UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL
2023-2024 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.

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.

CLASS OF 2024 AT A GLANCE

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University of Illinois Laboratory High School
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3.0-4.0
Unweighted GPA
Range on a 4-point scale. Uni does not rank students.

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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.

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.
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.

UNIQUE STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

GPA NOTES
- 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 former 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.
### COURSES

#### 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
  - African American Literature
  - History as Fiction
  - British & American Poetry
  - Shakespeare and His Descendants
  - The Short Story
- Creative Writing - 10th-12th
- Communication & Media - 9th-12th
- Journalism - 9th-12th
- Advanced Journalism - 11th-12th

#### Fine Arts
- Interrelated Arts - Subfreshman
- Public Speaking - 10th-12th
- Theatre Arts I & II - 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

#### Mathematics
- Math 1 (Algebra I) - Subfreshman
- Math 2 (Geometry & Trigonometry) - 9th
- Math 3 (Algebra II with Trigonometry) - 10th
- Advanced Topics (Pre-Calculus)
- Statistics
- Calculus I
- 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
- Scientific Research Methodology - 11th-12th

#### Social Studies
- Introduction to Social Studies - Subfreshman
- World History to 1500 - 9th
- World History since 1500 - 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 1989 - 11th-12th

#### Special Instructional Opportunities
- Senior Project - 12th
- Independent Study - 10th-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.

### ALL ACADEMIC COURSES ARE HONORS | EXCELLENCE WITHOUT AP

2023-2024
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Macalester College  
Maran University  
Marquette University  
MIT  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Millikin University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Queen’s University (Kingston, ON)  
Richmond American University (London)  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
San Diego State University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Scripps College  
Smith College  
St. Louis University  
St. Olaf College  
Stanford University  
Stony Brook University SUNY  
Sweet Briar College  
Syracuse University  
Texas A&M University  
The Ohio State University  
The University of Alabama at Birmingham  
The University of Arizona  
The University of Chicago  
The University of Iowa  
The University of North Carolina Chapel Hill  

Class of 2023 College Outcomes Report  
64 seniors were admitted to 127 different colleges and universities  

The University of Texas at Dallas  
The University of California Berkeley  
The University of California Davis  
The University of California Irvine  
The University of California San Diego  
The University of California Santa Barbara  
The University of California Santa Cruz  
The University of Colorado Boulder  
The University of Colorado Denver  
The University of Connecticut  
The University of Findlay  
The University of Illinois Chicago  
The University of Illinois Springfield  
The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
The University of Maryland  
The University of Massachusetts  
The University of Michigan  
The University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
The University of Missouri  
The University of North Carolina Asheville  
The University of Oregon  
The University of Pittsburgh  
The University of Redlands  
The University of Rochester  
The University of Southern California  
The University of Tennessee Knoxville  
The University of Toronto  
The University of Vermont  
The University of Virginia  
The University of Washington  
The University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Washington and Jefferson College  
Washington University  
Wayne State University  
Wellesley College  
Western New England University  
Xavier University  
Yale University  

Class of 2023 Matriculation  
64 seniors are attending 24 different institutions  

100% are attending a 4-year college or university  
55% are attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign  
68% are attending college in state  
30% are attending college out of state  
2% are attending a college outside of the U.S.  
67% are attending a public institution  
33% are attending a private institution  

Arizona State University  
Augusta University  
Beloit College  
Boston University  
Bowling Green University  
Butler University  
California Institute of Technology  
California State University Long Beach  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Caroll University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cedarville University  
Champlain College  
Colby College  
College of Wooster  
Colorado State University  
Columbia University in the City of NY  
Cornell University  
Dartmouth College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
Duke University  
Elmhurst University  
Emory University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Grace College  
Grinnell College  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Wesleyan University  
Indiana University  
Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis  
Iowa State University  
John Cabot University (Rome)  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenyon College  
Knox College  
Lawrence University  
Liberty University  
Loras College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Loyola University Chicago  
Macalester College  
Marian University  
Marquette University  
MIT  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Millikin University  
Mount Holyoke College  
New York University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois University  
Northwestern University  
Oberlin College  
Pennsylvania State University  
Princeton University  
Purdue University  
Queen’s University (Kingston, ON)  
Richmond American University (London)  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
Rutgers University  
San Diego State University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Scripps College  
Smith College  
St. Louis University  
St. Olaf College  
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