



SCHOOL PROFILE 2024-2025

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 51 different ZIP codes, most in San Francisco or Marin county. 60% self-identify as students of color. Our students speak 32 different languages at home. 23% of students were awarded \$5.4M in financial aid for the 2024-2025 school year. The class of 2025 has 111 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 Studio Art; 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; Honors French Literature; Advanced French Seminar
- Honors Advanced Latin: Poetry
- Honors Spanish Literature; Honors Advanced Spanish Literature; Honors Advanced Spanish Seminar

History (two years required):
AP African American Studies; Honors United States History

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 Computer Science Principles; 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; Advanced Topics in Modern Chemistry; Honors Biology; Neuroscience.

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 (5), they developed a vast and imaginative range of projects, including: The Politics of Saudi Arabia: 1930s to Present; Internet Censorship in China; From Blonde Beasts to Nihilism: Nietzschean Bumper Stickers for Today's World; Proteomics - Protein Fingerprints and the Human Proteome Project; The Link Between Concussions and Anxiety; The Environmental Impact of the Russo-Ukrainian War; Ceramics: Abstract Formalism and Sculpture; Semiconductors – US, China, and Taiwan; How to Get to The Good Place: Scooping Our Little Mittens in Philosophical Stew; Using Python To Investigate Female Participation in Sports; Behind Bars: Dissecting the Prison Industrial Complex; Creating a Game from Scratch: Unity Game Development; The Psychology of Judged Sports; Running on Empty: A Guide to Athlete Burnout; Quantum Chemistry for (Fellow) Dummies; Fan-Art and Propaganda: What Isn't Real Can Influence You; Visualizing Music Through Spectrograms; The Impact of Family Structures on Childrens' Mental Health; Mount Sutro: A Case Study on Sustainable Land Management; Voices of Resilience: The Power of Oral Histories in the Syrian Refugee Crisis.

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.

IV. STANDARDIZED TESTING

Despite the easing of pandemic restrictions, **it has remained extremely challenging for students to secure SAT and ACT dates in or near the Bay Area.** We have encouraged families not to travel, and we fully support any student who chooses to opt out of ACT/SAT testing.

What follows is aggregated testing data for students from the last three graduated classes:

- **SAT and ACT:** 219 students took the SAT, with middle 50% scores between 1350 and 1520. 108 students took the ACT, with middle 50% scores between 32 and 34.
- **National Merit:** 52 students were commended, 11 students were semifinalists, 8 were finalists, and three were award recipients.
- **Advanced Placement:** UHS students took 669 examinations. 83% scored 3 or above. 63% scored 4 or above.

V. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT (2020-2024)

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
The American University of Paris	1
Babson College	2
Barnard College	6
Bates College	2
Boston College	11
Boston University	7
Bowdoin College	1
Brandeis University	1
Brown University	9
Bucknell University	3
California Institute of Technology	1
Carleton College	4
Carnegie Mellon University	4
Chapman University	4
Claremont McKenna College	4
Clark University	1
Colby College	6
Colgate University	2
Colorado College	4
Colorado School of Mines	1
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	1
Columbia University	8
Connecticut College	2
Cornell University	7
Dartmouth College	9
Davidson College	1
Denison College	1
Drexel University	1
Duke University	5
Emily Carr University of Art & Design	1
Emory University	5
Fordham University	3
Franklin and Marshall College	1

COLLEGE	ATTEND
The George Washington University	4
Georgetown University	12
Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Gonzaga University	2
Hamilton College	1
Harvard University	7
Harvey Mudd College	2
Haverford College	6
Howard University	2
Ithaca College	1
Johns Hopkins University	2
Kenyon College	4
Lafayette College	2
Le Moyne College	1
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	1
Middlebury College	2
The New School	3
New York University	8
New York University, Shanghai	1
Northeastern University	6
Northwestern University	5
Oberlin College	2
Occidental College	5
Pace University	1

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COLLEGE	ATTEND
Pitzer College	5
Pomona College	7
Princeton University	6
Purdue University	2
Queen's University	1
Reed College	2
Rhode Island School of Design	1
Rice University	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Santa Clara University	2
Sarah Lawrence College	1
Scripps College	2
Skidmore College	1
Smith College	2
Southern Methodist University	6
Stanford University	30
Stevens Institute of Technology	1
Swarthmore College	4
Syracuse College	2
Trinity College	1
Trinity College Dublin	1
Tufts University	15
Tulane University	10
Union College	1
The University of British Columbia	2
University of California, Berkeley	18
University of California, Davis	7
University of California, Irvine	2
University of California, Los Angeles	10
University of California, Merced	2
University of California, Riverside	1
University of California, San Diego	3
University of California, Santa Barbara	6
University of California, Santa Cruz	6
University of Chicago	27

COLLEGE	ATTEND
University of Colorado, Boulder	4
University of Hawaii, Manoa	1
University of Kansas	1
University of Maryland, College Park	1
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
University of Miami	1
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	4
The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
University of Notre Dame	2
University of Oregon	6
University of Pennsylvania	9
University of Pittsburgh	1
University of Puget Sound	1
University of Richmond	3
University of San Diego	1
University of San Francisco	2
University of Southern California	7
University of St Andrews	6
University of Toronto	1
University of Vermont	1
University of Virginia	2
University of Washington, Seattle	3
University of Wisconsin, Madison	7
Vanderbilt University	11
Vassar College	4
Villanova University	1
Wake Forest University	7
Washington University in St. Louis	7
Wellesley College	3
Wesleyan University	6
Whitman College	1
Whittier College	1
William & Mary	1
Williams College	2
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Yale University	8