



SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

I. THE SCHOOL

San Francisco University High School opened in 1975 as a coeducational, college preparatory, independent secondary school. Enrollment stands at 518 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 53 different ZIP codes, most in San Francisco or Marin county. 60% self-identify as students of color. 21% of students were awarded \$5.4M in financial aid for the 2025-2026 school year. The class of 2026 has 118 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; Tech Theater III

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 Logic and 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 (14) they developed a vast and imaginative range of projects, including: The Dark Side of Medicine; How We Vote: A Comparative Analysis of Election Systems and Reforms to French Elections; Philosophy of Controversy; Embracing Hard Conversations: What Does Meaningful Dialogue Actually Mean?; Secularism in the Portraiture of the Renaissance; The History and Future of Asylum in the US; The Biochemistry of Cancer Medicine; Reel Patriotism: How Hollywood Fueled American Nationalism in Wartime; The History and Future of NATO; Italian Street Art, Graffiti, and Revolution; Embracing Failure; Shark-Inspired Aerodynamics; The Evolution of English; Maternal Mortality Rates in the US; The Math Behind Home Plate: Remaking Modern Baseball Statistics; Understanding Wireless Energy Transmission Through Tesla Coils; How Chinese Censorship Shapes National Identity; Teen Perspectives on AI and the Future; Linear Algebra; How to be a (Historically Accurate) Golden Age Pirate.

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 complete testing in the Bay Area due to limited seats and technical issues at testing sites. 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:** 234 students took the SAT, with middle 50% scores between 1320 and 1520. 96 students took the ACT, with middle 50% scores between 31 and 34
- **National Merit:** 52 students were commended, 12 students were semifinalists, 9 were finalists, and three were award recipients.
- **Advanced Placement:** UHS students took 753 examinations. 82% scored 3 or above 63% scored 4 or above.

V. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT (2021-2025)

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	COLLEGE	ATTEND
American University	2	Fordham University	3
The American University of Paris	2	Franklin and Marshall College	1
Amherst College	2	George Washington University	4
Babson College	2	Georgetown University	12
Barnard College	6	Georgia Institute of Technology	1
Bates College	1	Gonzaga University	1
Boston College	11	Hamilton College	1
Boston University	6	Harvard University	6
Bowdoin College	2	Harvey Mudd College	2
Brandeis University	1	Haverford College	7
Brown University	7	Howard University	1
Bucknell University	5	Ithaca College	1
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo	1	Johns Hopkins University	2
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	1	Kenyon College	2
Carleton College	3	Lafayette College	1
Carnegie Mellon University	3	Le Moyne College	1
Chapman University	5	Lehigh University	2
Claremont McKenna College	3	Lewis & Clark College	4
Clark University	1	Linfield University	1
Colby College	4	Loyola Marymount University	3
Colgate University	4	Loyola University Chicago	1
Colorado College	3	Macalester College	1
Colorado School of Mines	1	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	1
Colorado State University, Fort Collins	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1
Columbia University	8	McGill University	2
Connecticut College	1	Middlebury College	3
Cornell University	6	The New School	2
Dartmouth College	11	New York University	12
Denison College	1	Northeastern University	7
Duke University	6	Northwestern University	4
Emily Carr University of Art & Design	1	Oberlin College	2
Emory University	4	Occidental College	6

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COLLEGE	ATTEND
Pace University	1
Pitzer College	7
Pomona College	7
Princeton University	7
Purdue University	1
Queen's University	1
Reed College	3
Rice University	2
Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	1
Saint Mary's College of California	1
San Francisco State University	1
Santa Clara University	1
Sarah Lawrence College	1
Scripps College	2
Skidmore College	1
Smith College	2
Southern Methodist University	4
Stanford University	31
Stevens Institute of Technology	1
Swarthmore College	2
Syracuse University	2
Trinity College	1
Trinity College Dublin	1
Tufts University	13
Tulane University	14
Union College	1
The University of British Columbia	2
University of California, Berkeley	19
University of California, Davis	4
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	7
University of California, Santa Barbara	6
University of California, Santa Cruz	3

COLLEGE	ATTEND
University of Chicago	24
University of Colorado, Boulder	3
University of Denver	1
University of Kansas	1
University of Maryland, College Park	1
University of Miami	1
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	4
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	1
University of Notre Dame	4
University of Oregon	6
University of Oxford	1
University of Pennsylvania	7
University of Pittsburgh	1
University of Richmond	3
University of San Diego	2
University of San Francisco	3
University of Southern California	9
University of St Andrews	4
University of Toronto	1
University of Virginia	1
University of Washington, Seattle	3
University of Wisconsin, Madison	5
Vanderbilt University	12
Vassar College	4
Villanova University	1
Wake Forest University	7
Washington and Lee University	2
Washington University in St. Louis	9
Wellesley College	4
Wesleyan University	6
Whitman College	1
Whittier College	1
William & Mary	1
Williams College	2
Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Xavier University of Louisiana	1
Yale University	10