



# Tucson Unified School District

## University High School

### SCHOOL PROFILE 2021-2022



421 North Arcadia Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85711

#### OVERVIEW

University High School (UHS) is a rigorous, diverse college preparatory school serving academically focused and intellectually gifted students by providing curriculum and social supports that educate the whole student.

Tucson's cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity is reflected in the UHS student population. Forty-five percent are students of color from African American, Hispanic, Native American, and Asian backgrounds. During 2019-2020, fifty-six percent of our families qualified for the free and reduced lunch program. However, during the 2020-2021 school year, only twenty-two percent of students reporting qualified for free and reduced lunch, with far fewer families reporting. This is possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Established in 1976, UHS is routinely recognized as a top institution on lists and rankings of the nation's best high schools. Our students' scores on standardized tests (SAT/ACT/AZMerit) and Advanced Placement (AP) exams are consistently the highest of all Arizona public schools.

#### ACCREDITATION

UHS is accredited through AdvancEd.

#### ADMISSIONS PROCESS

UHS is an academically selective high school. Admission is based on applicants' qualifying scores on the Cognitive Abilities entrance exam and their grade point average from the two semesters prior to enrollment. For the 2021-22 school year, approximately 3,339 students tested for entrance to UHS. Of those, 395 were extended offers of admission; 254 enrolled.

#### CURRICULUM

University High School offers a thorough, college preparatory, four-year curriculum in Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies, Modern Languages, and Fine Arts. All academic courses at UHS are Honors or Advanced Placement (AP).

#### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A total of 23 credits are required for graduation from UHS, including:

SUBJECT AREA	Credits Required	Sample Course Offerings (all academic courses are Honors-level, unless AP indicated)
Economics	½	Economics, AP Microeconomics, AP Macroeconomics
English	4	English 9, English 10, AP English Language & Composition – Culturally Relevant Curriculum Mexican American & African American Focus, AP English Literature & Composition, and Writing 101/102 - Film Analysis Focus (Dual Enrollment through Pima Community College)
Mathematics	4	Algebra II, College Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Pre-Calculus 2/Calculus A, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics
Science	3	AP Environmental Science, Chemistry, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, AP Biology
Social Studies	4	AP Human Geography, AP World History, AP European History, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government & Politics
World Languages	2	French, German, Spanish (available year-long levels: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8), AP German Language and Culture, AP Spanish Language and Culture, AP French Language and Culture
Physical Education	1	Coed Physical Education, Yoga, Advanced Yoga, Weight Training
Health	½	Health
Fine Arts	1	Int. Band, Adv. Band, Jazz Band, Percussion, Int. Orchestra, Adv. Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Piano & Theory, Beg. Choir, Adv. Choir (mixed), Adv. Choir (girls), Choraliers, Beg. Theater, Int. Theater, Adv. Theater, Beg. Dance, Int. Dance, Ivesia (Adv. Dance), Primavera (Adv. Dance – Highest Level), Color Guard, Beg. Art, Int. Art, Adv. Art, AP Studio Art
Elective Courses	3	AP Computer Science Principles, AP Computer Science A, Computer Science Advanced Topics, Student Council, Yearbook, AP Psychology, AP Art History, Creative Writing, Engineering Design, and Engineering 101 (Dual Enrollment through the University of Arizona), Advanced Research Methods, Biotechnology 1-2, Biotechnology 3-4, College Study Skills

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**CLASS RANKING** - UHS students are not ranked due to our academically challenging program that results in many students graduating with exceptional qualifications.

**GPA WEIGHTING** - Honors and non-AP courses **are not** weighted, and grading is based upon the following traditional 4.0 scale:

A = 4.00 B = 3.00 C = 2.00 D = 1.00 F = 0.00

NC = No Grade/No Credit P = Pass/Credit

GPA weighting is only available for Advanced Placement (AP) courses and is based on the 5.0 scale:

A = 5.00 B = 4.00 C = 3.00 D = 2.00 F = 0.00

2021 SAT Mean Scores	UHS	State	Group Total
Evidence Based Reading & Writing	660	592	533
Mathematics	658	589	528

2020 ACT Mean Scores	UHS	State	National
English	28.7	17.9*	19.9
Mathematics	28.7	19.2*	20.2
Reading	29.9	19.3*	21.2
Science	27.3	19*	20.6
Composite	28.8	19.1*	20.6

\*State Results pending for 2021

### 2021 ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) EXAMS

Total Number of AP exams:	1934
Percent of students scoring 3 and above:	73%
Average AP Score	3.3

### 2021 NATIONAL MERIT QUALIFYING TEST

- 14 National Merit Finalists
- 15 National Merit Semifinalists
- 11 Commended
- 11 College Board National Recognition Scholars

**ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS** - UHS students compete in regional, state, and national academic competitions such as Future Business Leaders of America, Model UN, Econ Challenge & Critical Thinking, Mock Trial, Science Olympiad, the International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) and Envirothon, as well as in state and national Math and Modern Language Exams. Arizona's 2010 male and 2016 female Presidential Scholars are UHS graduates.

