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Please refer to last year's school profile for the full context and overview of our school & community during normal times. This document was produced to update you on changes to our curriculum; grading policies; extracurriculars and services to our students during the Covid-19. If you have any questions, please contact our Student Services Team.

GRADING POLICIES during COVID-19**4th quarter (March-May 2020)**

In response to the State of Illinois' position on "Do No Harm to Students" 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. Therefore GPAs were calculated through December 2019.

Fall Semester (Aug – Dec 2020)

Uni is 100% remote. We are currently back to our standard grading model (A-F) with semester grades included in the GPA. Administration and counselors will continue to offer a Pass/Fail option to students in crisis or needing adjustments in their academic life to attend to their personal health & wellbeing.

Taking college classes / non-degree status
I ILLINOIS

4th quarter: Students pivoted to remote learning as directed by the University Professors.

Fall 2020 – New Directives on UIUC Class

There are new, temporary limitations on which U of I classes our Uni students may enroll in this year, and how many classes they may be allowed to take:

Uni students will not be permitted to enroll in face-to-face classes at the University of Illinois during the 2020-21 school year

Uni students will be limited to 9 credit hours of U of I classes. Requests for course and/or section changes will be limited to a maximum of 2 requests per student.

28 seniors in the Class of 2021 are pursuing University of Illinois classes.

March to May 2020 OVERVIEW

4th Quarter (March to May, 2020)

- All academic courses went to remote learning.
- Periods 1-4 met on Monday and Wednesday
- Periods 5-8 met on Tuesday and Thursday

Students were expected to be in 6 classes a day with accountable attendance with each teacher.

Tele-counseling services continued for our students. 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 journey.

Student Clubs and Extracurriculars sponsored by Uni High were halted. Faculty sponsors had to pivot feverishly to remote learning—creating an eLearning experience was their top priority.

Wellness Checks were performed by an advisory group lead by our Assistant Director of Student Life.

School Counselors served on the Health & Safety task force and continued individual and small group outreach.

August to December 2020

We are currently 100% remote.

Please see next page for our Remote Learning Plan.

Class of 2021

Class size: 58

Ethnicities represented:

Caucasian (21)
Asian (20)
African-American (4)
Hispanic (4)
Other (9)

Fee Waivers: 3

1st Gen: 1

Our Class of 2020

Future Plans

37 to University of Illinois @ Urbana-Champaign

50: Mid-West
 4: West
 3: Mid-Atlantic
 2: South West
 3: South East

45: Public Institutions
 17: Private Institutions
 1: International

Uni graduated 63 seniors in the Class of 2020.



Remote Learning Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	*Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00–10:00	1	5	Project Day / Asynchronous learning	1	5
10:15–11:15	2	6		2	6
11:30–12:30	3	7		3	7
12:30–1:15	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch
1:15–2:15	4	8		4	8
2:30–3:30		Uni Period		Uni Period	

***Wednesday Schedule**

Time	Class Period
9:00–9:30	1st
9:40–10:10	2nd
10:20–10:50	3rd
11:00–11:30	4th
11:40–12:10	5th
12:10–12:55	Lunch
12:55–1:25	6th
1:35–2:05	7th
2:15–2:45	8th

REMOTE LEARNING for Uni

**HEALTH & SAFETY:
Protect students from Community Spread**

With the start of the 2020–2021 academic year, thousands of students will be traveling to Urbana/Champaign to attend classes at UIUC. This will likely lead to an increase in community spread that will be facilitated by the opening and operation of schools like Uni High. In order to limit exposure, we believe that remote learning is the most responsible choice important for community safety.

Transition to Hybrid Learning

We may transition to a hybrid schedule only when it is safe to partially reopen Uni for in-person learning. The hybrid learning plan will only be an option while our region is in Phase 4 or Phase 5 of the Restore Illinois plan. Guidelines for what constitutes safe conditions to transition to hybrid learning will be developed by the Health and Safety Task Force in conversation with Uni’s administration and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District.

4 hours of instruction per day

30 minutes of homework for each class. (2 hours)

This is 6 hours of academic engagement per day – one hour above the state mandate of 5 hrs.

Attendance is reported to ISBE (IL State Board of Education)

For 2020-2021

We will use traditional

- Grading:
A: 90-100
B: 80-89
C: 70-79
D: 60-69
F: < 60

Students can also discuss P/F options when mental health and safety / wellness needs arise.

COUNSELING SUPPORTS:

Our two School Counselors and Director of College counseling will continue with SEL supports; individual meetings; hosting virtual college rep / info sessions; family programming; college essay review; alumni talks.

Our support services have also expanded to best serve our students and families.

For the 2020-2021 year, we have added the following team members:

- SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST**
(Pre-Doc Intern)
&
ISACorps ADVISOR
(College Access Specialist)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

LABORATORY HIGH SCHOOL

2019-2020 *School Profile*



OUR MISSION

University of Illinois Laboratory High School (or “Uni High”) seeks to spark the creative fervor and high aspirations of talented young people, to inspire them to excellence, to challenge them through traditional and experimental strategies, to ignite their potential for active and responsible involvement in the adult world, and to positively influence the larger educational community.

