

UMS-WRIGHT PREPARATORY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM & GRADING SYSTEM NOTES

All students complete a rigorous college preparatory curriculum that instills in our students the skills and content knowledge necessary to succeed at the undergraduate level.

In addition to our college preparatory curriculum, students may have the opportunity to enroll in AP and Honors courses based on a recommendation process which encompasses multiple criteria. We do not offer dual enrollment courses, but students may elect to take college-level courses on their own. Grades for these courses are not published on the transcript. See course guide for detailed information about the recommendation process and a description of courses offered at UMS-Wright.

UMS-Wright awards grades on a numerical scale of 0-100. Only grades in academic courses are used in calculating the 100 point GPA. Any grade below 70 is considered a failing grade at UMS-Wright. For year-long courses, credit is awarded based on the average of first and second semesters.

As of summer 2021, students may not receive higher than a seventy (70) for a summer school course taken for credit recovery purposes. Grades from Advanced Placement and honors courses are weighted when computing the grade point average and are reflected in the cumulative GPA. The course grades themselves are not weighted. Academic weight for AP courses adds six points, and honors courses add four points for the 100 point GPA. Both AP and honors courses are given one point weight credit when calculating the cumulative weighted 4.0 GPA.

AFFILIATIONS

UMS-Wright is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

UMS-Wright also has affiliations with the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC), College Board, Educational Records Bureau, Alabama Association of Independent Schools, Cum Laude Society, and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

UMS-Wright is also a member of The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS).

PROJECT ENGAGE EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Project Engage is a week-and-a-half winter term experiential learning course for Upper School (9-12) students. Students have the opportunity to pursue topics of special individual interest and collaborate with other students and teachers. A major goal of Project Engage is to expose and prepare students for greater college and career opportunities.

Project Engage offers course options that are campus-based, local, within the United States, and abroad. The focus of Project Engage is to teach the whole student in a beyond-the-classroom atmosphere.

GLOBAL SEAL OF BILITERACY

New to UMS-Wright, 13 students earned a Global Seal of Biliteracy in Spanish, and 4 earned a Global Seal of Biliteracy in French for the 2021-2022 school year.

The ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) is an assessment of standards-based language learning across the three modes of communication (Interpersonal, Presentational, and Interpretive) as defined by the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning. The AAPPL assesses Interpersonal Listening/Speaking, Presentational Writing, Interpretive Reading, and Interpretive Listening, and ratings are assigned according to the ACTFL Performance Descriptors for Language Learners.

AP CAPSTONE DIPLOMA™ PROGRAM

As of the 2023-2024 school year, students are able to earn an AP Capstone Diploma™ through College Board with successful completion of AP Seminar and AP Research.

COVID NOTES

2020-2021

In the 2020-2021 school year, UMS-Wright offered three Pathways for students. Pathway One was in-person learning at the school, while following health protocols and participating in daily health screenings. Pathway Two was short-term and offered students a virtual learning experience while in quarantine. Pathway Three was a fully remote/virtual instruction opportunity. Students followed a regular school day schedule, logging in to each class to participate remotely in live instruction. Students in Pathway Three were not allowed to participate in any extracurricular activities sponsored by UMS-Wright.

2021-Current

Students are receiving in-person instruction.



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2023-2024 UMS-WRIGHT SCHOOL PROFILE

Head of School

Mr. Doug Barber

Associate Head of School/ Upper School Principal

Mr. Wes Lathan

Middle School Principal

Mr. Jeb Blackerby

Lower School Principal

Mrs. Aldridge Marks

Director of Technology

Mr. Brent Daugherty

Director of Counseling & Testing

Mrs. Meridy Jones

Director of College Counseling

Dr. Kristin Odom

Curriculum & Instruction (Upper School)

Mrs. Lauren Rodgers

College Counseling Staff

Dr. Kristin Odom 251.470.9038
Mrs. Courtney Murphy 251.470.9020
Mrs. Cindy Wildberger 251.470.9004

THE MISSION

For the UMS-Wright Family to educate all students to their highest potential in **MIND, BODY, AND SPIRIT;** and to produce in each student character of the highest possible order.



