



2024–2025 COLLEGE PROFILE



UPREP
COLLEGE COUNSELING



UPREP AT A GLANCE

UPrep was founded in 1976 as an independent, coeducational, nonsectarian day school for grades 6–12.

MISSION STATEMENT

UPrep is committed to developing each student's potential to become an intellectually courageous, socially responsible citizen of the world.

ENROLLMENT

702 Students

- Grades 9–12: **402** students
- Grades 6–8: **300** students
- We currently have **34** Rainier Scholars and **84** Rainier Scholar alumni.
- **50%** students of color
- Average class size: **16**
- Student/faculty ratio: **8:1**

FINANCIAL AID

- **\$4.12** million in financial aid was awarded for the 2024–2025 school year.
- **16%** of students receive significant financial aid.

ACCREDITATION

- NWAIS

MEMBER SCHOOL

- NAIS, NACAC, PNACAC

CURRICULUM

- UPrep's curriculum is demanding, and all classes are taught at the honors level.
- Our rotating block schedule has six classes, which meet two out of every three days.
- Two three-week intensive academic experiences follow each semester.
- Students are expected to carry a minimum of five classes each semester.
- UPrep is a member of Global Online Academy, a consortium of the world's leading independent schools that offer intellectually rigorous online classes that are designed, developed, and taught by teachers from member schools.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT RECORD

Although UPrep does not offer AP classes, students who choose to study for the examinations on their own perform well. Students in the class of 2025 took **78** exams; **41 percent** of the class of 2025 chose to take one or more AP Exams prior to their senior year; **88 percent** of those exams were a 3 or higher, **76 percent** were a 4 or higher. Since 2022, **336** total exams were taken, and **75 percent** of those exams earned a 4 or higher.

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Class of 2024 Matriculation by Application Type

- 25% Early Action (non-binding)
- 30% Early Decision/Restrictive Early Action (binding)
- 45% Regular Decision

Class of 2025 GPA Distribution

90
CLASS SIZE

3.76
MEAN GPA

3.67–3.95
MIDDLE 50% GPAs

Class of 2020–2024 matriculation by college student body size



31%
SMALL
(<5k)

34%
MEDIUM
(5,001k–14k)

35%
LARGE
(>14k)

The classes of 2020–2024 attend

138 institutions in
32 states + D.C., as well as
Australia, Canada, England,
Ireland, Scotland, and
Switzerland

Class of 2020–2024 matriculation by distance from home



14%

0–99 MILES



13%

100–999 MILES



28%

1,000–1,999 MILES



35%

2,000–2,999 MILES



10%

3,000+ MILES

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

Intensives & LaunchPad: Intensive courses are academically immersive experiences. We offer two intensive periods, one in the fall and one in the spring, where students take one intensive class full-time. Intensives promote student leadership, collaboration, and community engagement. These experiences help our students attain the knowledge, skills, and thinking dispositions needed to successfully navigate our rapidly changing global community. LaunchPad is a two-week, real-world experience where our students step off-campus and work in an environment that speaks to their passions or professional or academic curiosities.

Music & Theatre: All UPrep music classes are performance-based. Students are the instrumentalists and singers for school musicals, perform for UPrep events, travel regionally and out-of-state for festival competitions, and engage in regional and state solo and ensemble opportunities. Students in our semester-long theatre classes produce professional-level musical and play productions.

Global & Outdoor Leadership: More than 50 percent of each graduating class takes part in our signature global and outdoor leadership experiences. These programs include cultural immersions in Botswana, Colombia, Finland, Lithuania, Japan, and Taiwan, as well as outdoor leadership intensives focused on wilderness first aid and avalanche risk management.

Athletics: UPrep's Athletics Program strives for excellence and promotes multi-sport participation. Our Upper School educational, non-cut program boasts a 63 percent participation rate, with students participating on one of our 24 teams. The Pumas are well known throughout the state of Washington at the 1A level for their competitive teams.

Student Publications: Our nationally recognized student publications program provides students with a cross-discipline, collaborative approach to apply critical thinking, hold decision-makers accountable, and elevate the voices of community members. Students learn how to communicate through writing, photography, and graphic design.

Mock Trial & Debate Team: Our Mock Trial participants learn trial skills, critical thinking, persuasive argument, public speaking, acting, and writing skills. The Debate Team creates and fosters skills in critical thinking, argumentation, and presentation while balancing team building and leadership. Competing students learn to read, write, speak, and listen effectively through practices and tournaments.