Class of 2020

AT A GLANCE

63

2020 CLASS
SIZE

66

2019 CLASS
SIZE

32

ACT AVERAGE

710

SAT AVERAGE
(critical reading)

720

SAT AVERAGE
(math)

TBA NATIONAL MERIT FINALISTS

4 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

TBA NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

TBA NATIONAL MERIT \$2500 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

TBA ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS (TOP 10%)



SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Uni High is a public laboratory school enrolling approximately 325 students. Founded in 1921, a 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 129,000 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.

ADMISSION

Admission to Uni High is highly competitive. We admit approximately 25% of our applicants based on their SSAT score, 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.

SUBFRESHMEN

Most students enter Uni High as subfreshmen, 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 colleges to reflect course sequencing in these two disciplines. However, these grades are not included in the student's GPA.

STUDENT LIFE

Uni High offers many opportunities for learning and involvement outside of the classroom through clubs and activities, athletics, fine and performing arts, and community service.

- Uni High has a no-cut athletic program that allows all students to participate in competitive athletics. Approximately 65% of our students play on interscholastic teams in IHSA-sanctioned sports.
- More than 60% of our students are involved in music, drama, and fine arts programs.
- Our students can choose from roughly 40 clubs and activities.
- Our students participate in service programs ranging from peer tutoring to Habitat for Humanity.
- Students have an open campus all day, every day. They learn that with freedom comes responsibility.
- 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.

CURRICULUM

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 alter course content. Because of our mission, Uni High does not offer courses that follow the Advanced Placement program of the College Board.

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)
- Physical Education: 3 units (4-year sequence)
- Fine Arts (1 unit)
- Computer Science (½ unit)
- Health (½ unit)

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The class of 2020 average GPA range was 2.8-4.0. Students are enrolled in an all-honors curriculum. The highest GPA possible is 4.00. Other notes about GPAs:

- GPAs are based on a 4-point, unweighted scale. (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0)
- GPAs are calculated at the end of each semester.
- All courses that assign a letter grade at Uni High are calculated into a student's GPA. P.E. is the only course excluded from the GPA calculation.
- 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 at the University of Illinois or Parkland College 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.
- As a general rule, only courses completed in grades 9 to 12 at Uni High are included in the GPA calculation. The subfreshman year at Uni High is not included.
- Grade Scale: A-Excellent, B-Very Good, C-Creditable, D-Passing, F-Failing

COURSES

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. We offer more than 90 course options. For a full curriculum guide with course descriptions please visit uni.illinois.edu/academics

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Computer Literacy 1
- Computer Literacy 2
- Computer Programming
- Computer Technology
- World Wide Web Development
- Yearbook
- Advanced Yearbook: Editorship

ENGLISH

- Subfreshman English (World Literature)
- Freshman English (American Literature)
- Sophomore English (British Literature)
- Junior and Senior Special Topics Courses
- Non-Fiction Writing
- History as Fiction
- African American Literature
- The Nineteenth Century British Novel
- Poetry: British and American
- The Short Story
- Creative Writing I and II
- Journalism
- Advanced Journalism: Editorship
- Gender Studies
- Current Topics in Social Justice

FINE ARTS

- Film Study
- Interrelated Arts
- Madrigals
- Mixed Chorus
- Music Theory
- Orchestra
- Music History-From Bach to Rock
- Jazz Band
- Studio Art I
- Two-Dimensional Art
- Three-Dimensional Art
- Theatre Arts I
- Stage Craft
- Public Speaking

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

- French I-IV
- German I-IV
- Japanese I-IV
- Latin I-IV
- Spanish I-IV

MATHEMATICS

- Algebra I (Math 1)-Subfreshman
- Geometry and Trigonometry (Math 2)
- Algebra II with Trigonometry (Math 3)
- Advanced Topics in Mathematics
- Statistics
- Calculus I
- Accelerated Calculus I,II, and III
- Calculus II and III: Calculus and Mathematica

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Sports and Fitness
- Freshman Health

SCIENCE

- Nature of Science
- Earth Studies
- Introductory Biology
- Biology A: Organismal Biology
- Biology C: Field Biology
- Biology D: Human Genetics and Society
- Introductory Chemistry
- Chemistry A: General Chemistry
- Chemistry B: Accelerated Chemistry
- Chemistry D: Organic Chemistry
- Introductory Physics
- Physics A: Topics in Basic Physics
- Physics B: Intermediate Mechanics
- Physics C: Modern Physics

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Introduction to Social Studies
- World History
- Modern History
- U.S. History
- Race, Class, and Gender in 20th Century
- American Popular Culture

- Interdisciplinary Thinking
- World History since 1945
- Social Studies Laboratory
- Introduction to Psychology

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 a 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. The grades for such courses would only appear on the transcript issued by these schools, not the Uni High transcript. It is the student's responsibility to release such transcripts to their respective colleges and universities.



