



Academic

Overview

Accreditation

University Prep is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and the Pacific Northwest Association of Independent Schools. The school is also a member of CEEB, NACAC, PNACAC, NASSP and ASCD.

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. Each class meets for forty-five minutes twice a week and sixty-five minutes twice a week. 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. Dual enrollment with nearby colleges is also an option. A one-week "Week Without Walls" in the spring allow students to explore subjects not covered in the regular curriculum.

Graduation Requirements

One semester credit is awarded for each period in which a class meets during the week. Students need a total of 218 credits to graduate. English: forty credits, including satisfactory completion of a senior thesis; history: thirty-five credits; mathematics: thirty credits; science: thirty credits, all lab sciences; foreign language: thirty credits (three years of one language) or forty credits (two years of one and two years of another); fine arts; twelve distributed credits; Life Skills: two credits physical education: twenty credits; community service: sixty hours; Week Without Walls: four weeks; electives': twenty-one credit.

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).

Electives

Electives include calculus I, II; economics; advanced language courses; play production; philosophy; music theory/composition; stagecraft, painting; jewelry design; statistics; architectural drafting; human geography; ecology; drawing Northwest seminar; government and politics; world religions, technology topics, astronomy; advanced topics in chemistry and world history; special relativity; student publications; Orton-Gillingham Language Training, chorus, photography; journalism, literary magazine, psychology; Faces if Islam, Woman in Modern Society, philosophy, digital video arts, creative writings, waves and optics, and dance.