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2024-25 SCHOOL PROFILE

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ACCREDITATION

Six year Accrediting Commission
for Schools Western Association of
Schools and Colleges (WASC)

**2022 California Pivotal
Practice Award**

**2021 National Blue Ribbon
School**

**2021 California Distinguished
Schools Awardee**

**2020 California Gold Medal
School**

The School

University High School is a charter high school designed to provide a classical education in a small school environment (500 students), and because we are located on the campus of California State University, Fresno, our students also have access to the resources of a major university. Music is a required cornerstone of our program and the student's core requirements include a number of courses taught by the university. We are a high school of choice; students must apply and be able to provide evidence of two years of musical experience. Due to the size of our application pool, student admittance is typically determined by lottery. Approximately 77% of students who applied were admitted this school year. These students come to UHS from over 41 different zip codes and represent three different counties; many of our students commute 45 minutes to an hour each way and there is no school-supported transportation system.

Student Commitment

University High School students significantly out-perform all other area high schools on state-mandated, standardized tests, university going rates and university graduation rates (NCAA data) and the curricular program we require of all students has no comparison for its rigor. In 2024 we were named the 12th best California high school, the 27th best charter high school in the Nation and the 110th best public high school in the Nation (US News). Niche.com ranked our school 2nd best charter high school in California, 7th best public high school in California, 10th best charter high school in the Nation and 5th Best Teaching Staff of 1,727 California schools. Both US News and Niche ranked us #1 high school in the Fresno area. Our expectations for student performance are high at UHS, and while our students perform well, grade inflation is not part of our culture. We draw students who are ambitious and seeking to challenge themselves, and who hope to receive the most rigorous preparation for the college environment.

Advanced Placement & College Courses

Advanced Placement courses are ONLY offered in 11th and 12th grade, unless students arrive at our school having completed advanced math in middle school. Students are required to take 3 AP Courses (AP Language, AP Literature and AP Gov or AP Econ) and 7 Fresno State courses. Students will earn a minimum of 22 college units through Fresno State and have the option to take up to three additional Fresno State courses during their senior year. These additional courses are not mandatory.

Honors Courses

Honors English 9	Honors English 10	Honors Advanced Math
Honors Physics	Honors Chemistry	Honors U.S. History
	Honors Latin II	

Advanced Placement

Calculus AB	Macroeconomics	U.S. Government & Politics
Calculus BC	Microeconomics	U.S. History
English Language & Composition	Music Theory	
English Literature & Composition	Statistics	

College Courses

Biology 10 Life Science	Ethnic Studies **	History 21 World History II
Biology 12 Animal Science	History 20 World History I	Modern Language*

* Modern Language: two consecutive semesters of the same language.

** Ethnic Studies course options: ASAM, AFRAM, AMIND, CLS, MCJ

2024 - 2025 Graduation Requirements

The following is a summary of the required curriculum for all our students, which exceeds most university entrance requirements.

English	4 years	Foreign Language	3 years	Performing Groups	4 years
Mathematics	4 years	Social Studies	3 years	Physical Education	4 years
Science	3 years	Musicianship	4 years	Ethnic Studies	1/2 year

Mission Statement: UHS's culture will be caring, supportive of learning, promote understanding and encourage students to foster personal development. Students will feel confident to express themselves as they mature into young adults. UHS will address the academic, personal, and social development of the students while providing a solid academic foundation for a college career, with the goal that all graduates are prepared to enter the adult world where they will be ready to pursue any goal to which they aspire. In short, UHS will continually work to create for its student's nothing less than the best high school experience possible.

Class Rank & Grading

UHS does not use class rank to distinguish students. The highest GPA for this graduating class of 122 students is 4.5787. We use a 4-point, weighted, GPA scale. Only Honors courses (except for Honors US History), AP courses, and Fresno State college courses listed on our transcript receive grade augmentation. Over half of the graduating class has a cumulative GPA of 4.00 and above. We do not allow students to add other college courses they may take outside of our program to their transcripts.