UMS-WRIGHT HONOR CODE

As a student of UMS-Wright I shall observe at all times the principles of honor and integrity, and in doing so I will not lie, cheat, or engage in any other dishonest act, assist others in the commission of these acts, nor tolerate those who do.

UMS-Wright teachers, administrators, and staff are dedicated to equipping our students with the skills necessary to be successful in life and beneficial to the community.

A CLEAR PATH for POTENTIAL

FOUNDED IN
1893

UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULUM

AP AP Course • H Honors • CP College Prep • E Elective • O Online

ENGLISH

English 9 CP, H
English 10 CP, H
English 11 CP
English 12 Rhetoric & Composition CP
English 12 Literature & Composition AP
English Language & Composition AP
English Literature & Composition AP
Creative Writing E

MATHEMATICS

Algebra I CP
Algebra II CP, H
Algebra III CP
Geometry CP, H
Precalculus CP, AP
Calculus CP
AB Calculus AP
BC Calculus¹ AP
Statistics AP

SCIENCE

Anatomy CP
Biology CP, H, AP
Chemistry CP, H, AP
Environmental Science CP
Forensic Science CP
Human Biology H
Marine Science CP
Physics CP, H
Physics I AP

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCI

World History I CP, H
World History II CP
US History CP, AP

European History AP
Human Geography AP
Macroeconomics CP
Economics H
Holocaust Studies CP
US Government CP, AP

WORLD & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES

French I & II CP, H
French III H
French IV H
French Language AP
Intro to Spanish I CP
Intro to Spanish II CP
Spanish I, II, & III CP, H
Spanish IV H
Spanish Language AP, O

FINE ARTS ELECTIVE COURSES

Acting E
Advanced Band E
Art History AP
Chorus/Wright Singers E
Production E
Gateways to Global Art E
Graphic Design E
Music Appreciation E
Intro to Photo Editing E
Intro to Photography E
Photography II E
Piano Lab E
Studio Art I & II E
Studio Art III E
Studio Art: 2D Design AP
Studio Art: 2D Drawing AP
Yearbook E

ACADEMIC ELECTIVE COURSES²

Computer Science Discoveries E
Computer Science Principles AP
Earth-Space Science O
Engineering the World E
Engineering through Flight E
AP Psychology AP, O
Robotics E
Research AP, E
Seminar AP, E

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Boys Athletic Training CP
Boys Varsity Athletics CP
Dance E
Girls Athletic Training CP
Girls Varsity Athletics CP
Junior Varsity Cheerleading CP
Varsity Cheerleading CP

LIFE SKILLS ELECTIVE COURSES

Digital Sports Media E
Driver Education E
Financial Literacy E
Intro to Sports Medicine E
Online College Credit³ E

¹ With approval only; for students who have completed AP Calculus AB prior to senior year

² Academic electives are included in the 100 pt GPA

³ Students with online college credits have taken a course through a college in the state of Alabama. No credit is awarded for these classes through UMS-Wright.

GRADING SCALE

A 100-90	F BELOW 70
B 89-80	WP WITHDRAWN PASSING
C 79-70	WF WITHDRAWN FAILING

AP COURSE LIMIT

GRADE 10 Students are limited to completing no more than 2 AP courses.

GRADE 11 It is recommended that students complete no more than 4 AP courses.

GRADE 12 It is recommended that students complete no more than 6 AP courses.

Students are limited, unless special approval is granted, to taking no more than 12 AP classes over the course of their academic career at UMS-Wright.

