

UHS Junior Year Schedule

Welcome, juniors, to your third year at UHS. UHS offers all students a four-year college preparatory liberal arts curriculum. "College preparatory" means we are preparing students to leave UHS and to be successful at any university in the country. "Liberal Arts" means many things; it means we provide a general education that includes not only math and science, but also the arts and humanities such as Latin, English, and Music. It also means we will teach students to be critical thinkers with a general understanding of the world, rather than providing them with a single, specific curriculum focus. Our four-year curriculum was developed in 1999 when educators in the community came together to outline what they thought would be the best curriculum for a high school student. Junior year differs from previous years in that you will have more flexibility with your courses and will take more college classes, including your biology and foreign language classes. This year, students will have at least two college classes and one Advanced Placement class each semester.

During the junior year, you will take between 8 and 11 classes, depending on your specific situation.

COURSE/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

English

Unlike most high schools and in keeping with our high standards for rigor and quality, **all** UHS students take A.P. English Language and Composition, and all will take the AP exam in May. The reason for this is simple: the reading, writing, and thinking skills students acquire are so beneficial that we do not want any student to be left out. Research indicates that students who have been exposed to a challenging curriculum and A.P. classes are much more successful in college and beyond. This course teaches rhetorical analysis and valuable critical reading, thinking and writing skills. Students read a wide range of fiction and non-fiction, paying particular attention to how authors use language to effectively achieve a range of purposes. Students write a variety of papers and essays, including research papers and synthesis, argumentative and rhetorical analysis essays.

United States History

Juniors may choose either Advanced Placement United States History or United States History. Both courses coordinate well with the American Literature component of the junior English course.

Advanced Mathematics (10th and 11th grade)

The Integrated Mathematics Program at University High School is a comprehensive study of mathematics where a typical four year study is completed in three years. The Advanced Mathematics Program at University High School will develop students who can critically reason and develop the art of logical thinking. The Integrated Mathematics curriculum at University High School will cover the in-depth study of number & quantity, algebra, functions, modeling, geometry, statistics, and probability that will encourage students to solve real-world problems. Advanced Mathematics is the final course in the three-course Integrated Math series. Upon completion of this course, students will be prepared to enroll in an Advanced Placement Calculus, Advanced Placement Statistics, or a CSUF math course.

Biology/Zoology

Our science program is a carefully aligned four-year program designed to give our graduates a good overview of nature and the world around us. Following the freshman and sophomore year focus on energy and matter, and the foundations of science at both the macro and micro level, students now bring it all together with the study of life. Juniors take a general college level

biology class in the fall designed to make them proficient in complex biological concepts. In the spring, students broaden their knowledge of the living world with the study of zoology. Both courses emphasize genetics and evolution as a basis for understanding the form and function of life on Earth. A lab component is included with both semesters. Neither class is an A.P. course; instead, each follows the respective Fresno State college class curriculum and earns transferable college credit.

Musicianship III

In ancient times, music was a cornerstone subject for any education. Most modern schools neglect music, but the value of studying music is well documented in research. Musicianship III is a music history and theory class that is singularly unique to UHS. It includes listening skills, music theory, and music history of the Romantic Period (19th century), including Opera. A.P. Music Theory is also available to students in lieu of Musicianship III, and students who take the A.P. class are expected to take the A.P. Exam.

Performing Group Courses

All students participate in a musical performing group to reinforce the study of music. Students at UHS can choose between choral or instrumental music, and for the junior year students audition for the performing group they wish to take in either the choral or instrumental area each semester. All students must take one class from the twelve different performing groups that UHS offers. Students are allowed to enroll in multiple performing group classes. These courses are taught during 8th and 9th periods.

Physical Education

Junior/Senior P.E. furthers the skills and content taught in the first two years of P.E. In the third and fourth years, the focus shifts more toward teaching team membership and leadership skills, and team sport activities. Students apply advanced offensive and defensive strategies, and continue their nutrition and fitness education.

Language other than English (LOTE)

Following their two years of Latin, juniors enroll in LOTE classes at Fresno State. One college semester of college level LOTE is equivalent to one year of high school LOTE. This means that after one year of college level LOTE, UHS students will have completed the equivalent of four years of high school LOTE, with the possibility of earning more as seniors. They may continue their study of Latin with Latin 131T (with teacher recommendation), or start studying another language. Students must take a minimum of two semesters of the same language unless they have taken Latin 131T. The range of LOTE classes available to our students varies but usually includes German, Spanish, French, Italian, Greek, Latin, Chinese, Japanese, and Arabic. These are the only college classes for which students must buy the assigned textbooks for the class, which are available from the Fresno State bookstore. Foreign Language units earned at CSUF are transferable college units.

48 Books Program

You will continue to receive a book per month as the 48 Books program continues. This year's titles fit nicely with the goals of the A.P. English Language and Composition course.

Drama (elective)

Taught at UHS, Beginning Drama and Advanced Drama study many aspects of acting and theater, and students also put on the two theatrical productions UHS performs each year. These courses are taught during 8th and 9th period.

Personal Wellness

At UHS, we also recognize the need to support student wellness. In addition to having two full time academic counselors on campus, we also have a counseling curriculum. The focus of the junior year is "Where am I going?" Students will do monthly college investigations and journal reflection on how the colleges they review match their personal goals. Also, students will investigate what those colleges are looking for potential students.