

# University High School Profile

## Illinois State University Laboratory School

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**University High School**, founded in 1857, is the Laboratory High School for Illinois State University and is a 4-year, non-boundary comprehensive college-preparatory public high school for which students must apply for admission. It is the oldest and largest laboratory school in the nation. It places a premium on academically rigorous courses taught by an exceptional staff, most of whom hold advanced degrees. It demands of its pupils a sense of responsibility for their own education unique at the secondary level. U-High patterns itself on a college model, with pupils given power to make decisions that affect their future. This has resulted in a student body that takes its education seriously. The average student takes six or more courses each semester. U-High has a wide variety of scheduling options available including Advanced Placement courses, dual credit courses, and online learning. Over 30 students per year participate in dual enrollment college classes taught on the campus of ISU and/or HCC.

Over the past 5 years, U-High's average ACT score for all students is 26.2. As we transition to the SAT, we only have one year of data. At this time our school has a mean total score of 1134 compared to the state mean of 960. In 2022-2023, 179 students participated in 333 AP exams with an 84% passing rate. The aforementioned facts, that our course contents and selection are unique, a grading system that is indeed rigorous, and the aspirations of our pupils and parents are exceptionally high, should be seriously considered when evaluating the transcripts of our pupils.

**Enrollment:** University High School serves approximately 630 high school students.

**Faculty and Administration:** 57

### Graduation Requirements:

Department	Credits
English	4 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Science	2 credits
Social Science	2.5 credits
World Language or Fine Arts	2 credits
Additional Coursework: Math, Science, Social Science, Foreign Language, Fine Arts, or Vocational Education	2 credits
Vocational Education	.50 credits
Wellness/Physical Education	4 credits
Electives	4 credits
Total Required Credits	24 credits

### Grading System: Course Credit

- All courses are included in the GPA with credit earned per semester.
- Students must pass the U.S. & Illinois Constitution exams which are included in the U.S. Government course.
- The Consumer Education state requirement can be met by completing Consumer Education.
- The Illinois state requirement in Health Education is included in Freshman Wellness.
- Indicates class is a transfer course from another district.

### Non-traditional credit as designated on transcript:

- ISU precedes course titles from Illinois State University.
- HCC precedes course titles from Heartland Community College.
- IND precedes course titles thought as Independent Study.
- IVS precedes course titles taught online via the Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy
- ED precedes course titles taught online via Edmentum.

**Grading System and Class Rank:** University High School will begin weighting classes on a two-tier scale spring semester 2023. All Advanced Placement courses will be weighted, and any Heartland Community College and/or Illinois State University dual credit course that carries weight will be designated in our course catalog. University High School does not rank, but any student who graduates with a 4.0 GPA or higher will be given the Summa Cum Laude designation. All courses are included in the GPA.

**Graduating Class of 2023:** With a class size of 147, 97% indicated intentions of attending a post-secondary institution (83% to a 4-year school, 17% to a 2-year school). These students are attending 53 different colleges and universities. The average cumulative GPA was 3.52 on a 4.0 scale.

# University High School Course List

## Course Title

### **Art Department**

Art Fundamentals  
Ceramics  
Sculpture  
Printmaking  
Art media  
AP Art, General Portfolio  
Art Appreciation

### **Business Departments**

Accounting  
Consumer Economics  
Introduction to Business  
Sports Marketing  
Entrepreneurship

### **English Department**

Freshman English  
Journalism  
Oral Communication  
HCC Oral Communication  
Sophomore Writing  
Creative Writing  
Contemporary Rhetoric  
Shakespeare  
Argumentation and Debate  
Science Fiction and Fantasy  
American Literature and Composition  
British Literature and Composition  
AP English Language and Composition  
Introduction to Film/Story Telling  
AP Literature and Composition  
HCC English 101: Critical Reading & Writing  
HCC English 102: Multimodal Composition

### **Engineering Technology Department**

Introduction to Engineering Technology  
Computer Aided Drafting  
Engine Mechanics  
AP Computer Science  
Electronics  
Digital Computing  
Architectural Design  
Tech Topics  
Introduction to Agriculture

## Course Title

### **World Language Department**

French 1  
French 2  
French 3  
French 4  
French 5  
Mandarin Chinese 1  
Mandarin Chinese 2  
Mandarin Chinese 3  
Mandarin Chinese 4  
Spanish 1  
Spanish 2  
Spanish 3  
Spanish 4  
AP Spanish  
American Sign Language

### **Mathematics Department**

Geometry  
Accelerated Geometry  
Algebra 1  
Algebra 1+  
Algebra 2  
Algebra 2/ Trigonometry  
Transitional Math  
HCC Math 109  
Pre-Calculus  
AP Statistics  
AP Calculus (AB and BC)  
HCC Calculus 1  
HCC Math 111

### **Music Department**

Chorus 1  
Treble Choir  
Orchestra  
Band  
Concert Choir  
Color Guard

## Course Title

### **Physical, Health, and Driver Education Department**

Freshman Wellness  
Orchesis (Dance)  
Physical Education Activities  
Personal Fitness  
Driver Education  
Advanced Strength & Conditioning  
Sports Enhancement

### **Science Department**

Biology 1  
Chemistry  
Accelerated Chemistry  
Environmental Science  
Physics  
Advanced Biology: Zoology/Botany  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics  
HCC Chemistry 120

### **Social Science Department**

American Government  
World Studies  
United States Studies  
Philosophy  
Psychology  
Sociology  
HCC Sociology 101  
Current Issues  
Economics  
AP United States History  
AP Government  
AP Comparative Government

### **Success Education**

HCC Life Success

### **Non-Traditional Coursework**

Bloomington Area Career Center  
Heartland Community College  
Illinois State University  
Illinois Virtual School Academy  
Independent Study  
Edmentum  
U-High Internship