COURSE SEQUENCE

MATH

3 years required
through Statistics

9th Grade: Algebra I or Geometry or Algebra II

10th Grade: Geometry or Algebra II or Introduction to Statistics or Pre-Calculus

11th Grade: Algebra II or Introduction to Statistics or Pre-Calculus or Applied Calculus or Calculus I

12th Grade: Introduction to Statistics or Pre-Calculus or Applied Calculus or Calculus I or Calculus II

Additional electives: Advanced Statistics, Advanced Topics in Mathematics, Mathematical Finance

ENGLISH

4 years required

9th Grade: Foundations in Composition

10th Grade: Foundations in Literature/Humanities

11th Grade: American Voices

12th Grade: Electives: The Big Novel/The Big Author, Canon: British Literature, Creative Writing: Short Fiction, Dystopian Literature, Literature of Identity: Hyphenating America, Literary Nonfiction Writing, Medievalism: An Arthurian Literary Study, Poetry, Stories of Migration

SCIENCE

3 years required,
including Biology,
Chemistry, and
Physics

9th Grade: Biology

10th Grade: Chemistry or Quantitative Chemistry

11th Grade or 12th Grade: Physics or Quantitative Physics

Additional electives: Advanced Topics in Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, Astronomy, Ecology, Electricity and Magnetism, Engineering I, Engineering II, Environmental Science, Forensics, Genetics, Marine Biology, Microbiology, Neurobiology Organic Chemistry, Teaching in Science

HISTORY

3.5 years required
through Civics

9th Grade: Early World History

10th Grade: Modern World History/Humanities

11th Grade: United States History

11th or 12th Grade: Civics (Politics & Government or Environmental Civics or Comparative Government)

Additional electives: Art History and Studio Practice, Confucius to K-Pop, Cultural Anthropology, Latin American History, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Philosophy, U.S. Foreign Policy

WORLD LANGUAGES

3 years of one language
or 2 years each of two
languages required

Grades 9–12: Spanish I–VI or French I–VII or Chinese I–VII

FINE, VISUAL, AND PERFORMING ARTS

2 years in at least
two disciplines

Dance: Choreography, Dance; **Music:** Advanced Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Electronic Music, Intermediate Jazz Ensemble, Marimba Band; Music and Culture, Orchestra and Band II, Vocal Music; **Theatre:** Acting, Play Production: Dramatic Play, Play Production: Musical, Stagecraft, Theatre Basics, Winterstock; **Visual Art:** Ceramics, Graphic Design, Intro to Studio Art, Journalism, Photography I, Photography II, Visual Art I: Craft, Visual Art II: Mixed Media, Visual Art III: Sculpture, Visual Art III/IV: Advanced Studio, Yearbook

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

4 semesters required,
including Health

9th Grade: Health

9th–12th Grades: Electives: Dance, Golf, Individualized P.E., Lifetime Activities, Racket Sports, Weight Training, Yoga

