

2020-2021 school profile



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Empowering Young Women Today to Impact Tomorrow

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Ursuline Academy is an academically rigorous, independent, Catholic, college preparatory school with a selective entrance requirement. In the Catholic tradition of an Ursuline Education, our mission is to **prepare the young woman for college** and beyond by **nurturing her soul, intellect, heart, and imagination**.

In the spirit of our foundress, St. Angela Merici, and her vision of educating and empowering young women, Ursuline Academy of Cincinnati developed the Merici Model of education, a **choice-driven, student-centered approach to learning and self-discovery, fostering college readiness, empowerment, and success**.

The primary components of the Merici Model of Education are **culture, open environment, and the modular schedule**, which fosters an **atmosphere of mutual respect, faith-driven leadership, self-discovery, and unity in sisterhood**. Ursuline is one of only a few high schools in the United States to use a modular schedule.

Graduates report a greater sense of success when compared to their peers, and attribute their comfort and easy transition to college, to their experience in the Ursuline environment .

FOUNDED IN

1896

by the **Ursuline Sisters**
of Brown County, Ohio

UA offers **34** co-curricular
clubs and activities, as well
as **12** athletic programs that
field a total of **27** teams

students hail from

52
ZIP CODES

LAST
YEAR **92%**

of students scored a **3**
or above on the AP test

12:1
student-teacher
ratio

527
TOTAL
ENROLLMENT
(9-12)

ACADEMIC PROFILE

Due to the academic rigor of Ursuline's curriculum, admission is selectively based on academic performance in grade school and an Entrance Test. The 162 members of the graduating class of 2020 were accepted to 157 colleges and universities and 100% are continuing their education at 148 colleges.

ACCREDITATION

Ursuline Academy is approved and accredited by the Ohio Department of Education, AdvancED and Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association.

programs of study

“AP” designates **ADVANCED PLACEMENT**
“HN” designates **HONORS Level Course**



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ART

Fundamentals of Art 9-12; Handbuilding in Clay 10-12;
Advanced Handbuilding in Clay 10-12; Enameling 10-12;
Mixed Media 10-12; Drawing & Painting 10-12; Design 10-12;
Basic Photography 10-12; Advanced Photography 11-12;
Advanced Studio **HN** 11-12; **AP** Studio Drawing 12;
AP Studio 2D 12

ELECTRONIC & DIGITAL MEDIA†

Intro Tech Communications 9-12; Intro Media Production 9-12;
TV Production I 10-12; Video Production I 10-12; Intro Web
Design 10-12; Intro Graphic Design 10-12; Advanced Film
Studio **HN** 12

ENGLISH

English 9-12; English **HN** 9-12; American Studies **HN** * 11;
Creative Writing 10-12; Yearbook 10-12; Drama † 10-12;
AP English Language & Composition 11; **AP** English Literature
and Composition 12; Public Speaking 9-12

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I 9; Algebra I **HN** 9; Geometry 10; Geometry **HN** 9-10;
Algebra II 11; Algebra II **HN** 9-11; Pre-Calculus 11-12;
Pre-Calculus **HN** 10-12; Calculus **HN** 11-12;
AP Calculus AB 11-12; **AP** Calculus BC 11-12;
AP Statistics 11-12; **AP** Computer Science Principles 11-12

MUSIC

Women's Chorus 9-12; Show Choir 9-12; Sinfonia 9-12;
Instrumental Music 9-12; Beginning Guitar 9-12;
Beginning Piano 9-12; A Capella Choir 10-12;
Music History 10-12; Music Theory 11-12;
Intermediate Piano

OTHER

Health 9; Physical Education I 9; Physical Education II 10;
Cardio Core 11-12; American Sign Language 9-12; American
Sign Language II 9-12; Information Literacy

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Christian Awareness 9; Scripture 10; Christian Morality 11-12;
Evil in the Human Heart 11-12; Intro Philosophy 11-12;
Death & Hope 11-12; World Religions 11-12;
Theology of Human Person 12; Church Issues 11-12;
The Mystics 11-12; Prayer & Spirituality 11-12;
Faithful Service Learning 11-12; Religion through Art 11-12

