2021
National Merit Finalists	7	7	5
% of Graduating Class	7%	7%	5%

COVID-19-Related Practices

In March 2020, USM students engaged in distance learning from spring break through the remainder of the academic year. In the 2020-21 school year, students could choose in-person or remote instruction, and courses were hybrid. A majority of students attended in-person, though activities were interrupted for the year and a half following March 2020. We continued to use letter grades and offer culminating experiences.

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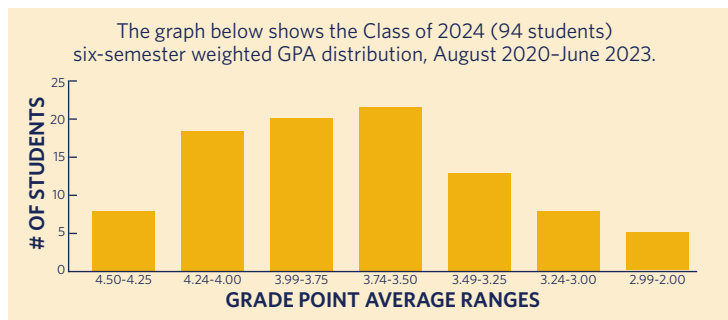
Grading System

USM grades on a weighted A-F scale.

Only AP grades are enhanced by a multiplier of 1.15. Honors classes are not weighted.

USM does not rank its seniors.

Top weighted GPA for class of 2024 at sixth semester: 4.37



Transcript Distinctions

Students who opt into USM's unique transcript distinction programs seek substantial intellectual and non-curricular enrichment beyond the traditional expectations of a high school graduate. Candidates for distinction are recognized on their transcripts, and distinctions are officially conferred upon graduation. Due to the comprehensive nature of these programs, only one distinction may appear on a student's transcript. All transcript distinction programs feature:

- Practical application** of classroom learning to real world situations;
- Collaboration** with peers, faculty, and professionals;
- Sustained research** at the college level;
- Public presentation** of findings/creations/achievements;
- Leadership** skill cultivation and practice; and
- Impact on/Contribution** to a field or population in need.

Global Scholar Distinction: A selective, application-based distinction requiring students to complete a crisis simulation, service work, and globally themed extracurricular activities, as well as four additional semesters of globally related course work, four years of study of the same language, and a senior capstone research seminar.

Independent Science Research Distinction: Students learn research methodologies and communicate their findings through hands-on experiences. Distinction in the program is earned through completing scientific research with an expert in their field and writing a college-level paper, as well as either a) completion of Independent Science Research 1-3 and participation in 3 science fairs or b) selection for Regeneron ISEF.

Kramlich Innovation Distinction: Students complete four additional semesters of challenging coursework beyond graduation requirements that meet the attributes, skills, and competencies characterizing innovative thinking. Students must participate in technologically themed extracurricular activities that engage their work with the broader community and complete a year-long Independent Study with an accompanying final project.

Civic Leadership Distinction: Students explore issues of citizenship and service in depth through co-curricular and elective classes and service-related projects through the sophomore and junior years, culminating in an informed partnership with a nonprofit in which the student develops expertise and directly addresses an issue of concern to them through a substantial, long term project in the senior year. One hundred (100) hours of service required.

Special Programs

Tower Project: An application-based, independent, capstone research and creative project in which students work with school and outside mentors, keep a public record of progress, defend research and conclusions, and present a 30-minute TED-like talk to a USM community audience. Participation is noted on transcript as a P/F class.

Internship and Shadowing Program: Sophomores, juniors, and seniors apply to participate in sponsored summer opportunities in the private, public, government and not-for-profit sectors, and in the medical field. Opportunities have been reduced in recent years due to COVID, and vary annually. Not all applicants are placed by employers/sponsors.

College Matriculation, 2020-2023

USM graduates from the past four years attended 172 colleges and universities across the globe.

Albany State University	1	Northern Illinois University	1
American University	1	Northern Michigan University	2
Amherst College	2	Northwestern University	3
Arizona State University-Tempe	8	Oberlin College	2
Aurora University	1	Occidental College	1
Baylor University	3	Pitzer College	1
Beloit College	1	Princeton University	2
Bentley University	1	Purdue University-Main Campus	3
Boston College	9	Rice University	2
Boston University	3	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	2
Brandeis University	1	Saint Louis University	1
Brown University	1	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	1
Butler University	1	Saint Norbert College	2
California Institute of Technology	1	Santa Clara University	3
Carleton College	1	Sarah Lawrence College	1
Case Western Reserve University	4	Savannah College of Art & Design - SCAD	1
Centre College	1	Skidmore College	1
Colby College	1	Smith College	1
Colgate University	2	Southern Methodist University	6
Colorado College	1	St Olaf College	1
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	1	Stanford University	1
Columbia College Chicago	1	Syracuse University	1
Columbia University in the City of New York	2	Texas Christian University	1
Concordia University-Wisconsin	1	The George Washington University	4
Connecticut College	1	The University of Alabama	2
Cornell University	1	The University of Edinburgh	1
Danville Area Community College	1	The University of Montana	1
Dartmouth College	2	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	3
Davidson College	1	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	1
Denison University	1	Trinity College	1
DePauw University	1	Trinity College Dublin	1
Duke University	3	Tufts University	1
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach	1	Tulane University of Louisiana	5
Emerson College	1	United States Air Force Academy	1
Emory University	3	United States Merchant Marine Academy	1
Florida Atlantic University	1	United States Naval Academy	1
Florida Gulf Coast University	1	University of Arizona	3
Fordham University	4	University of California-Berkeley	1
George Mason University	1	University of California-Los Angeles	3
Georgetown University	1	University of California-San Diego	1
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main Campus	2	University of Chicago	1
Georgia State University	1	University of Colorado Boulder	3
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus	2	University of Denver	4
Hamilton College	1	University of Florida	1
Harvard University	4	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	1
Harvey Mudd College	1	University of Miami	6
HEC Montreal	1	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	2
High Point University	2	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	5
Hope College	1	University of Notre Dame	3
Illinois Institute of Technology	1	University of Pennsylvania	3
Illinois Wesleyan University	1	University of Richmond	2
Indiana University Indianapolis	1	University of Rochester	4
Indiana University-Bloomington	7	University of San Diego	1
Johns Hopkins University	1	University of Southern California	5
Kenyon College	2	University of Vermont	2
Lafayette College	2	University of Virginia-Main Campus	2
Lake Forest College	3	University of Washington-Seattle Campus	2
Lawrence University	1	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	1
Lehigh University	3	University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	1
Lindenwood University	1	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	5
Loyola University Chicago	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	43
Macalester College	3	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	9
Marquette University	13	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	1
McGill University	1	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	1
Miami University, Oxford	4	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	2
Michigan Technological University	1	Vanderbilt University	2
Milwaukee Area Technical College	1	Villanova University	1
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design	1	Virginia Tech	1
Milwaukee School of Engineering	5	Wake Forest University	4
Montana State University	3	Washington University in St Louis	8
Moraine Park Technical College-West Bend Campus	1	Williams College	1
New York University	4	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Northeastern University	3	Xavier University	3
		Yale University	8

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Accreditation: Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)

Organizational Memberships: NAIS, ACCIS, NACAC, WACAC, NCAN

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