COMPUTER SCIENCE

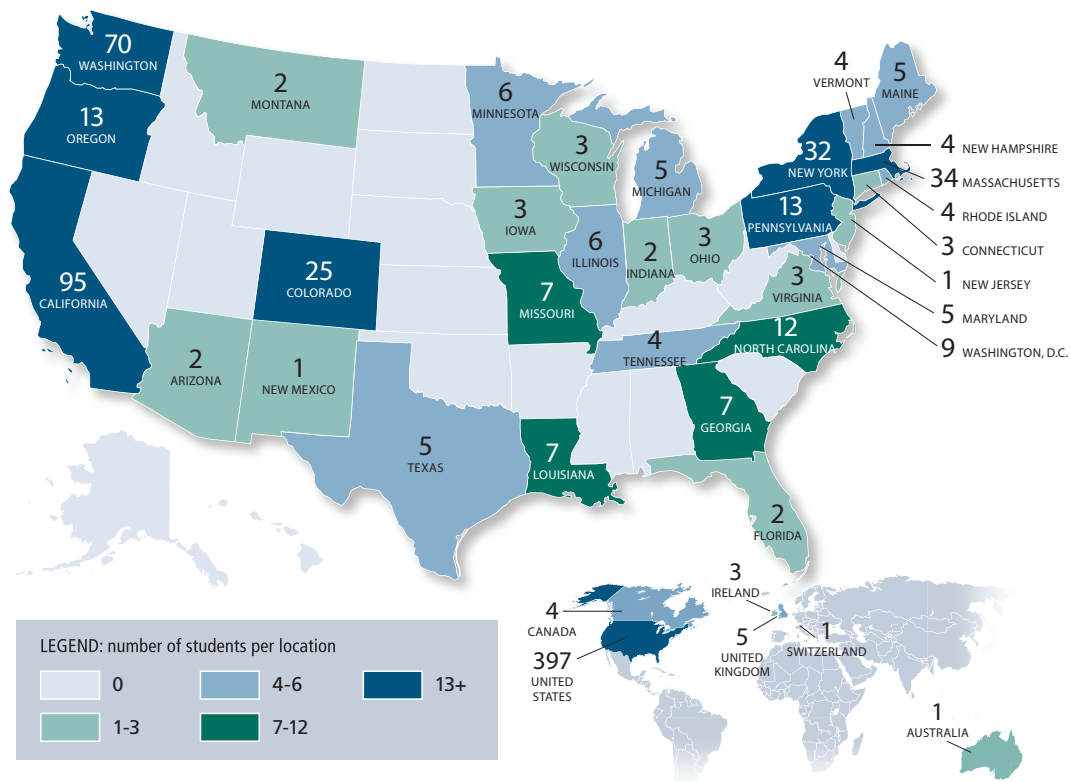
Not required

Computer Science I: Python, Computer Science II: Java, Computer Science III: Java, Computer Science IV: Advanced Topics, Data Science & Analytics

College Matriculations 2020–2024

COLLEGE PLACEMENT RECORD

One hundred percent of the graduates from the classes of 2020–2024 were accepted to four-year colleges. They are attending **138** different colleges and universities in **32** states + D.C., as well as Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, and Switzerland.



Arizona State University
Bard College
Barnard College (3)
Bates College
Bennington College
Berklee College of Music
Boston College (6)
Boston University (3)
Bowdoin College (4)
Brown University (3)
Bryn Mawr College
Bucknell University (2)
California Poly, San Luis Obispo (9)
Carleton College (5)
Case Western Reserve University
Chapman University (4)
Claremont McKenna College
Colorado College (8)
Colorado State University
Columbia University (4)
Connecticut College
Cornell University (5)
Dartmouth College (4)
Duke University (3)
Elon University (2)
Emerson College
Emory University (5)
Endicott College
ETH Zurich, Switzerland
Evergreen State College
Florida State University
Franklin & Marshall College
George Washington University (8)
Georgia Institute of Technology (2)

Gonzaga University (6)
Grinnell College (3)
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Harvey Mudd College (4)
Haverford College (3)
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University (2)
Johnson & Wales University
Kenyon College (2)
Lehigh University
Lewis & Clark College (2)
Linfield University
Loyola Marymount University (6)
Loyola University, New Orleans
McGill University, Canada
Merrimack College
Middlebury College
Montana State University (2)
Morehouse College
New York University (7)
Northeastern University (6)
Northwestern University (3)
Occidental College (8)
Parsons School of Design
Pitzer College (8)
Pomona College (3)
Portland State University
Princeton University
Purdue University
Queen's University, Canada
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology (2)

Santa Clara University (17)
Scripps College (10)
Seattle University (9)
Skidmore College (2)
Smith College (2)
Southern Methodist University (2)
St. Olaf College
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University (2)
Tufts University (7)
Tulane University (6)
Union College
United States Military Academy
United States Naval Academy (2)
University College Dublin, Ireland (3)
University of Arizona
University of BC, Canada
University of CA, Berkeley
University of CA, Davis
University of CA, Los Angeles (5)
University of CA, Santa Barbara
University of Chicago (3)
University of Colorado, Boulder (10)
University of Denver (6)
University of Edinburgh, Scotland (2)
University of Florida
University of Glasgow, Scotland
University of La Verne
University of London, England
University of Maryland
University of Michigan (5)
University of New Mexico

University of New S. Wales, Australia
University of N. Carolina, Chapel Hill
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon (7)
University of Pennsylvania
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands (2)
University of Rochester
University of San Diego (4)
University of San Francisco
University of Southern California (9)
University of St Andrews, Scotland
University of Toronto, Canada
University of Vermont (2)
University of Virginia (2)
University of Washington (40)
University of Washington, Bothell (4)
University of Wisconsin, Madison (3)
Vanderbilt University (4)
Vassar College
Villanova University (3)
Wake Forest University (6)
Washington State University
Washington University, St. Louis (7)
Wellesley College (2)
Wesleyan University
Western Washington University (5)
Whitman College (3)
Willamette University
William & Mary
Williams College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (2)
Yale University