ACCREDITATION

UMS-Wright Preparatory School is an independent, nonsectarian, coeducational college preparatory school accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

AP SCHOLARS
WITH DISTINCTION: 29

AP SCHOLARS
WITH HONOR: 13

AP SCHOLARS: 19

TOTAL RECOGNIZED
STUDENTS: 61

NATIONAL MERIT
FINALISTS IN THE
LAST 5 YEARS: 11

2023-2024
SEMIFINALISTS: 3

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 4
Mathematics 4
Science 4
History/Social Science 4
World Languages 2
Visual/Performing Arts 1
Electives 4

ENROLLMENT

1277 students
in grades K3-12

CLASS OF 2024
96 STUDENTS

CLASS RANK

Due to the highly academic nature of our school and the small class size, UMS-Wright does not rank students numerically. Instead, individual weighted grade point averages are reported.

CLASS OF 2024
AVERAGE 4.0 GPA:
3.91

ACT MIDDLE
50%: 23-30

FINE ARTS

ART &
PHOTOGRAPHY
BAND
CHORUS
THEATRE GUILD
PUBLICATIONS

ATHLETICS

UMS-Wright's commitment to excellence and emphasis on character and honor include its approach to athletics. Over 30 athletic programs are offered to enrich the lives of our students in grades 7-12.

SERVICE

Students in grades 9-12 are required to complete a minimum of 20 service hours per year, earned through in-school and community-based opportunities.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES 2019-2023

The colleges and universities where UMS-Wright students matriculated in the last 5 years are in bold.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham
The University of Alabama in Huntsville
The University of Alabama
American University
The American University of Paris
Arizona State University
University of Arkansas
Auburn University
Baylor University
Belmont University
Berry College
Birmingham-Southern College
Boston College
University of California-Davis
University of California, Los Angeles
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
Cardiff University
University of Central Arkansas
Centre College
University of Charleston
Citadel Military College of South Carolina
Clemson University
Coastal Alabama CC
College of Charleston
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado Denver
University of Denver
Drexel University
Durham University
The University of Edinburgh
Emory University
Faulkner University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University
University of Florida
Fordham University
Furman University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
University of Georgia
Great Lakes Maritime Academy
Hampden-Sydney College
Harvard University
University of Hawaii at Manoa
High Point University
Huntingdon College
Jacksonville State University
Kansas State University
King's College London
University of Kentucky

Lake Forest College
Lewis University
Lipscomb University
Louisiana State University
University of Louisville
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University New Orleans
Maine Maritime Academy
Marion Military Institute
McGill University
Mercer University
University of Miami
University of Michigan
Middle Tennessee State University
Millsaps College
Mississippi College
Mississippi State University
University of Mississippi
University of Missouri Columbia
University of Mobile
Montana State University
University of Montana
University of Montevallo
University of Mount Union
University of New Orleans
New York University
University of North Alabama
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
North Carolina State University
University of North Dakota
Northeastern University
Northwest Florida State College
University of Notre Dame
University of Nottingham
The Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
University of Oregon
Penn State University
Pepperdine University
University of Pittsburgh
Princeton University
Queens University of Charlotte
Rensselaer Polytech Institute
Rhodes College
Rice University
University of Richmond
Rochester Institute of Technology
Rollins College
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Rutgers University
Samford University
Santa Clara University

Savannah College of Art & Design
Sewanee: The University of the South
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
South Dakota State University
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University
University of Southern Mississippi
Southern Union State Community College
Spring Hill College
University of St Andrews
Stanford University
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stony Brook University
SUNY Maritime College
Syracuse University
The University of Tampa
University of Tennessee Knoxville
Texas A&M University
Texas A&M University at Galveston
Texas Christian University
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
University of Toledo
University of Toronto
Trevecca Nazarene University
Troy University
Tulane University
Union University
U.S. Naval Academy
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
University of Virginia
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Wake Forest University
Washington and Lee University
Wesleyan University
University of West Alabama
University of West Florida
The College of William and Mary
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Wofford College
University of Wyoming
Xavier University of Louisiana
Yale University

98% of the UMS-Wright
Class of 2023 attended a
4-year college/university