

University of Illinois Laboratory High School

2021-2022 SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Uni High is a public laboratory school enrolling approximately 325 students. Founded in 1921, the 5-year high school is located on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana-Champaign. This East Central Illinois community has a population of about 122,000, including 40,000 students. The student to teacher ratio is 9 to 1, and the average class size is 15, allowing faculty and administrators to know each student individually. Uni High also has three professional school counselors, one specializing in college counseling.

100%
STUDENTS ACCEPTED
INTO A 4-YEAR COLLEGE

5
Year High
School

SUBFRESHMEN

Most students enter Uni High as subfreshman, which is an accelerated, combined 7th and 8th grade year. The academic courses taken during this year are part of our five-year honors high school program. Grades earned in subfreshman math and foreign languages are shared with college to reflect course sequencing in these two disciplines. However, these grades are not included in the student's GPA.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer Students are accepted into grades 9-11 as space provides.

ADMISSION

Admission to Uni High is highly competitive. We admit approximately 25% of our applicants based on their academic record and application, which includes personal references and essays. Admission decisions are made without regard to home school district or affiliation with the University of Illinois. Uni High strives to build a class of incoming students that is inclusive and representative of the surrounding communities.

Students
admitted from
14
Different Schools

Class of 2022 at a Glance

62
Class Size

2.8-4.0
Unweighted GPA
Range on a
4-point scale.
Uni does not rank
students.

32
ACT Average

722
SAT Average,
Critical Reading

734
SAT Average,
Math

13
National Merit
Semifinalists

Student Life at a Glance

40

Clubs & Activities

Open Campus teaches that with freedom comes responsibility

11

No-Cut Sports Offered

Service programs ranging from peer tutoring to Habitat to Humanity

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN IHSA-SANCTIONED SPORTS



STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN MUSIC, DRAMA, AND FINE ARTS



CURRICULUM / ACADEMIC HONORS

EXCELLENCE WITHOUT AP

Our laboratory mission is focused on developing an innovative curriculum and creating an environment that fosters the intellectual independence and creativity of our students. In support of that goal, all academic courses at Uni High are honors courses. Faculty members are encouraged to try new methods of instruction and to alter course content. In support of that mission, Uni High does not offer courses that follow the Advanced Placement program of the College Board. Some students still choose to participate in the placement exam process after self-study or guidance from their teachers.

Grade Scale

- A - Excellent
- B - Very Good
- C - Creditable
- D - Passing
- F - Failing

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Uni High Students must have a minimum of 19 units from courses taken during their high school years. The following are required:

- English: 4 Units
- Foreign Languages: 2 Units of the same language
- Mathematics: 3 Units beyond Algebra I
- Science: 3 Units
- Social Studies: 3 Units
- Physical Education: 3 Units (4-year sequence)
- Fine Arts: 1 Unit
- Computer Science: 1/2 Unit
- Health: 1/2 Unit

CURRICULUM ORGANIZATION & CREDITS

The curriculum is organized across eight areas. English, social studies, science, mathematics, foreign languages, fine arts, computer science, and physical education/health. In addition to the required courses in each area, students have access to extensive elective offerings in the core academic subjects.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Students who want to pursue an academic interest beyond the Uni High course offerings may apply to participate in an Independent Study. If the relevant Uni High executive teacher approves the course, a Uni High teacher or faculty member at the University of Illinois may supervise the Independent Study. Independent Studies do not count toward the student's required 300 minutes of daily supervised instruction. Independent studies are listed on the Uni High Transcript as "IS".

EXTERNAL ACADEMIC CREDIT

Uni High Students may enroll in college courses at Parkland College or the University of Illinois. Grades earned in college courses only appear on the higher education record. Uni High does not include these grades on our transcript nor do we count credits towards graduation. It is the student's responsibility to release such transcripts to their respective colleges and universities.

