

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.

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
29
Different Schools

Class of 2024 at a Glance

61
Class Size

3.0-4.0
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

10
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

2023-2024

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*
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*

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 (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.*



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Class of 2023 College Outcomes Report

64 seniors were admitted to 127 different colleges and universities

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
 Carroll 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 U-Purdue U 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
 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

The University of Texas at Dallas
 University of California Berkeley
 University of California Davis
 University of California Irvine
 University of California San Diego
 University of California Santa Barbara
 University of California Santa Cruz
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Colorado Denver
 University of Connecticut
 University of Findlay
 University of Illinois Chicago
 University of Illinois Springfield
 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
 University of Maryland
 University of Massachusetts
 University of Michigan
 University of Minnesota Twin Cities
 University of Missouri
 University of North Carolina Asheville
 University of Oregon
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Redlands
 University of Rochester
 University of Southern California
 University of Tennessee Knoxville
 University of Toronto
 University of Vermont
 University of Virginia
 University of Washington
 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