



# Academic Overview

For a list of courses, please visit:  
<https://www.universityprep.org/academics/upper-school>

For a detailed list of graduation requirements and academic policies, please visit:  
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## Accreditation

University Prep is accredited by the Northwest Association of Independent Schools (NWAIS). The school is also a member of NAIS, NACAC, & PNACAC.

## Curriculum

All classes are college preparatory. Because University Prep's curriculum is demanding, there are no designated honors, International Baccalaureate, or AP classes; students may choose to take AP exams but prepare for them on their own time. We have a rotating block schedule in which students take five or six classes per semester, there are four classes offered each day, and each class meets for seventy minutes. The year is organized into two semesters (September-January and February-June). Students are expected to carry a minimum of five classes each semester. All students must participate in fine arts and physical education programs. Additionally, Upper School students may take fully online courses for credit through Global Online Academy, a consortium of 60 leading independent schools in the U.S. and abroad. Occasional "Change of Pace Days" each semester allow students to explore subjects not covered in the regular curriculum and range from community service to fine arts to social justice to the outdoors.

## Graduation Requirements

One semester credit is awarded for each period in which a class meets during the week. Students need a total of 225 credits to graduate.

English: 40 credits

History: 35 credits

Mathematics: 30 credits

Science: 30 credits, all lab sciences

Languages: 30 credits (three years of one language) or 40 credits (two years of one and two years of another)

Fine arts: 20 credits from four disciplines

Physical Education: 20 credits

Electives: 20 credits

## Computing Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Grading in academic course work is rigorous. University Prep does not weight grades, compute or report GPAs for individual students, or compute class rank (due to the small size of each graduating class).

