



UNIVERSITY HIGH AT SUNRISE MOUNTAIN

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WHAT IS UNIVERSITY HIGH?

- ◉ Accelerated program –9th grade students take the most rigorous courses we offer, choosing an endorsement area in Languages/History or Math/Science.
- ◉ Earn both high school and college/university credit.
- ◉ AIM/Honors/AP classes
- ◉ Community service

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Evaluation to be completed at the end of the 9th grade year –

- ⦿ Successful completion of English I H or AIM English I
- ⦿ Successful completion of AIM Chemistry
- ⦿ Grades: 3.25 or better, C's or better

FAQ'S

○ **Can I drop out of the program?**

Although students can choose to leave the program, we will look at each student on an individual basis to determine the best course of action.

Due to high school transcript issues, students can only leave the program at the end of each semester.

Steps to withdraw-

- **Step 1:** Conversation with teacher(s)/counselor about concerns.
- **Step 2:** Implement interventions as needed – tutoring, peer mentoring, mediation, organization, time management
- **Step 3:** Exit interview with counselor.

- **How will students earn college credits and where will college classes be located?**
 - dual enrollment,
 - AP testing
 - Classes taken on a college campus
 - Partnership with GCU for STEM courses

- **Who pays for college credits?** At this point, the student's family will be responsible for all costs associated with college tuition and fees. Tuition scholarships may be available for qualified GCU stem scholars.

UNIVERSITY HIGH ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 28 credits
- 3.25 cumulative GPA (as of December of the graduation year)
- 1 credit (120 hours) of community service
- Complete a minimum of 6 AP exams
- Earn a minimum of 30 college credits (32 credits through GCU STEM Scholars Program)
- Meet all PUSD graduation requirements in addition to completing the following courses:

LANGUAGES/HISTORY ENDORSEMENT

English

- ◉ 9th - AIM English I H
- ◉ 10th - AIM English II H
- ◉ 11th - English III H
- ◉ 12th - College Prep H & AP Comp & Lit

Social Studies

- ◉ Global Humanities
- ◉ AP World History
- ◉ AP US History
- ◉ AP Gov, AP Micro Econ, AP Macro Econ
- ◉ AP European History (11th or 12th grade)

Math

- ◉ Algebra I
- ◉ Geometry or Geometry H*
- ◉ Alg II or Alg II H*
- ◉ College Alg H
- ◉ Pre- Calc H

*-dependent on Alg I grade/scores

Science

- ◉ AIM Science I
- ◉ AIM Science II
- ◉ 3rd science - choice

Languages (start by 10th grade)

- ◉ Spanish I – V (AP)*
- OR
- ◉ German I – IV (H)**

All World Language courses are taken in consecutive semesters

*Spanish III, IV & V are dual enrollment courses

**German III & IV are not offered as dual enrollment courses.

Arts

- ◉ Any visual or performing arts class

MATH/SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT

Math

- ◉ Algebra I
- ◉ Algebra II or II H
- ◉ Geometry H
- ◉ College Algebra H
- ◉ Pre- Calc H
- ◉ Brief Calc (if offered)
- ◉ AP Calc I
- ◉ AP Calc II(optional)

Science

- ◉ AIM Science I
- ◉ AIM Science II
- ◉ 2 AP Sciences – AP Biology or AP Chemistry or AP Physics
- ◉ 5th science - choice

Arts

- ◉ Any visual or performing arts class

English

- ◉ 9th - AIM English I H or English I H
- ◉ 10th - AIM English II H or English II H
- ◉ 11th - English III H
- ◉ 12th - College Prep H OR AP Comp & Lit

Social Studies

- ◉ Global Humanities or no social studies
- ◉ World History or AP World History
- ◉ US History or AP US History
- ◉ AP Gov, AP Micro Econ, AP Macro Econ

Languages

- ◉ Spanish I – III (H)* OR
- ◉ German I – III (H)**

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**German III & IV are not offered as dual enrollment courses.

ACADEMIC PROBATION

- UH Students are required to maintain a 3.25 GPA.
- Any student who falls below a 3.25 at the end of the semester will be placed on probation.
- Probation requirements:
 - Meet with counselor to create a plan for success
 - Discuss the reasons for academic difficulties with counselor
 - Establish realistic academic goals
 - Attend tutoring if needed
 - Follow up with agreed-upon interventions.
- Students who do not have a 3.25 at semester may be required to leave the program.

LET'S TALK RANKING

- Ranking is impacted by 3 things
 - Grades reflected in your GPA
 - Number of Honors courses completed
 - Total number of credits earned
- Done 2 times each year starting year 2 –
January/June

COLLEGE CREDIT OPTIONS

- ◉ Complete College Application Process
- ◉ ASSET Placement Test
- ◉ Dual enrollment costs –
**Approx. \$130- \$180
based on credit
hours**
- ◉ All University High students must take at least 6 AP exams
- ◉ AP tests are given in May each year
- ◉ Currently AP tests cost \$91 per test
- ◉ Dates and fees are set by the College Board

Dual Enrollment

Advanced Placement

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

- ◉ Designed to expose students to STEM careers and prepare them to enter STEM degree programs
- ◉ Qualified students earn up to 32 college credits tuition free
- ◉ Courses offered at the high school and on GCU's campus in the summer.
- ◉ Available to students who complete their sophomore year with a 3.25 GPA and who demonstrate excellence in math and science
- ◉ GCU will accept all credits earned with a passing grade

STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- ◉ Ongoing information about STEM degrees and career pathways
- ◉ Career planning services to assist students in identifying careers that suit their interests and skills, resume building tools and exposure to internships
- ◉ Attend STEM events on campus
- ◉ Opportunity to hear from guest speakers and interact with faculty and students

SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

IT'S FOR EVERYONE GOING TO ANY SCHOOL

- Institution (given by schools)
 - Merit Based (GPA, Class Rank, Test Scores)
 - Other
- Private
- Criteria based

www.peoriaud.k12.az.us/guidance/pages

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Outside school time, off campus, Volunteer for a Non-Profit Organization, 60 hours = 1/2 credit
- Minimum of 120 hrs / 1 credit is required prior to graduation
- Packets available in guidance (new packet for each 60 hours).
- Requirements –
 - Non-profit & not on our campus
 - Supervised by non-relative
 - Time log
 - Journal
 - Essay
 - Supervisor's evaluation.



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