



# SAN FRANCISCO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

*\* School Profile \**

**FALL 2016**

## **I. The School**

San Francisco University High School opened in 1975 as a coeducational, college preparatory, independent secondary school. Enrollment stands at approximately 400 students this year. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, UHS is also a member of the National Association of Independent Schools, the California Association of Independent Schools, the College Entrance Examination Board, and the Secondary School Admissions Test Board.

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## **II. Student Body**

UHS enrolls a diverse student body from a variety of racial, ethnic, religious, and economic backgrounds. Most students come from the city of San Francisco and Marin County; some commute from the East Bay and the Peninsula. 48% of our students self-identify as students of color. The school distributes over \$2.6 million in financial aid to 23% of the student body.

## **III. Curriculum and Diploma Requirements at UHS**

The following is a list of the most advanced courses offered in each discipline:

### **Arts (Western Civ and 2 electives required):**

AP Art History; AP Studio Art; AP Music Theory

### **English (4 years required):**

English III\*; English IV\*

*\* These are considered honors courses by the University of California and prepare students for the AP exam in English Literature.*

### **Foreign Languages (3 years required):**

Advanced Latin; AP Advanced Latin Honors; AP French Language; Honors French Literature; Advanced French Seminar; Spanish 4H; Spanish 5H; Advanced Spanish Seminar; Chinese 4H; Advanced Chinese Seminar

### **History (2 years required):**

AP US History (required of all juniors); AP European History; AP Microeconomics/Economic Policy; History Electives

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#### **Mathematics (3 years required):**

AB Calculus (AP); AP Statistics; AP Computer Science-A; Honors Differential Calculus and BC Calculus (AP)\*; Multivariable Calculus

\* *This is a two-year sequence leading to the BC Calculus exam.*

#### **Science (2 years required):**

AP Physics-C (Mechanics, Electricity, & Magnetism); Advanced Topics in Modern Chemistry; AP Environmental Science; Advanced Topics in Biology-A: Human Physiology, B: Microbiology, & C: Molecular Biology

\* *All non-AP electives are considered honor courses by the University of California.*

One important feature of the UHS curriculum that we are particularly proud of is the opportunity for students to pursue an Independent Study project of their own design and implementation. Through these projects, students take responsibility for an aspect of their own education. Last year, 99 students took advantage of this option. In addition to serving as TAs for courses (13) and pursuing individual projects in the arts such as music, visual arts, and theater (60), the range of student intellectual choices was both vast and imaginative. These included Artificial Intelligence, Bacteriology, Cancer Biology, Capital Punishment, Creative Nonfiction, Eastern Philosophies, Electronic Music Composition, Forensic Science, French Literature, History of China, Holocaust, Japanese Literature, Music & the Brain, Neuroscience, Russian Literature, and Technology Ethics.

### IV. Academic Profile of the Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 has 100 students. The average GPA is 3.52. This is unweighted, counting all graded courses, including the arts, in grades 9–11, but excluding P.E. and Human Development.

#### **A. SAT Reasoning Test – Middle 50% Scores (130 tests taken)**

Combining both pre-March 2016 & post-March 2016 scores

Evidence Based Reasoning = 680–710

Math = 660–710

#### **B. SAT Subject Tests – Middle 50% Scores (number in sample)**

Biology – Molecular	630–730 (8)	Math II	640–760 (48)
Chemistry	680–740 (6)	Physics	630–780 (10)
Chinese w/ List	780–790 (2)	Spanish	650–760 (16)
English Literature	600–720 (46)	US History	650–740 (68)
French	620–760 (12)	World History	780 (1)
Latin	590–720 (3)		

#### **C. ACT Tests – Middle 50% Scores (50 tests taken)**

English	30–35	Science	27–33
Math	27–33	Composite	29–33
Reading	30–34		

#### IV. Academic Profile of the Class of 2017 continued...

- D.** National Merit Scholarship Information: In the Class of 2016, 14 students were named National Merit Semi-Finalists.
- E.** Advanced Placement Examinations: In May 2016, UHS students took 374 examinations in the following subjects, which are mostly based on courses taught at UHS. We do not limit the number of AP courses students can take, but we urge them to attempt a reasonable load.

