

University High School Profile

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University High School, founded in 1857, is the Laboratory High School for Illinois State University and is a four year, non-boundary comprehensive college-preparatory public high school for which students must apply for admission. It is the oldest and largest laboratory school in the nation. It places a premium on academically rigorous courses taught by an exceptional staff, most of whom hold advanced degrees. It demands of its pupils a sense of responsibility for their own education unique at the secondary level. U-High patterns itself on a college model, with pupils given power to make decisions that affect their future. This has resulted in a student body that takes its education seriously. The average student takes six or more courses each semester. U-high has a wide variety of scheduling options available including Advanced Placement courses, dual credit courses, and on-line learning. Over 30 students per year participate in college classes.

Over the past 5 years, U-High's average ACT score for all students is 26.2. U-High consistently scores well above the national averages on all standardized testing (ASPIRE, ACT, SAT, etc.) and generally has between 95% and 99% of all graduates attend post-secondary educational institutions. In 2020-2021, 199 students participated in AP exams with an 85% passing rate. The aforementioned facts, that our course contents and selection are unique, our grading system is indeed rigorous, and the aspirations of our pupils and parents are exceptionally high, should be seriously considered when evaluating the transcripts of our pupils.

Enrollment: University High School serves approximately 610 high school students.

Faculty and Administration: 50

Graduation Requirements:

Department	Credits
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Social Science	2.5 credits
Foreign Language or Fine Arts	2 credits
Additional Coursework: Math, Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, Fine Arts, or Vocational Education	2 credits
Vocational Education	.50 credits
Wellness/Physical Education	4 credits
Electives	4 credits
Total Required Credits	24 credits

Grading System:

Course Credit:

- All courses are included in the GPA with credit earned per semester.
- Students must pass the U.S & Illinois Constitution exams which are included in the U.S. Government course.
- The Consumer Education state requirement can be met by completing Consumer Education.
- The Illinois state requirement in Health Education is included in Freshman Wellness.
- * Indicates class is a transfer course from another district.

Non-traditional credit as designated on transcript:

- ISU precedes course titles from Illinois State University.
- HCC precedes course titles from Heartland Community College.
- UM precedes course titles taken through the University of Missouri Correspondence School.
- IND precedes course titles thought as Independent Study.
- IVS precedes course titles taught on-line via the Illinois Virtual School.

Grading System and Class Rank: University High School does not weight courses or grades and is on a 4.0 GPA scale. Additionally, University High School does not rank its students. All courses are included in the GPA.

Graduating Class of 2021: With a class size of 151, 94% indicated intentions of attending a post-secondary institution (91% to a 4-year school, 9% to a 2 year school). These students are attending 59 different colleges and universities, 33% attend school outside the state of Illinois. The average cumulative GPA was 3.57 on a 4.0 scale.

University High School Course list for 2021-2022

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course Title</u>
<p>Art Department <i>Art Fundamentals</i> <i>Ceramics</i> <i>Sculpture</i> <i>Printmaking</i> <i>Art media</i> <i>AP Art, General Portfolio</i> <i>Art Appreciation</i></p> <p>Business Departments <i>Accounting</i> <i>Consumer Economics</i> <i>Introduction to Business</i> <i>Sports Marketing</i></p> <p>English Department <i>Freshman English</i> <i>Journalism</i> <i>Oral Communication</i> <i>HCC Oral Communication</i> <i>Sophomore Writing</i> <i>Creative Writing and Desktop Publishing</i> <i>Contemporary Rhetoric</i> <i>Shakespeare</i> <i>Argumentation and Debate</i> <i>Science Fiction and Fantasy</i> <i>Intro to College Composition</i> <i>American Literature and Composition</i> <i>British Literature and Composition</i> <i>AP English Language and Composition</i> <i>Introduction to Film/Story Telling</i> <i>Contemporary Literature</i> <i>AP Literature and Composition</i> <i>HCC English 101: Critical Reading & Writing</i> <i>HCC English 102: Multimodal Composition</i></p> <p>Engineering Technology Department <i>Introduction to Engineering Technology</i> <i>Computer Aided Drafting</i> <i>Principals of Technology</i> <i>Engine Mechanics</i> <i>AP Computer Science</i> <i>Electronics</i> <i>Digital Computing</i> <i>Architecture</i></p>	<p>Foreign Language Department <i>French 1</i> <i>French 2</i> <i>French 3</i> <i>French 4</i> <i>French 5</i> <i>Mandarin Chinese 1</i> <i>Mandarin Chinese 2</i> <i>Mandarin Chinese 3</i> <i>HCC Chinese 202</i> <i>Spanish 1</i> <i>Spanish 2</i> <i>Spanish 3</i> <i>Spanish 4</i> <i>AP Spanish</i></p> <p>Mathematics Department <i>Geometry</i> <i>Accelerated Geometry</i> <i>Algebra 1</i> <i>Algebra 2</i> <i>Algebra 2/ Trigonometry</i> <i>Applications of Modern Math</i> <i>College Algebra</i> <i>HCC Math 109</i> <i>Pre-Calculus</i> <i>AP Statistics</i> <i>AP Calculus</i> <i>HCC Math 111</i></p> <p>Music Department <i>Chorus 1</i> <i>Treble Choir</i> <i>Dance and Orchestration</i> <i>Orchestra</i> <i>Band</i> <i>Auxiliary Corps</i> <i>Concert Choir</i> <i>Color Guard</i></p>	<p>Physical, Health, and Driver Education Department <i>Freshman Wellness</i> <i>Dance and Orchestration</i> <i>Physical Education Activities</i> <i>Personal Fitness</i> <i>Driver Education</i> <i>Advanced strength & Conditioning</i></p> <p>Science Department <i>Biology 1/Field Biology</i> <i>Principles of Technology</i> <i>Chemistry</i> <i>Accelerated Chemistry</i> <i>Environmental Science</i> <i>Biology 2</i> <i>Physics</i> <i>Anatomy/Zoology</i> <i>AP Biology</i> <i>AP Chemistry</i> <i>AP Physics</i> <i>HCC Chemistry 120</i></p> <p>Social Science Department <i>American Government</i> <i>World Studies</i> <i>United States Studies</i> <i>Philosophy</i> <i>Multi-Media History</i> <i>Psychology</i> <i>Sociology</i> <i>Non-West History</i> <i>World Geography</i> <i>AP United States History</i> <i>AP Government</i> <i>AP Comparative Government</i></p> <p>Success Education <i>HCC Life Success</i></p> <p>Non-Traditional Coursework <i>Bloomington Area Career Center</i> <i>Heartland Community College</i> <i>Illinois State University</i> <i>Illinois Virtual School</i> <i>Independent Study</i> <i>University of Missouri Center for Distance & Independent Study</i></p>