



University High School

TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

CEEB Code: 030488

School Profile 2022-2023

University High School (UHS) is a rigorous, public, and diverse college preparatory high school serving academically focused and intellectually gifted students.

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OVERVIEW

Established in 1976, 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 2022-2023 school year, approximately, 2002 students tested for entrance to UHS. Of those, 385 were extended offers of admission; 255 enrolled.

UHS is accredited through AdvancEd and is routinely recognized as a top institution on lists and rankings of the nation's best high schools, with students' scores on standardized tests consistently the highest among all Arizona public schools. Tucson's cultural, ethnic, and socio economic diversity is reflected in the UHS student population. For the 2022-23 school year, 25% of students qualified for free and reduced lunch according to self-reported data.

59%

Identify as African American, Hispanic, Native American & Asian

1066

Total Enrollment:
2023—287; 2024—287
2025—237; 2026—255

80+

Middle schools represented from across Southern Arizona

96

National Hispanic, African American & Indigenous Scholars (Classes of 2020-2023)

96%

4 year college matriculation (Classes of 2019-2022)

65

National Merit Semifinalists & Finalists (Classes of 2020-2023)

CURRICULUM & GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

UHS offers a college-preparatory curriculum where **all courses are at the Honors or AP level**. Students are required to complete 23 credits to graduate. However, students are also expected to take 6 courses each year, resulting in most earning 24. Credits are fulfilled through the required core coursework outlined below and their elective choices.

Required Core Coursework

9th Grade

English 9
Math (by placement)
AP Human Geography
AP Environmental Science

10th Grade

Honors English 10
Math (by progression)
AP European History or AP World History
Chemistry or AP Chemistry

11th Grade

AP English Language & Composition*
**Culturally Relevant, Mexican American & African American Focus*
Math (by progression)
AP U.S. History
AP Physics 1 or AP Physics C

12th Grade

AP English Literature & Composition or Writing 101/102 Dual Enrollment*
**w/ Pima Community College, Film Analysis Focus*
Math (by progression)
AP U.S. Government & Politics

Electives

AP 2D Art; AP Art History; AP Biology; AP Computer Science Principles (CTE); AP Computer Science A (CTE); AP Drawing; AP French Language & Culture; AP German Language & Culture; AP Spanish Language & Culture; AP Macroeconomics; AP Microeconomics; AP Psychology; AP Statistics; Adv Journalism/Yearbook; Art; Band; Biotechnology (CTE); Choir; Colleges Study Skills; Color Guard; Computer Science; Adv Topics; Creative Writing; Dance; Engineering Design; Engineering 101 (Dual Enrollment w/ Univ of Arizona); World Language: French, German, & Spanish; Health; Orchestra; Physical Education; Student Council; Theater; Yoga; Weight Training; Honors Economics

Math Courses

Placement by exam. Trajectory can include: Algebra 1, Algebra 2; College Algebra; Geometry; Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus; Pre-Calculus 2/Calculus A; AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC, & AP Statistics

FACULTY

UHS has an award-winning faculty of 46 teachers. Three have PhDs and 29 hold master's degrees.

CAMPUS LIFE

UHS shares a campus with 1000+ students from Rincon High School, a comprehensive high school with whom we provide extracurricular opportunities in fine arts, athletics & over 85 cross-campus clubs. Students compete and place in regional, state, and national academic competitions such as Future Business Leaders of America, Model UN, Econ Challenge & Critical Thinking, Mock Trial, Science Olympiad, International Science & Engineering Fair (ISEF) and Envirothon, as well as in state and national Math & Modern Language Exams.

TESTING

2022 Cohort Data

Test	UHS	State	Group
SAT	1290	1181*	1060*
R&W	648	592*	533*
Math	642	589*	528*
ACT	27.7	19.8*	20.3*
English	27.4		19.6*
Math	27.0		19.9*
Reading	28.0		20.9*
Science	27.0		20.4*

*results from 2021; 2022 cohort results pending

2022 AP Exams

# of Exams taken:	1,992
Scores of 3 or higher:	80%
Average score:	3.5

GRADING SCALE & RANK

Only AP & Dual Enrollment courses are weighted; honors & non-AP courses are not weighted.

UHS students are not ranked.

Due to our academically challenging program and our admissions criteria, students would likely be at the top of their graduating class at their respective home schools.

Grade	AP	Honors
A	5.0	4.0
B	4.0	3.0
C	3.0	2.0
D	2.0	1.0
F	0	0

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & HIGHLIGHTS

UHS was ranked the #3 public high school in Arizona and #28 nationally. Arizona's 2010 & 2016 female Presidential Scholars are UHS graduates. Forty-nine students from the class of 2022 graduated with a Seal of Fine Arts and/or a Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION (CLASSES OF 2019-2022)

Students matriculated to the following colleges & universities. Those in **bold** signify that more than one student matriculated.

American University	Gnomon School of Visual Effects, Games & Animation	Portland State University	University of Hawaii, Manoa
Arizona State University	Grand Canyon University	Princeton University	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Boston University	Grinnell College	Purdue University	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Brigham Young University	Harvard University	Reed College	University of Michigan
Butler University	Haverford College	Rice University	University of Missouri
California Institute of Technology	Hillsdale College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of New Mexico
California Poly, San Luis Obispo	John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Saint John's College	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Carleton College	Johns Hopkins University	Santa Clara University	University of Notre Dame
Carnegie Mellon University	Kansas State University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Oregon
Carrington College	Kings College London	Scripps College	University of Pennsylvania
Case Western Reserve University	Lansing Community College	Seattle University	University of Richmond
Claremont McKenna College	Lawrence University	Smith College	University of Rochester
Clark University	Le Tourneau University	Sonoma State University	University of Southern California
Colgate University	Lehigh University	Springfield College	University of Texas, Dallas
College of the Holy Cross	Lewis & Clark College	Swarthmore College	University of the Pacific
College of William & Mary	Loyola University Chicago	Temple University	University of Utah
College of Wooster	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Texas A&M University	University of Vermont
Colorado School of Mines	McGill University	Trinity College	University of Virginia
Cottey College	Miami University	Tufts University	University of Washington
Dalhousie University	Middlebury College	Tulane University	University of Washington, Bothell
Dartmouth College	New Mexico State University	United States Air Force Academy	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Doane University	Northeastern University	United States Military Academy, West Point	Vanderbilt University
Duke University	Northern Arizona University	University of Alaska, Fairbanks	Vassar College
Earlham College	Northwestern University	University of Arizona	Washington State University
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University	Oberlin College	University of California, Berkeley	Washington University in St. Louis
Emory University	The Ohio State University	University of California, Davis	Wayland Baptist University
ETH Zurich	Ohio Wesleyan University	University of California, Irvine	Wellesley College
<i>Franklin W Olin College of Engineering</i>	Oregon State University	University of California, San Diego	Wesleyan University
Gateway Community College	Pepperdine University	University of California, Santa Cruz	Willamette University
George Mason University	Pima Community College	University of Chicago	Yale University
Georgetown University	Pitzer College	University of Colorado, Boulder	
The George Washington University		University of Dallas	
		University of Evansville	