Letter Grade	Value	Regular	AP/DE/H
A	90 and above	4.0	5.0
B	80 and above	3.0	4.0
C	70 and above	2.0	3.0
D	60 and above	1.0	1.0
F	50 and above	0.0	0.0

College Matriculation

Class of 2024: 109

99% attending college
74% four-year college / 25% two-year
7% attending college out-of-state

2024 Test Results*

SAT

EBRW - Mean	694
Math - Mean	618
Mean Total Score	1312

ACT

	Mean
ELA	27.8
English	29.8
Math	27.6
Reading	29.7
Writing	8.6
Science	27.4
STEM	27.8
Composite	28.8

Advanced Placement (AP)*

May 2024 Testing Period

Students enrolled in AP classes	233
Exams administered	571
Exams with score of "3" or higher	405

AP Awards for Class of 2025

AP Scholar	22
AP Scholar with Honor	21
AP Scholar with Distinction	1
National Scholar	0

Student Ethnic Backgrounds: 1% American Indian, 9.5% Chinese, 1% Japanese, .08% Korean, 2.5% Vietnamese, 9.6% Asian Indian, .4% Laotian, 6% other Asian, 8.1% Filipino, 28.6% Hispanic, 6% African American, and 25.8% Caucasian. 17% of our student body will be the first in their family to attend college.

Class of 2025

Students: 122

Total Students in School (9 - 12): 500

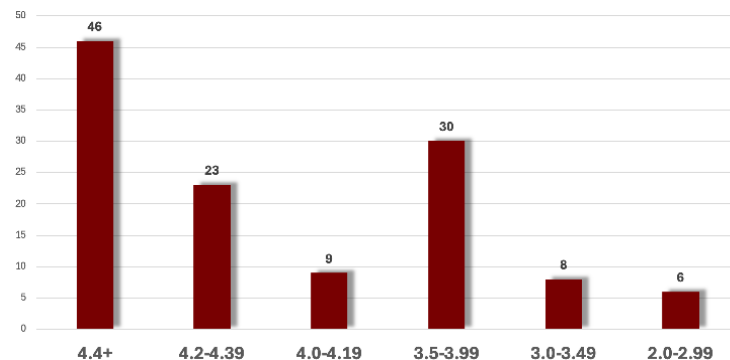
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Class of 2025

Semi-Finalists: 3

Commended: 8

Class of 2025 GPA Distribution



GPA based on 9 - 11 grade, weighted

48 Book Program & Electives

Over the course of four years, students are given a book every month that they are held responsible for reading and understanding; students must also participate in Socratic seminars about these books in their English class. This reading requirement is in addition to the 10 books that students read as part of the English curriculum. Students are gifted these books, many of which are written at the college level, so that they may build a personal library.

UHS runs two intersessions, one after each semester. A choice of electives, based on student and staff interests, is offered at this time. The elective session is generally two weeks long; students select two electives and attend each class for three hours every day, for a total of 6 hours a day. A selection of past electives includes Adobe CC, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Chess Variance, Desmos Art, Recreation Nation, Puzzles and Mind Games, Military History and Film, Sailing, Ski and Snowboard, travel to Costa Rica and Belize, Sound Engineering, Criminal Profiling, Robotics, Video Production, as well as Drama Production (students rehearse, create sets, make costumes, and produce an entire show themselves, in less than two weeks).

Extracurricular, Code of Character & Community Service

Students at UHS take on average 8-10 classes per semester and many students attend school from 8am to 5pm each day, leaving little time for studying and extra-curricular activities. Due to the intensity of our program, many of our most competitive clubs (Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad, Speech and Debate, Mock Trial, Math Team) meet in the evening, after school and on weekends. Participation in these activities requires extreme dedication and passion from involved students.

Our continued success and integration with the college campus requires a more mature behavior from our students, and as such we expect a higher standard of behavior from all students. Every year students are required to sign a Code of Character and we have a Character Education Program and Teacher/Student Committee that oversees and promotes positive student behavior on campus.

UHS has a community service graduation requirement. Our students are required to do **80 hours** of community service by the time they graduate.