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2013-2020

100% of our students are accepted at 4-year schools; as many as 10% take a gap year. Students have been offered admission to the following colleges and universities:

Adelphi University	College of William and Mary	Hamilton College
Agnes Scott College	College of Wooster	Hampshire College
Alaska Pacific University	Colgate University	Harvard University
Allegheny College	Colorado College	Harvey Mudd College
American University	Colorado School of Mines	Haverford College
The American University of Paris	Colorado State University	Hope College
Amherst College	Columbia College-Chicago	Howard University
Appalachian State University	Columbia University	Illinois College
Arizona State University	Cornell College	Illinois State University
Augustana College-Illinois	Cornell University	Illinois Wesleyan University
Ball State University	Culver-Stockton College	Indiana University-Bloomington
Bard College	Dartmouth University	Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Barnard College	Denison University	Iowa State University
Bates College	DePaul University	Ithaca College
Beloit College	DePauw University	Johns Hopkins University
Barkelee College of Music	Dickinson College	Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute
Boston College	Dillard University	Kalamazoo College
Boston University	Drake University	Kenyon College
Bowdoin College	Drexel University	Kettering University
Bowling Green State University	Duke University	Knox College
Bradley University	Earlham College	Lafayette College
Brandeis University	Eastern Illinois University	Lawrence University
Brigham Young University	Eastern Mennonite University	Lewis & Clark College
Brown University	Elmhurst College	Loyola University-Chicago
Bryn Mawr University	Emerson College	Macalester College
Bucknell University	Emory University	Marquette University
Butler University	Florida State University	Maryville University
California Institute of Technology	Fordham University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Carleton College	The George Washington University	McGill University (Canada)
Carnegie Mellon University	Georgetown University	Miami University-Ohio
Carthage College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Michigan State University
Case Western Reserve University	Goshen College	Michigan Technological University
Catawba College	Goucher College	
Centre College	Grinnell College	
Champlain College	Guilford College	
Clark University		
College of the Atlantic		
College of Holy Cross		



Middlebury College	Seton Hall University	University of Kansas
Millikin University	Simmons College	University of Kentucky
Mills College	Smith College	University of Maine
Milwaukee School of Engineering	Southern Illinois University-Carbondale	University of Maryland
Missouri University of Science and Technology	Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Mount Holyoke College	Southern Methodist University	University of Miami
New England Conservatory	Southern Virginia University	University of Michigan
The New School Eugene Lang	Spelman College	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
New College of Florida	St. Ambrose University	University of Mississippi
New York University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Missouri
North Central College	St. Olaf College	University of Missouri-Kansas City
North Dakota State University	Stanford University	University of Nebraska
Northeastern University	Stephens College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Northern Illinois University	State University of New York-Binghamton	University of North Texas
Northland College	State University of New York-Oswego	University of Notre Dame
Northwestern University	Swarthmore College	University of Oklahoma
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences	Syracuse University	University of Pennsylvania
Occidental College	The University of Tennessee-Knoxville	University of Pittsburgh
Ohio Wesleyan University	Texas A&M University	University of Puget Sound
The Ohio State University	Trinity College	University of Richmond
Oklahoma State University	Truman State University	University of Rochester
Olin College of Engineering	Tufts University	University South Carolina
Olivet Nazarene University	Tulane University	University of St. Francis
Oxford College	United States Military Academy	University of Texas at Austin
Parkland College	United States Naval Academy	University of the Pacific
Pennsylvania State University	Unity College	University of Toronto (Canada)
Pitzer College	University of Alabama	University of Utah
Pomona College	University Arizona	University of Virginia
Princeton University	University of British Columbia	University of Washington
Purdue University	University of California-Berkeley	University of Western Ontario (Canada)
Queens University (Canada)	University of California-Davis	University of Wisconsin
Reed College	University of California-Irvine	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California-Los Angeles	Utah State University
Rhode Island School of Design	University of California-San Diego	Vanderbilt University
Rhodes College	University of California-Santa Barbara	Vassar College
Rice University	University of Central Florida	Villanova University
Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Chicago	Washington University in St. Louis
Rollins College	University of Cincinnati	Webster University
Roosevelt University	University of Colorado-Boulder	Wellesley College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Connecticut	Wesleyan University
Saint Louis University	University of Dayton	West Virginia University
Saint Mary's College of California	University of Evansville	Western Illinois University
San Francisco Conservatory	University of Florida	Western Michigan University
Santa Clara University	University of Georgia	Wheaton College
Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Guelph (Canada)	Whitman College
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Hartford	Whittier College
	University of Houston	Wilfrid-Laurier University (Canada)
	University of Illinois-Chicago	Williamette University
	University of Illinois	Wittenberg University
	University of Indianapolis	Xavier College
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