**ATHLETICS & FINE ARTS** - UHS shares a campus with 1310 students from Rincon High, a comprehensive high school. Together, we provide extracurricular opportunities in fine arts and athletics, including varsity sports, to 2,547 students.

**FACULTY** - UHS has an award-winning faculty of 50 teachers. Two have PhD's and 34 hold master's degrees.

**COLLEGE** - Ninety-nine percent of UHS graduates go directly into higher education.

### Recent graduates were accepted at the following schools:

Agnes Scott College, American University, Amherst College, Arizona State University-Barrett Honors College, Auburn University, Augustana University, Bard College, Baylor University, Benedictine University, Berklee School of Music, Boston College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Bucknell University, California Institute of Technology, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cardiff University, Carleton College, Carnegie Mellon University, Case Western Reserve University, City College of New York, Clark University, Colgate University, College of the Holy Cross, College of William & Mary, Colorado College, Colorado State University, Columbia University, Concordia University-Montreal, Cornell University, Creighton University, Dartmouth College, Denison University, DePaul University, Drexel University, Duke University, Durham University, Earlham College, Eastern Michigan University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Emory University, Florida Institute of Technology, Fordham University, Gallaudet University, Georgetown University, George Washington University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Gonzaga University, Grand Canyon University, Hamilton College, Hamline University, Hillsdale College, Humboldt State University, Idaho State University, Illinois State University, Indiana University, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, Kansas State University, Kenyon College, Lafayette College, Lawrence University, Lehigh University, Lewis & Clark College, Loyola Marymount University, Loyola University Chicago, Manhattan School of Music, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, McGill University, Miami University, Michigan State University, Mills College, Montana State University, Mount Holyoke College, Newcastle University, New Mexico State University, New York University, New York University Abu Dhabi, Northern Arizona University-Honors College, Oberlin College, Occidental College, Olin College of Engineering, Oregon State University, Pacific Northwest College of the Arts, Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University, Pennsylvania State University, Portland State University, Pepperdine University, Pima Community College, Pitzer College, Pratt Institute, Princeton University, Purchase College-State University of NY, Purdue University, Reed College, Rhodes College, Rice University, Rochester Institute of Technology, San Diego State University, San Francisco State University, Santa Clara University, Sarah Lawrence College, Scripps College, Seattle University, Seton Hall University, Simmons University, Smith College, Sonoma State University, Southern Methodist University, Springfield College, Stanford University, Stony Brook University, St John's College-Santa Fe, St. Louis University Honors College, St. Olaf College, Syracuse University, Temple University Honors College, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Tufts University, Tulane University, Union College, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, University of Amsterdam, University of Arizona Honors College, University of British Columbia, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, University of Chicago, University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, University of Connecticut, University of Dallas, University of Denver, University of East London, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Hawaii Manoa, University of Houston, University of Iowa, University of Leeds, University of Maine-Orono Honors College, University of Massachusetts-Boston, University of Miami, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of Nebraska, University of Nevada Las Vegas, University of New Mexico, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, University of Oregon Honors College, University of the Pacific, University of Pittsburgh, University of Portland, University of Puget Sound, University of Redlands, University of Richmond, University of Rochester, University of St. Andrews, University of San Diego, University of San Francisco, University of South Dakota, University of South Florida, University of Southern California, University of Southern Maine Honors College, University of Tennessee, University of Texas-Arlington, University of Texas-San Antonio, University of Toledo, University of Utah Honors College, University of Venice, University of Vermont, University of Washington, University of Washington-Tacoma, University of West London, University of Wisconsin, University of Wyoming, Vanderbilt University, Vassar College, Villanova University, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Virginia Polytechnic University, Washington State University, Washington University St Louis, Wellesley College, Western Michigan University, Western Washington University, Westminster College, Willamette University, William Penn University, Worcester Polytechnic University

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