

# 2024-25 University School of Milwaukee School Profile



## School Information

USM is a coeducational PK-12 preparatory day school with a 173-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 preparatory work. Admission is non-discriminatory.

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

\*Honors option available with faculty recommendation

\*\*AP option available

## Most Rigorous Courses

**USM Offers:** 6 Honors courses; 18 AP courses; 9 Post-AP courses

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

**History:** AP U.S. History; AP Art History; *Post AP:* Economics; Moral Philosophy & Ethics; Military History of the U.S.; Intro to Psychology; World Religions; Global Studies Seminar

**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; Biochemistry of Human Metabolism & Diet; Materials Science; Women's Health; AP Biology; AP Environmental Science; AP Chemistry; AP Physics 2; AP Physics C

**World Languages:**

Chinese: Intermediate 2

French: AP French Language & Culture 1, 2

Latin: Latin IV

Spanish: AP Spanish Language & Culture; Spanish Intermediate 4-Literature and Writing; Spanish Intermediate 4-Culture and Conversations; AP Spanish Literature & Culture; *Post AP:* Advanced Topics in Spanish-Human Rights

**Arts:** AP Drawing; AP 2-D Art and Design

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

## Grading System

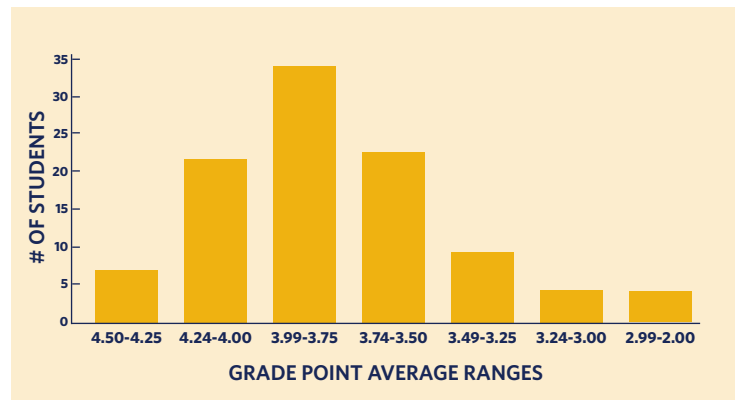
USM grades on a weighted A-F scale.

**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 2025 at sixth semester: 4.30

The graph below shows the Class of 2025 (101 students) six-semester weighted GPA distribution, August 2021-June 2024.



## Standardized Testing: Class of 2024

### ACT Summary (57% of class testing, N=53)

*Class Average Using Highest Scores*

English.....Middle 50%:	22-34	27.3
Math.....Middle 50%:	20-31	25.5
Reading.....Middle 50%:	22-34	28.4
Science Reasoning.....Middle 50%:	22-31	26.4
<b>Composite.....Middle 50%:</b>	<b>23-32</b>	<b>26.8</b>

### SAT Summary (42% of class testing, N=39)

Evidence Based Reading & Writing.....Middle 50%:	630-740	677
Mathematics.....Middle 50%:	590-770	670
<b>Total 1600 scale.....Middle 50%:</b>	<b>1220-1510</b>	<b>1347</b>

## Class of 2024 Advanced Placement Data

**1+ AP course: 99%**      **4+ AP courses: 60%**      **7+ AP courses: 20%**

## National Merit Scholarship Program

	Class of:	2024	2023	2022
National Merit Finalists		6	7	7
% of Graduating Class		6%	7%	5%

(continued on reverse)

## Upper School Demographic

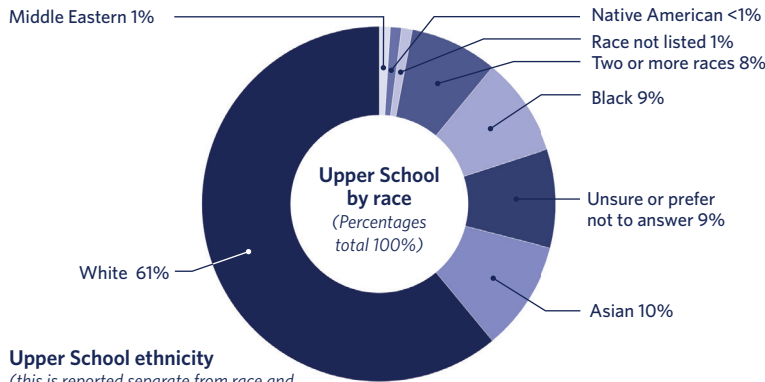
**Upper School enrollment:** 409 students (101 students in Class of 2025) from five Milwaukee-area counties

**Upper School gender composition as reported:** 55% female, 45% male

**Students receiving financial assistance:** 33%

**Athletic participation:** Over 75% of USM Upper School students play sports (26 varsity teams); USM is a member of the WIAA and WHSFHA

**Over 50 clubs offered**



### Upper School ethnicity

(this is reported separate from race and not included above)

Latino/a x or Hispanic - 9%

## 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 three science fairs or b) selection for Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair.

**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 are 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 nonprofit sectors, and in the medical field. Opportunities vary annually.

## Disciplinary Reporting

USM expects students to adhere to our community's Common Trust and to disclose violations of the Common Trust that result in a suspension to institutions that ask. In such cases, counselors will provide appropriate context for the disciplinary violation.

## College Matriculation

USM graduates in the Class of 2024 are attending the following colleges and universities.

Barnard College	Pennsylvania State University
Bates College	Purdue University
Boston University	Rice University
Brandeis University	Santa Clara University
Carleton College	Skidmore College
Carnegie Mellon University	Southern Methodist University
Carroll University	St. John's College
Chapman University	Texas Christian University
Colorado School of Mines	The University of Texas at Austin
Columbia University	Trinity College
Concordia University-Wisconsin	United States Military Academy
Dartmouth College	University of California-Santa Barbara
DePaul University	University of Colorado Boulder
Duke University	University of Glasgow
Furman University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
George Mason University	University of Iowa
Georgia Institute of Technology	University of Miami
Harvard University	University of Michigan
Hope College	University of Minnesota
Indiana University-Bloomington	University of Notre Dame
Kalamazoo College	University of Oklahoma
Knox College	University of Pennsylvania
Lawrence University	University of Southern California
Lehigh University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Marquette University	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Wisconsin-Stout
McGill University	Vanderbilt University
Miami University-Oxford	Washington University in St Louis
Michigan State University	Wheaton College
Morgan State University	Whitman College
Northeastern University	Yale University
Norwich University	

## College Guidance Office Contact Information

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

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

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