UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PROFILE 2025-2026

- University Christian High School is a Lutheran, independent, all-honors level high school enrolling students grades 9 through 12 located in Hickory, North Carolina.
- Academic excellence, encompassing critical thinking, servant leadership, and the cultivation of moral character, is integral to our Christ-centered education.
- Our curriculum includes a wide variety of Honors and AP courses in all disciplines and provides a well-rounded education for all our students.
- As juniors and seniors, students also have the opportunity to take college courses on the campuses of Lenoir-Rhyne University, Appalachian State University, and Catawba Valley Community College.
- Students graduate with an average of 31 college credits (includes AP & college credits).
- We help students develop their understanding of who they are and what their core values are in life.
- Our graduates are well prepared for college in all aspects of their lives.

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YEAR FOUNDED
2009

GRADES
9th - 12th

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION
Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

ACCREDITATION

- Cognia, formerly Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- National Lutheran Schools Association

12	Classroom Teachers
75%	Teachers with Advanced Degree
1:10	Teacher Student Ratio
14	Average Class Size
183	School Days a Year
7	Hours in School Day

MISSION STATEMENT

UCHS PROVIDES A CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION THAT INSPIRES EACH STUDENT TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS, MORAL CHARACTER, AND SERVANT LEADERSHIP.



ACADEMICS & CURRICULUM

ENGLISH
Honors English 9
Honors American Literature
Honors World Literature
Honors Modern Literature
AP Literature
Speech

HISTORY
Honors Civics
Honors US History
AP US History
Honors World History
AP Human Geography
(New Spring 2024)

SCIENCE
Honors Biology
AP Biology (New 2025-2026)
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Environmental Science
AP Environmental Science
Honors Anatomy & Physiology
Honors Biodiversity

MATH
Algebra I
Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
Honors Discrete Math
Honors Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry
Honors Precalculus
AP Calculus AB

RELIGION
Religion 9: New Testament
Religion 10: Old Testament
Religion 11: World Religions
Religion 12: Survey of Christian Living

ELECTIVES
Art I: Drawing
Art II: Painting
Yoga

WORLD LANGUAGE
Spanish I
Spanish II
Honors Spanish III

COST & TIME SAVINGS
On average, UCHS students receive **31** hours of college credit through dual-enrollment and AP courses, saving 2 semesters of time in college and saving on average **$28,000** in college cost savings.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Foreign Language	2 credits
Fine Arts /Speech	1 credit
Health/PE	1 credit
Religion	4 credits
Electives	4 credits
TOTAL	**28 credits to graduate**
SERVICE	**20 hours per year enrolled**

STUDENT BODY

119	Total Students
Co-Ed	Student Body
12%	Students of Color
31	9th Graders
29	10th Graders
30	11th Graders
29	12th Graders

SERVICE

5,947
Service Hours recorded by all students in '24-'25

8,879
Service Hours completed by just the Class of 2025 over 4 years at UCHS

Servant Leadership is a core tenet of UCHS. Students are required to record 20 hours of service per year enrolled at UCHS.

SCHEDULE

- Courses are on a block schedule, and students are required to take a minimum of 8 courses a year.
- Students can begin taking AP courses during their sophomore year of high school.
- Students can take dual-enrollment courses with Lenoir-Rhyne or Appalachian State their junior and senior year if they have a 3.0 unweighted GPA.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Honors and Advanced Placement/Dual-Enrollment courses are weighted (.5 and 1 point, respectively).
- UCHS does not rank its students.
- Several Dual-Enrollment courses can count as Graduation Requirements, for instance, ENG 131 at Lenoir-Rhyne can count as English 12, HIS 115 can count as World History, MAT 115 (Statistics) can count as a fourth math and Economics, History, Political Science, or Social Science credits can count as a fourth Social Studies.



HONOR CODE

All students sign the UCHS Honor Code...

As a student of University Christian High School, I pledge to uphold academic honesty, to have respect for the dignity of my peers and teachers, and to act in an honorable obligation in regard to cheating and disrespect.

