

## UHS Senior Schedule

Seniors, welcome to your last year of high school. UHS offers all students a four-year, college preparatory liberal arts curriculum. *College preparatory* means we are preparing students to leave UHS to enter and be successful at any university. *Liberal Arts* means several things. It means that we provide a general education that includes not only math and science, but also arts and humanities disciplines 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 by educators in the community who came together to outline what they thought would be the best curriculum for a high school student. Senior year differs from previous years, for you will have a wider range of class choices and some freedom to take elective university classes. During this year, you will take at least two Advanced Placement class and one college course.

### Matriculation of the Class of 2018

Attending 4-year college		Attending 2-year college		Attending Fresno State		Attending other CSU campus		Attending UC campus		Attending private/out of state	
#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
102	91%	10	9%	37	33%	9	8%	27	24%	29	26%

### COURSE/PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

#### English

All Seniors will take Advanced Placement English Literature and Composition. The course is the culmination of four years of English at UHS. In the previous three years, students learned the mechanics and usage of English and polished their writing skills. Senior English courses spend much more time engaging in the rhetorical and literary analysis that develops the critical thinking skills needed by college-bound seniors.

#### Government and Economics

Seniors at UHS have two options for the twelfth grade year of social science. Students may focus on government and take the Advanced Placement Government class, or they may focus on economics and take the Advanced Placement Economics class. Because students should be familiar with both government and economics, they will get a crash course in whatever class they did

not choose as their A.P. focus at the beginning of the fall semester.

#### Science

Following the liberal-arts approach to science that emphasizes broad understanding over a specialized focus, seniors take one last science class in a new area of study. During the first two years at UHS, students examine the foundations of science at both the macro (physics) and micro (chemistry) levels. The junior year is spent studying the science of life in the Biology and Zoology classes. Now the focus shifts to the environment. Seniors enroll in a CSUF course (usually Earth & Environmental Science) with Fresno State students taught by a Fresno State professor. The units earned in this class are transferable college units.

#### Other Electives

Since the Earth and Environmental Science course is the only required college class for



seniors, seniors may take other Fresno State courses as electives pending scheduling and availability. Depending on the class chosen, units earned may be transferable to college.

### **Mathematics**

All UHS students should take a fourth year of math. Students who are taking a fourth year of math choose from A.P. Calculus, A.P. Statistics, or a CSUF course approved by the student's counselor. Students who have advanced beyond high school math may take courses such as Fresno State's Calculus III or Differential Equations. Units earned in either the math or humanities option are transferable college units.

### **Musicianship IV**

Students conclude the unique Musicianship course of study with a focus on the twentieth century, including American jazz.

### **Performing Groups**

All students participate in a musical performing group which reflects the school's emphasis on the importance of music in education. Students at UHS can choose between choral or instrumental music. For the senior year, students audition for choral or instrumental performing groups. All seniors must take one class from the twelve different performing groups that UHS offers.

### **Physical Education**

Senior P.E. builds on the skills and content taught in the previous years. In the third and fourth years, the focus shifts more toward teaching teamwork and leadership skills

while introducing additional team sport activities. Students learn additional team offensive and defensive strategies and also continue their nutrition and fitness education.

### **Foreign Language**

Foreign language for seniors is an elective CSUF course and is not required for graduation. Again, units earned at CSUF are transferable college units.

### **48 Books Program**

Seniors continue to receive a book per month from the 48 Books program. This year's titles have been carefully integrated into the twelfth grade English curriculum. Seniors receive the last book of their high school career in May.

### **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 senior year is "How Will I Get There?" All seniors will complete two personal statements over the summer in response to two U.C. essay prompts and/or one UC essay prompt and one Common Application essay prompt. Students will also utilize Naviance to link to college applications and learn about scholarships and other financial aid opportunities.