AGORA DAYS

Each year, Uni High has an Agora Days (open market) program that invites students, parents, alumni, faculty and community members to take over Uni High classrooms, offering classes in new and unusual subjects. Students do not receive grades for these classes, which fosters creative and pressure-free learning through innovative methods.

GPA NOTES

Grade point averages are calculated on a 4-point, unweighted scale.

- A - 4
- B - 3
- C - 2
- D - 1
- F - 0

- All courses that assign a letter grade at Uni High are calculated into a student's GPA-
- The GPA shown on a student's transcript includes only work completed at Uni High-
- Grades from previous schools are attached to the Uni High transcript but are not included in the GPA calculation-
- No summer classes or college courses concurrently taken are included in the GPA calculation-
- If a course is repeated, both grades are reported on the transcript but only the repeated course grade is included in the GPA calculation-
- Only courses completed in grades 9-12 at Uni High are included in the GPA calculation. While Math & Foreign Language Subfreshman grades are reflected to show sequence and rigor, they are not included in the GPA.-

COVID-19 UPDATES

Uni High was 100% Remote from March 2020-May 2021. Return to in person learning took place August 2021.

GRADING POLICIES DURING COVID-19

2020-4th Quarter (March-May 2020)

In response to the State of Illinois "Do No Harm to Students" position, Uni High established baseline grades as of March 13, 2020 for each student. From that point on, all grades were PASS. No final exams were given, Uni High does not include quarter grades into our GPA calculation so final semester grades were issued as PASS. Pass/fail grades are not included in the overall GPA calculation.

2020-2021 Fall and Spring Semesters (August 2020-May 2021)

Uni was 100% remote for both fall and spring semester. We believe remote learning was the most responsible choice for community safety. Students were offered the option to take some or all classes as pass/fail. These grades are not included in the overall GPA calculation.

COLLEGE COURSES DURING COVID-19

Since the transition to remote learning in March 2020, our students can only register for online courses- at both the University of Illinois and Parkland College. While both college campuses returned to in-person and hybrid models, Uni students remained remote. This continues into our current semester (Fall 2021) as we focus on in-person learning and safety protocols within our high school.

STUDENT SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

Tele-counseling services continued for our students during remote learning. College Counseling programming; individual meetings; small group seminars; college rep visits were all offered to our students and parents via Zoom. Peer mentoring continued as seniors facing their college choice assisted the juniors with their college planning. With the transition to in person learning, counseling support is being offered both in person and remotely to optimize student comfort, family access, and safety.

UNI-QUE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

61

Students in grades 9-11 participating in concurrent enrollment at the University of Illinois

3

Student edited publications

28

Students in grades 9-11 serving as peer mentors to new incoming students

3

Student plays or musicals per year

12

Peer College Counselors mentoring to underclassmen

COURSES

2021-2022

90+

Course Options

ALL ACADEMIC COURSES ARE HONORS | EXCELLENCE WITHOUT AP

Computer Science

Computer Literacy 1 -*Subfreshman*
Computer Literacy 2-*Freshman*
Computer Programming-*10th-12th*
Topics in Computer Science-*10th-12th*
World-Wide Web Development-*10th-12th*
Yearbook-*10th-12th*
Advanced Yearbook: Editorship-*10th-12th*

English

Language and Literature 1-*Subfreshman*
Language and Literature 2-*Freshman*
Language and Literature 3-*Sophomore*
Junior and Senior Special Topics-Semester Long

- Nonfiction Writing
- Shakespeare and His Descendents
- African-American Literature
- The Short Story
- History As Fiction
- Poetry: British and American

Creative Writing-*10th-12th*
Journalism-*9th-12th*
Advanced Journalism-*11th-12th*
Gender Studies-*10th-12th*
Current Topics in Social Justice-*10th-12th*