SCIENCE

Biology 9; Biology **HN** 9; Chemistry 10-12; Chemistry **HN** 10-12;
Anatomy/Physiology 11-12; Anatomy/Physiology **HN** 11-12;
Physics 11-12; Physics **HN** 11-12; Intro Engineering **HN** 11-12;
AP Biology 11-12; **AP** Chemistry 11-12; **AP** Physics C 12;
Forensic Science 11-12; Biotechnology/Microbiology **HN** 11-12;
Vertebrate Zoology (summer)

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History 10; **AP** World History 10; US History 11;
AP US History 11; History of Cincinnati 11-12;
American Studies **HN** * 11; **AP** Psychology 12; Economics 11-12;
AP Macro Economics 11-12; **AP** Micro Economics 11-12;
Intro to Psychology 11-12; American Government 12;
AP US Government & Politics 12; Classical Civilizations **HN** 12
AP Comparative Government & Politics 12; **AP** Human Geography
11-12; Intro to Sociology 11-12;
Women in the Public Sphere 11-12

WORLD LANGUAGES

French I 9-12; French II 9-12; French II **HN** 9-12; French III 10-12;
French III **HN** 10-12; French IV **HN** 11-12; **AP** French 11-12;
German I 9-12; German II 9-12; German III **HN** 10-12;
German IV **HN** 11-12; Latin I 9-11; Latin II **HN** 10-12;
Latin III **HN** 10-12; **AP** Latin 11-12; Latin V **HN** 12;
Spanish I 9-10; Spanish I **HN** 9-10; Spanish II 9-12;
Spanish II **HN** 9-12; Spanish III 10-12; Spanish III **HN** 10-12;
Spanish IV **HN** 11-12; **AP** Spanish 11-12

Ursuline Academy transitioned to remote learning on 3/18/2020.
For the 2020-2021 academic year, UA plans to have in-person
instruction five days a week with remote learning available for
students unable to attend in-person. Remote learning students
will be attending synchronously via live streaming and are
expected to be active participants.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

4 Credits

ENGLISH

4 Credits

MATHEMATICS

4 Credits

SOCIAL STUDIES

3 Credits

WORLD LANGUAGES

2 Credits

SCIENCE

3 Credits

FINE ART

1 Credit

ELECTIVES

2 Credits

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH

1 Credit

Students must have 24 credits in order to graduate

* American Studies Seminar - 1 credit English III **HN** and 1 credit American History **HN** † Qualifies as a Fine Art credit

test data

ACT

Class of 2019

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Comp
UA Mean	30	27	30	28	29
National Mean	20	20	21	21	21

166 students participated

SAT

Class of 2019

	ERW	Math
UA Mean	659	639
National Mean	531	528

59 students participated

*The top 25% of our scores are above 1370 on the SAT

NATIONAL MERIT

Class of 2020

6 Finalists

9 Commended Scholars

Class of 2021

2 Semifinalists

8 Commended Scholars

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Enrollment open to Sophmores, Juniors, and Seniors

284 sophomore, junior, and senior

students completed **570** exams in

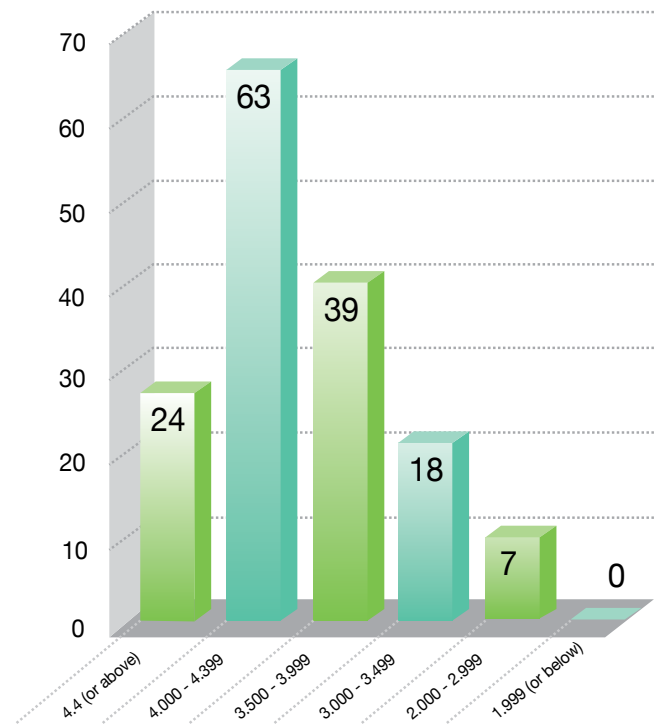
23 AP subject areas

Grade Point Average/Grade Scale

Grade Point Average: Grade point averages are based on final grades and are computed at the end of each year. For all college preparatory level classes, a 4+ point system is used; for Honors/AP level courses, quality points are given on a 5 point scale.

