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 56,000 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.

ADMISSION

Admission to Uni High is highly competitive. We admit approximately 32% 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.

CLASS OF 2023 AT A GLANCE

- **64** 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
- **20** National Merit Semifinalists

SUBFRESHMEN

Most students enter Uni High as a 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 colleges 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.
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.

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.

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<td>- English: 4 Units</td>
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<td>- Foreign Languages: 2 Units of the same language</td>
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<td>- Mathematics: 3 Units beyond Algebra I</td>
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<td>- Science: 3 Units</td>
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<td>- Social Studies: 3 Units</td>
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<td>- Physical Education: 2 Units (4-year sequence)</td>
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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".

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. This is NOT dual enrollment. College credit is directly earned.

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.
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 2nd 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.

COLEGE COURSES DURING COVID-19

March 2020 - July 2022
Our Uni High students could only register for online courses -at both the University of Illinois and Parkland College.

August 2022- Present
Both in-person and online classes are open to our students with Uni High and UIUC permissions.

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 access and family partnership.

UNI-QUE OPPORTUNITIES 2021-2022

-61 Students in grades 9-11 participating in concurrent enrollment at the University of Illinois
-3 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
2022-2023
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
- Digital Media Production - 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
  - Utopias & Dystopias
  - Native American & Othered Lit
  - The Hero's Journey
  - The Twentieth Century Novel
  - The Coming of Age Novel
- Creative Writing - 10th-12th
- Communication & Media - 9th-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 & II - 9th-12th
- Studio Art I - 9th-12th
- Two-Dimensional Art - 9th-12th
- Design Thinking - 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 1 (1 unit) with Geometry
- Math 2 = Geometry (1 unit) with Trigonometry
- Math 3 = Algebra 2 (1 unit) with Trigonometry
- Advanced Topics = PreCalculus (1 unit)
- Statistics (1 unit)
- Accelerated Calculus I (1 unit)
- Calculus I (1 unit)
- Accelerated Calculus 2 (.5 unit)
- Accelerated Calculus 3 (.5 unit)

Note: Uni math dept uses integrated curriculum. Courses are not directly equivalent, but the majority of the content articulates this way to meet college admissions requirements.

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

Social Studies
- Introduction to Social Studies - Subfreshman
- World History (c.1000 BCE-c.1500 CE) - 9th
- World History (c.1550-1945) - 10th
- U.S. History - 11th
- American History Through Pop Culture - 11th-12th
- Contemporary Issues - 11th-12th
- Questions in Political Theory - 11th-12th
- Revolutions - 11th-12th
- Thinking Like a Social Scientist - 11th-12th
- World Since 1945 - 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.
American University
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
Auburn University
Augusta University
Augustana College
Ball State University
Bard College
Barnard College
Beloit College
Boston College
Boston University
Bradley University
Brandeis University
Brooklyn College
Brown University
Bryn Mawr College
Butler University
California College of the Arts
California Institute of Technology
California Polytechnic State University
California State University, Monterey Bay
Calvin University
Carleton College
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Castleton University
Clarke University
Clemson University
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Concordia University Chicago
Connecticut College
Cornell College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
Denison College
DePaul University
Dominican University
Drexel University
Duke University
Earlham College
Eastern Illinois University
Emory University
Finlandia University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Grinnell College
Harvey Mudd College
Hofstra University
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
Lincoln Memorial University
Lindenwood University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Chicago
Macalester College
Marquette University
Maryville University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McCormick College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Midland 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
Nova Southeastern University
Oberlin College
Pacific University
Parkland College
Parkland Pathways to Illinois
Parsons School of Design
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Purchase College (SUNY)
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rochester University
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Saint Louis University
San Jose State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Scripps College
Siena College
Simmons University
Smith College
Southern Illinois University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Spelman College
St. Bonaventure University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University
Stone Brook University (SUNY)
Swarthmore College
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
The College of Wooster
The Ohio State University
The Pennsylvania State University
The University of British Columbia
The University of Chicago
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Iowa
The University of New Mexico
The University of Tampa
The University of Utah
Thomas Jefferson University
Trine University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of Alabama
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of Arizona
University of Buffalo (SUNY)
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Florida
University of Florida
University of Gaslow
University of Illinois Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Indianapolis
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Missouri
University of Missouri-Kansas City
University of Missouri-St Louis
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Texas
University of Ohio
University of Oregon
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University of Pittsburgh
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University of Southern California
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University of Washington
University of Waterloo
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Institute of Technology
Wartburg College
Washington & Jefferson College
Washington University in St. Louis
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Williams College
Yale University