Fine Arts

Interrelated Arts-*Subfreshman*
Film Study-*10th-12th*
Public Speaking-*10th-12th*
Theatre Arts I-*9th-12th*
Stage Craft-*9th-12th*
Studio Art I-*9th-12th*
Two-Dimensional Art-*9th-12th*
Three-Dimensional Art-*9th-12th*
Mixed Chorus-*Subfreshman-12th*
Mixed Orchestra-*Subfreshman-12th*
Jazz Band-*Subfreshman-12th*
Madrigals-*9th-12th*
Music Theory-*10th-12th*
Music History-From Bach to Rock-*10th-12th*

Foreign Languages

French I-IV
German I-IV
Japanese I-IV
Latin I-IV
Spanish I-IV

Mathematics

Math 1 (Algebra I)-*Subfreshman*
Math 2 (Geometry & Trigonometry)-*9th*
Math 3 (Algebra II with Trigonometry)-*10th*
Advanced Topics
Statistics
Accelerated Calculus I
Calculus I
Accelerated Calculus 2/3

Physical Education

Sports and Fitness-*Subfreshman-12th*
Freshman Health-*9th*

Science

Nature of Science-*Subfreshman*
Earth and Space Studies-*Subfreshman*
Introductory Biology-*9th*
Biology A: Organismal Biology-*9th*
Introductory Chemistry-*10th*
Chemistry A: General Chemistry-*10th-12th*
Chemistry B: Accelerated Chemistry-*11th-12th*
Chemistry D: Organic Chemistry-*11th-12th*
Introductory Physics-*11th-12th*
Physics A: Topics in Base Physics-*11th-12th*
Physics B: Intermediate Mechanics-*12th*
Physics C: Modern Physics-*12th*
Pre-Medical Profession-*11th-12th*
Environmental Science-*11th-12th*
Entomology-*11th-12th*
Microbiology-*11th-12th*

Social Studies

Introduction to Social Studies-*Subfreshman*
World History (c.1000 BCE-c.1500 CE)-*9th*
Modern History (c.1550-1945)-*10th*
U.S. History-*11th*
American History Through Pop Culture-*11th-12th*
Thinking Like a Social Scientist-*11th-12th*
World Since 1945-*11th-12th*
Social Studies Laboratory-*11th-12th*
Introduction to Psychology-*11th-12th*

Special Instructional Opportunities

Senior Project-*12th*
College Courses (Concurrent Enrollment)-*9th-12th*

- *Course options are limited.*
- *Uni High bell schedule may limit a student's ability to participate. Requests must be pre-approved by Uni.*
- *These courses are not counted towards graduation credits or included in our GPA.*

College Acceptances

2018-2021

100% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT 4-YEAR SCHOOLS;
AS MANY AS 10% TAKE A GAP YEAR.

American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augustana College
Ball State University
Bard College
Barnard College
Beloit College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University
California State University-Monterey Bay
Calvin University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Clark University
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
College of Wooster
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Concordia University
Cornell College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison College
DePaul University
DePauw University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eastern Illinois University
Emory University
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Hamilton College
Harvey Mudd College
Haverford College
Hope College
Howard University
Huntington University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois State University
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana State University
Indiana University-Bloomington
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Johns Hopkins University
Kalamazoo College
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lawrence University
Lewis and Clark College
Lindenwood University
Louisiana State University A & M-Baton Rouge
Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Maryville University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McGill University
Miami University-Ohio
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
Millikin University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Missouri University of Science and Technology
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
North Central College
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Ohio University
Parkland Pathways to Illinois
Pennsylvania State University
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
San Jose State University
Sarah Lawrence College
Scripps College
Simmons University
Smith College
Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Spelman College
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
State University of New York-Stony Brook
Stony Brook University
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
The Ohio State University
Trine University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Alabama-Birmingham
University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
University of Arizona
University of California-Berkeley
University of California-Davis
University of California-Irvine
University of California-Los Angeles
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
University of California-Santa Cruz
University of Chicago
University of Colorado-Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Edinburgh
University of Gaslow
University of Illinois-Chicago
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign
University of Indianapolis
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
University of Missouri-Columbia
University of Missouri-St. Louis
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of Texas-Austin
University of Toronto
University of Utah
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Wartburg College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Williams College
Yale University