Grade Scale		College Prep	Honors/AP Level
99-100	A+	4.34	5.00
92-98	A	4.00	4.67
90-91	A-	3.66	4.33
88-89	B+	3.34	4.00
84-87	B	3.00	3.67
82-83	B-	2.66	3.33
80-81	C+	2.34	3.00
78-79	C	2.00	2.67
76-77	C-	1.66	2.33
74-75	D+	1.34	2.00
72-73	D	1.00	1.67
70-71	D-	0.66	1.33
69 or below	F	0.00	0.00

Class of 2020 Grade Distribution



Ursuline does not rank students due to the similar abilities within our small, select population. Our strength is such that even students in our fifth quintile have a solid academic foundation and have performed very well in competitive colleges.

2017-2020 college acceptances

Allegheny College
American Musical-Dramatic Academy
American University
Anderson University
Antioch College
Arizona State University
Art Academy of Cincinnati
Auburn University
Augustana College
Baldwin Wallace University
Ball State University
Baylor University
Bellarmine University
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berry College
Bluffton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Bradley University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bucknell University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State University
California State University
Capital University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centre College
Christian Brothers University
Cincinnati State and Tech College
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Art
Cleveland Institute of Music
Cleveland State University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
Colorado School of the Mines
College of William & Mary
Colorado State University
Columbia College Chicago
Columbia University-New York
Columbus College of Art and Design
Concordia University-Montreal
Cornell University
Creighton University
Culinary Institute of America
Davidson College
Denison University
DePaul University
DePauw University
Dominican University
Drexel University
Duke Kunshan University
Duke University
Duquesne University
Earlham College
Eastern Kentucky University
Eastern Michigan University
Eckerd College
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Fordham University
Furman University
Gannon University
George Mason University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Gonzaga University
Goshen College
Grand Canyon University
Grand Valley State University
Hampton University
Hanover College
Harvard College
High Point University
Hiram College
Howard University
Hussian College Los Angeles-In Studio
Indiana State University
Indiana University
Indiana University-Purdue Univ Indy
Indiana Wesleyan University
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
John Carroll University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University
Kansas City Art Institute
Kansas State University
Kent State University
Kenyon College
Lake Erie College
Lake Forest College
Lee University
Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
Louisiana Tech University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Loyola University Maryland
Marian University
Marietta College
Marquette University
Maryland Institute College of Art
Marymount Manhattan College
Maryville College
Mercer University
Mercyhurst University
Miami University
Michigan State University
Mississippi State University
Monash University
Montana State University
Morehead State University
Mount St. Joseph University
Mount St. Mary's University
New Jersey Institute of Technology
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northern Kentucky University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Ohio Dominican University
Ohio Northern University
Ohio University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oklahoma City University
Otterbein University
Pace University
Pennsylvania State University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Point Park University
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Radford University
Regis University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Saint Joseph's College-IN
Saint Joseph's University
Saint Leo University
Saint Louis University
Saint Mary's College
Samford University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Seattle University
Seton Hall University
Seton Hill University
Sewanee: The University of the South
Southern Illinois University
Southern Methodist University
Stanford University
Stetson University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Sullivan University
Syracuse University
Temple University
Texas A&M University
Texas Christian University
Texas State University
The American Musical Drama Academy
The Catholic University of America
The College of Wooster
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Akron
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Findlay
The University of Iowa
The University of Montana
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas, Austin
Thomas More College
Transylvania University
Trinity Christian College
Trinity College
Tulane University
United States Naval Academy
University of Buffalo
University College Dublin
University of Arkansas
University of British Columbia
University of California
University of Central Florida
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Evansville
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hawaii
University of Houston
University of Illinois
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University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of North Carolina
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Portland
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Toledo
University of Utah
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Urbana University
Ursuline College
Valparaiso University
Vanderbilt University
Villanova University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Walsh University
Washington and Jefferson College
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St. Louis
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Westminster College
Williams College
Wittenberg University
Wofford College
Wright State University
Xavier University
Yonsei University-Norwood
Class of 2020 Enrolled