

## UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** "University High School is a special-function public high school which serves students who are academically focused and intellectually gifted and provides to those students curriculum and social support not offered in the comprehensive high school." Tucson Unified School District Board Approved, April 1987.

**ACCREDITATION STATUS:** University High School, having met the requirements established by the Advanced Accreditation Commission and Board of Trustees, is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement. In 1992, UHS became the first public school to attain college preparatory status from NCA. UHS has maintained accreditation since 1992. In its most recent rankings, US News and World Report ranked University High School 21<sup>st</sup> in the nation.

**STUDENT BODY:** Tucson's cultural, ethnic and economic diversity is reflected in the student body at University High School. This year 42% of the student body is minority, composed of African-American, Hispanic, Native American and Asian students. Approximately 15% of the families are disadvantaged. University High School, with a student body of approximately 850 students, shares the campus with the 1,200 students of Rincon High School, a comprehensive high school offering fine arts, sports, and other extracurricular activities. Together the two schools create an opportunity for students to excel in both academics and extracurricular activities.

**FACULTY:** There are forty-eight full and part-time faculty. Three hold Doctorates, one a Doctor of Jurisprudence, one a Doctor of Medicine, twenty-seven have Master's degrees and sixteen hold Bachelor's degrees.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** Student eligibility for admission to University High School is based on a qualifying score on the Cognitive Abilities and Ravens entrance exams and a grade point average for the two semesters prior to enrollment. An academic exit policy is implemented for students who do not maintain standards.

**CURRICULUM:** University High School offers a college preparatory four year curriculum in mathematics, science, English, social studies, modern languages, computer science and fine arts.

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT:** University High School participates in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board. In 2010, 480 students took 1,179 exams and 88% scored 3 or higher. In 2010, courses for the following AP exams are offered: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science, Economics (Micro and Macro), English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French Language, French Literature, German Language, U.S. Government & Politics, Physics B, Physics C, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, Studio Art, World History and U.S. History.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** A total of 22 credits are required for graduation. All academic courses at UHS are Honors or Advanced Placement. The following required and/or recommended courses include:

**Economics** – ½ credit – beginning with the class of 2012

**English** - Four credits. This includes AP English Language and AP English Literature.

**Mathematics** - Four credits

**Science** - Three credits. Beginning with the class of 2012 one credit of Physics is required.

**Social Studies** - Four credits. These include Western Civilization, Non-Western Civilizations, AP European History, AP World History, AP U.S. History and AP U.S. Government.

**World Languages** - Two credits.

**Physical Education** - One credit. (Dance can be applied as a PE credit.)

**Health** – ½ credit

**Fine Arts** – One credit

**Elective Courses** --Two credits.

Seniors eligible for Awards of Distinction must have a 3.85 or better GPA in the following subject areas including AP courses: Computer Science, English, Modern Languages, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts in premier levels. Seniors eligible for "*Graduation with Honors*" must have 24 credits, 3.85 or better cumulative GPA and three Awards of Distinction.

**CLASS RANK/GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** By policy students are not ranked because of the highly selective admissions criteria and the large number of students entering with superior qualifications. Ranking would not necessarily indicate educational achievement or relative ability. GPA for Honors courses is based on the following scale:

**A = 4.00 B = 3.00 C = 2.00 D = 1.00 F = 0.00 N = No Grade/No Credit P = Pass/Credit**

Beginning in the fall of 1993, students in Advanced Placement classes received weighted grades. GPA for AP courses was based on the following scale: **A = 5.00 B = 4.00 C = 3.00 D = 2.00 F = 0.00**

### SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT)

2006-07	147 Students	Mean: Critical Reading 641	Math 657	Writing 621	Total: 1919
2007-08	148 Students	Mean: Critical Reading 637	Math 665	Writing 624	Total: 1926
2008-09	171 Students	Mean: Critical Reading 625	Math 650	Writing 608	Total: 1883
2009-10	166 Students	Mean: Critical Reading 645	Math 661	Writing 624	Total: 1930

**NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:** The class of 2010 included 17 National Merit Finalists, 1 National Achievement Scholar Semifinalist and 10 National Hispanic Scholars in a class of 179. The class of 2011 includes 17 National Merit Semifinalists, 3 National Achievement Scholar Semifinalists and 9 National Hispanic Recognition Semifinalists in a class of 175.

**NATIONAL COMPETITIONS:** University High School students compete in regional, state and national academic competitions such as Future Business Leaders of America, Model UN, Academic Decathlon, Science Olympiad and Envirothon. UHS students also compete in the state and national Math and Modern Language Exams. University High teams and individual students have garnered honors at all levels of academic competition. Students at UHS actively participate in great numbers on Regional and State championship teams in swimming, diving, golf, tennis, and volleyball. Additionally students are active in the performing arts regularly garnering “superior” ratings at All State and Regional competitions in vocal performance, orchestra, and marching band. The male Presidential Scholar from the state of Arizona was a member of the 2010 graduating class.

**COLLEGE:** The percentage of students attending four-year institutions has remained at 98% for over twenty years. Graduates of our 2010 class are attending: Arizona State University, Berkeley, Brown, Grand Canyon University, Harvard, Haverford, Johns Hopkins, Indiana, Macalester, Navy Seals, New Mexico Tech, New York University, Occidental, Pacific Lutheran, Pomona, Princeton, Smith, Stanford, Tulane, the Universities of Arizona, Chicago, Colorado at Boulder, Michigan, Missouri, Notre Dame, Puget Sound, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, Texas at Dallas, Washington University in St. Louis, Wesleyan and Westminster.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:

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