Scores (5 High – 1 Low)	5	4	3	2	1
<b>Examination Subject</b>					
<b>Art History</b>	6	2			
<b>Biology</b>		1			
<b>Calculus AB</b>	27	12	5	3	2
<b>Calculus BC</b>	15	2			
<b>Chinese Language</b>	9	3	1		
<b>Computer Science A</b>	16	12	5	1	1
<b>Economics – Macro</b>	1				
<b>Economics – Micro</b>	6	7	4	4	1
<b>English Language</b>		1		1	
<b>English Literature</b>	8	6	4	2	
<b>Environmental Science</b>	6	4	1	2	
<b>European History</b>	7	2	2		
<b>French Language</b>	6	7	1		
<b>Japanese Language</b>	1				
<b>Music Theory</b>	1		3	1	
<b>Physics 1</b>	1				
<b>Physics C (E &amp; M)</b>	8	2	1	1	
<b>Physics C (Mech)</b>	7	4		1	
<b>Spanish Language</b>	3	2			
<b>Spanish Literature</b>	1				
<b>Statistics</b>	15	7	4		1
<b>Studio Art: 2-D</b>	1	3			
<b>Studio Art: 3-D</b>	1				
<b>Studio Art: Drawing</b>		4	1		
<b>US History</b>	28	43	19	6	
<b>Tests Taken</b>	174	124	51	22	5

93% scored 3 or above and 79% scored 4 or above. We do not offer AP Biology, AP Macroeconomics, AP English, AP Japanese Language, AP Physics 1, or AP Spanish, but some students take the exams.

## V. College Enrollment (2012–2016)

Following is a list of the major colleges and universities where the school's graduates have enrolled over the past five years. If students were admitted, but no one chose to enroll during this period, no number is assigned. 100% of our students enroll in four-year colleges.

American University	2	Pomona College	4
Amherst College	6	Princeton University	11
Arizona State	2	Reed College	3
Bard College		Rhode Island School of Design	1
Barnard College	2	Rice University	
Bates College	4	San Francisco State University	1
Bennington College	1	Santa Clara University	2
Boston College	3	Sarah Lawrence College	2
Boston University	9	Scripps College	3
Bowdoin College	6	Seattle University	1
Brandeis University	3	Skidmore College	3
Brown University	9	Smith College	2
Bryn Mawr College		Sonoma State University	1
Bucknell University	2	Southern Methodist University	2
California Institute of Technology	1	St. John's College	1
California State University, East Bay	1	Stanford University	16
Carleton College	5	Swarthmore College	4
Carnegie Mellon University	2	Syracuse University	3
Chapman University	3	Trinity College (CT)	3
Claremont McKenna College	5	Tufts University	12
Colby College	6	Tulane University	4
Colgate University	13	University of Arizona	1
College of Marin	1	University of British Columbia	2
College of William and Mary	1	University of California	
Colorado College	1	Berkeley	12
Columbia University	8	Davis	5
Connecticut College	7	Irvine	
Cornell College	1	Los Angeles	6
Cornell University	7	Merced	
Dartmouth College	8	Riverside	
Dickinson College	1	San Diego	1
Duke University	7	Santa Barbara	5
Emory University	2	Santa Cruz	3
Fordham University	3	University of Chicago	5
Franklin & Marshall College	1	University of Colorado at Boulder	4
Furman University	1	University of Illinois at	
George Washington University		Urbana-Champaign	2
Georgetown University	5	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1
Grinnell College	1	University of Michigan	4
Hamilton College (NY)	3	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill	
Harvard University	17	University of Notre Dame	4
Harvey Mudd College	1	University of Oregon	1
Haverford College	2	University of Pennsylvania	7
Indiana University at Bloomington	2	University of Puget Sound	2
Jewish Theological Seminary of America	1	University of San Diego	1
Johns Hopkins University	4	University of San Francisco	
Kenyon College	4	University of Southern California	14
King's College (London)	2	University of St Andrews (Scotland)	3
Lafayette College	1	University of Texas, Austin	1
Lehigh University	1	University of the Pacific	1
Lewis and Clark College	2	University of Virginia	3
Loyola Marymount University	2	University of Washington	1
Loyola University (MD)	1	University of Wisconsin, Madison	
Macalester College	1	Ursinus College	2
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2	Vanderbilt University	3
McGill University	1	Vassar College	5
Middlebury College	11	Washington and Lee University	1
Mount Holyoke College	2	Washington University in St. Louis	14
Muhlenberg College	2	Wellesley College	4
The New School - Eugene Lang College	2	Wesleyan University	6
New York University	15	Western Washington University	1
Northeastern University	2	Wheaton College (IL)	1
Northwestern University	8	Wheaton College (MA)	2
Notre Dame de Namur University	1	Whitman College	8
Oberlin College	6	Whittier College	1
Occidental College	6	Willamette University	3
Pacific University	1	Williams College	2
Pitzer		Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Point Loma Nazarene University	1	Yale University	12