2025 AP AVERAGES

	AP CALCULUS AB	AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	AP US HISTORY	AP ENGLISH LITERATURE	AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY
UCHS Average	**4.6** (15)	**4.4** (20)	**4.2** (20)	**4.63** (8)	**4.2** (20)
NC Average	3.14	3.2	3.2	3.27	3.4
% UCHS Students ≥ 3	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

OCTOBER 2024 PSAT AVERAGES

	9TH GRADE (PSAT 8/9)	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE
UCHS Average	**1018**	**1194**	**1189**
UCHS Middle 50th Percentile	910-1085	1125-1260	1100-1240
National Average	860	920	1000

CLASS OF 2025 GPA DISTRIBUTION

Unweighted Average	**3.67**
Middle 50th Percentile Unweighted	**3.5-3.79**
Weighted Average	**4.13**
Middle 50th Percentile Weighted	**3.96-4.38**

100%

2025 AP EXAM PASS RATE

ACADEMIC HONORS

HONOR ROLL
3.6 Unweighted or above

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
4.0 weighted GPA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
Weighted GPA
4.40 or higher

MAGNA CUM LAUDE
Weighted GPA 4.25 - 4.399

CUM LAUDE
Weighted GPA 3.95 - 4.249

GRADING SCALE *

NUMERICAL GRADE	UNWEIGHTED GPA	HONORS WEIGHT	AP & DUAL ENROLLMENT WEIGHT
90-100	4	4.5	5
89	3.9	4.4	4.9
88	3.8	4.3	4.8
87	3.7	4.2	4.7
86	3.6	4.1	4.6
85	3.5	4	4.5
84	3.4	3.9	4.4
83	3.3	3.8	4.3
82	3.2	3.7	4.2
81	3.1	3.6	4.1

NUMERICAL GRADE	UNWEIGHTED GPA	HONORS WEIGHT	AP & DUAL ENROLLMENT WEIGHT
80	3	3.5	4
79	2.9	3.4	3.9
78	2.8	3.3	3.8
77	2.7	3.2	3.7
76	2.6	3.1	3.6
75	2.5	3	3.5
74	2.4	2.9	3.4
73	2.3	2.8	3.3
72	2.2	2.7	3.2
71	2.1	2.6	3.1

*PATTERN CONTINUES UNTIL 59 EQUALS 0.

CLASS OF 2025

43 Graduates

$1.25 Million in Scholarships

68% Took at least one AP course in HS

100% Took dual-enrollment courses

31 Average number of college transfer hours per graduate

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As a dual-enrollment school, juniors and seniors have gaps of time during the school day. During these gaps, we highly encourage students to complete internships with area businesses and other organizations to explore interests and network. Students have interned in area hospitals, law offices, physical therapy/medical offices, banks, graphic design firms, and other local industries for school credit or service hours. Students can also choose to complete community service during gaps in their schedule.

DUAL ENROLLMENT PARTNERSHIPS

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Appalachian State University

We began our partnership with Lenoir-Rhyne University in 2010, and Appalachian State University in 2023, with the shared vision of creating a world-class, highly-academic, faith-based college preparatory institution. Through classes that blend intellectual discussion with practical application, visiting speakers, and experiential learning,we provide students with a rigorous and competitive education.

- Students are eligible to take Lenoir-Rhyne & App State courses as a junior if they have a 3.0 unweighted GPA.
- Juniors can take up to 4 dual-enrollment courses per year, and seniors can have up to 6 dual-enrollment courses per year, for a maximum of 30 hours (10 dual-enrollment courses) total.

Some typical courses students take are: **COM 111** (Speech), **ENG 131** (Critical Writing), **MAT 115** (Statistics), **ECO 121/122** (Micro/Macroeconomics), **BIO 121** (Principles of Biology), **ENT 210** (Entrepreneurship), **SOC 100** (Intro Sociology), **PSY 100** (Intro Psychology), among many others.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Yearbook
Model UN
Student Council
Art Club
National Honor Society
Envirothon (Science) Club
Game Club
Multicultural Perspectives Club
Ambassadors
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Spirit Club
Marketing & Design Team
Music and Drama opportunities available through LRU

SPORTS

Girls' Volleyball
Boys'/Girls' Basketball
Boys'/Girls' Cross Country
Boys'/Girls' Tennis
Boys' Golf
Boys'/Girls' Track
Boys'/Girls' Soccer
Boys'/Girls' Swimming

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Appalachian State University
Auburn University
Benedictine University
Bentley University
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Catholic University
Cedarville University
Clemson University
Davidson College
Duke University
East Carolina University
Elon University
Emory University
Franciscan University
Gardner-Webb College
High Point University
Lee University
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Liberty University
Louisiana State University
Meredith College
NC State
*Park Scholarship Winner
Oakwood University
Pace University
Randolph-Macon College
Rhodes College
Roanoke College
Savannah College of Art & Design
Sewanee: University of the South
Texas Tech University
The Citadel
UNC – Asheville
UNC – Chapel Hill
UNC – Charlotte
UNC – Pembroke
UNC – Wilmington
University of Chicago
University of Iowa
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Virginia
University of West Virginia
US Coast Guard Academy
Utah Valley University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
*Presidential Scholarship Winner
Western Carolina
William Peace University
Wingate University
Wofford College
*Presidential Scholarship Winner

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