

UNIVERSITY CITY HIGH SCHOOL



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Welcome to University City High School, serving more than 875 9th through 12th grade students in The School District of University City. UCHS is fully accredited through the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and is a member of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Education Network of High Schools with Results program.

School Mission

The UCHS staff works with all students to promote intelligent thinking, responsible choices, and lifelong learning for productive citizenship. School Vision: All students graduate college and career ready. Join us on our journey of **Learning Reimagined**, a path to **Humanize, Personalize** and **Problematize** student education through modern, rigorous and relevant learning experiences.

UCHS Class of 2025 by the Numbers

- 94.3% Graduation Rate
- 45.4% Attending a 4-year college or university
- 14.5% Attending a 2-year college or university
- 23.0% Training/Vocational
- 0.7% Military
- 16.4% Other

Rigorous Curriculum

University City High School offers rigorous courses to challenge students:

- **Advanced Placement (AP):** Courses include Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Language and Composition, Literature and Composition, Latin, Spanish, French, U.S. History, Government, World History, Psychology, African American History, Computer Science Principles, Computer Science A, and Studio Art. (Additional AP courses may be available through Launch.)
- **Honors Courses:** Literature and Composition, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology and U.S. History.
- **Project Lead the Way** (engineering and health sciences): Courses include Introduction to Engineering Design (IED), Principles of Engineering (POE), Engineering Design and Development (EDD), and Principles of Biomedical Sciences, Human Body Systems and Medical Interventions.
- **World Language Courses:** Four year coursework in Spanish, French and Latin. Languages are also offered at Brittany Woods Middle School.
- **Dual Credit/Enrollment:** Sophomores, juniors, and seniors may enroll in college courses to earn high school graduation and college credit simultaneously without having to leave the high school campus or by attending both the high school and classes at a local college. Courses offered for high school and/or college credit through UMSL, Harris Stowe, and St. Louis Community Colleges (STLCC) include: Applied Accounting, Biology, Human Biology, Introduction to Business Administration, General Chemistry, College Comp I, College Comp II, US History, Ancient and Medieval History to 1865, African American History, Intermediate Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Introduction to American Politics, State and Local Politics, Constitutional Issues, Smart Start (college prep), Foundation of Child and Family Development, and Child Growth and Development
- **Early College Experience:** Students earn an associates degree or certification on the campus of local community college while working on high school graduation credits beginning junior year.



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Grading Scale (Pre-COVID)

		Unweighted	Honors	AP
A	90-100%	4	4.5	5
B	80-89%	3	3.5	4
C	70-79%	2	2.5	3
D	60-69%	1	1	1
F	below 60%	0	0	0

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Cum Laude Ranking System

Cumulative GPA	Award
3.9 +	Summa Cum Laude
3.75 - 3.89	Magna Cum Laude
3.5 - 3.74	Cum Laude
3.2 - 3.49	High Merit
3.0 - 3.19	Merit

Graduation Requirements

Communication Arts	4
Social Studies: <i>US History (1) / Gov. (0.5)</i>	3
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Fine Arts	1
Practical Arts	1
Physical Education	1
Health Education	0.5
Personal Finance	0.5
Electives: <i>General (4) / Core (3)</i>	7
TOTAL	24

District Partners

Academic Enrichment • Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri • Girls Inc. • Leadership Development • UMSL Bridge • Washington University Scholars • Wyman (Teen Connection Program)

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Successful Continuing Initiatives

- **Arts Residencies** - includes instructors from Center of Contemporary Arts and Returning Artists series
- **Honors Institute** – a summer acceleration program for students transitioning from eighth grade to high school
- **A+ Program** – at least 25% of UCHS students enrolled in Missouri program to qualify to apply for tuition assistance for 2- and 4-year colleges by fulfilling GPA, attendance, citizenship and volunteer tutoring requirements
- **U-Serve** – the community service component of UCHS offering multiple opportunities for students to become active volunteers and take leadership roles in community activities

Athletics

Baseball • Basketball • Cross Country • Dance • Field Hockey • Football • Golf • Soccer • Softball • Swimming • Tennis • Track • Volleyball • Water Polo • Wrestling • Cheerleading/Poms

Clubs & Organizations

Anime • Art • Black Business Alliance • Big Brothers Big Sisters • Board Games • Crochet • DECA Marketing and Business Club • DIAL yearbook • Environmental Club • Future Business Leaders of America • Gay, Straight Alliance • Girls Who Code • Investment • Key • Latin • Musical • National Honor Society • Pickleball • Reflections of Sisters • RoboLions Robotics Team • Speech and Debate • Sports Medicine • Student Council • Students on the GO! • Technology Student Association • Tri-M Honors Music • TREND • U-SERVE Community Service Volunteers • U-Speak Poetry • U-Times Newspaper and more

Fine & Performing Arts

The arts are strongly supported by local and visiting Master teachers who are professionals in their field through field trips, classroom visits and artist residencies. Curricular and extra curricular activities include Art Club, Drama Club, Fall Play and Spring Musical, Kinesis dance troupe along with choir, concert choir, jazz band, marching band and orchestra.

Work Experience and JROTC

Through Community Work Experience and Cooperative Occupational Education, students are offered scheduled employment opportunities with necessary training and supervision. In addition, UCHS offers Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps courses for all four years.

Real World Learning

BEST Pharmacy Program • CAMP U Teaching Interns • CLIMB Program • National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) • SHED (Sustainable Housing & Equitable Development) • St. Louis Internship Program (SLIP) • YES Program

Transition to Work Academy

Transition to Work is a program offered to recent graduates looking to enter the workforce, alongside MOKAN (Construction Pre-Apprentice Program) and WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Training.

North County Technical School

North County Technical High School offers students in grades 10-12 the opportunity to earn professional licenses and certifications, college credits through articulation and dual enrollment agreements, and advanced placement in 12 apprenticeship programs. Course offerings range from traditional technical fields, such as precision machining and construction, to high-demand fields such as health sciences and network administration. Students must complete an application for admission. For additional information, including a complete list of courses, please speak to a school counselor.

