



St. Ursula Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

- Average Class Size: 17
- Student to Teacher Ratio: 10:1
 - Honors Courses: 18
- Advanced Placement Courses: 21
- Advanced Placement Seats: 442
- Percent of Advanced Placement Tests Receiving a Score of 3 or Higher: 77%

Of the 131 members of the Class of 2016, 76% earned college scholarships totaling in excess of \$14 million!

Does St. Ursula Academy offer any financial aid or scholarships to families of incoming freshmen?

YES! In 2015-16, St. Ursula Academy offered \$1.2 million in scholarships, grants and financial aid to approximately 74% of our student body.

How do I know if my daughter qualifies for any scholarships or financial aid?

We believe in and appreciate the investment you are making in your daughter's future. We also understand that for many families in NW Ohio, sacrifices are made in order to afford and provide a Catholic education. Because of this, St. Ursula Academy has set aside over \$1.2 million dollars to invest in your daughter's education at SUA. Here are three ways your daughter can be eligible for those dollars:

- All girls who take the placement test, choose St. Ursula Academy to attend, and score at or above the 80th percentile are eligible for Academic Merit Awards.
- Students who would like to be eligible for one of our many other scholarships are encouraged to complete the scholarship form (located on www.toledosua.org), select the scholarship(s) for which they would like to apply and submit the required information. Some scholarships require an essay by the student.
- All families are encouraged to complete the financial aid application at www.smartaidforparents.com. All financial aid applications are then reviewed on an individual basis by our Financial Aid Committee.

What are the benefits of the 4x4 College Block versus the A/B Block schedule?

St. Ursula Academy has utilized the 4x4 College Block schedule for 20 years. Our graduates report a seamless transition to college with outstanding preparation for the college level experience.

Advantages of the 4x4 Block:

- Concentrate on only four courses at a time
- Greater opportunities for acceleration in subject areas of strength
- Eight credits can be earned per year without the stress of taking eight courses at the same time
- Two "fresh starts" each year
- Allows teachers to provide more personalized instruction by having no more than 75 students per semester
- More opportunities for electives to enrich educational experience
- Students will graduate from SUA with an impressive, comprehensive transcript



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What about the 4x4 College Block Schedule in the Math & World Language areas?

- Our experience with the 4x4 College Block is consistent with research findings indicating little or no impact on Math or World Language retention.
- Students have the opportunity to complete more than one Math or World Language class during a school year. In fact, many students graduate with six credits of Math, which is two more than our competitors.
- With regard to World Language scheduling, level one classes occur in the second semester of the year moving right into level two in the first semester of the following year.

My daughter is unsure about attending an all-girls' school. What are the benefits and are there any interactions with the boys' schools?

Research shows that there are many benefits to an all-girls education, like increased self-confidence, increased academic performance, and increased academic engagement. Research also shows that students at an all-girls school demonstrate higher levels of academic achievement, higher ACT/SAT scores and more confidence in mathematical ability and computer skills compared to girls who attend a co-educational school.

Now that your daughter is interested in attending an all-girls' school, she will have more than enough interaction with the boys' schools. St. Ursula Academy girls have the opportunity to participate in both the St. John's Jesuit and St. Francis de Sales musicals, St. Francis cheerleaders, St. John's Color Guard, Labre with St. John's students, high school dances at any of the Catholic high schools, and attend football and basketball games as well as our own SUA dances. So you can see, there are ample times for interaction with students from other schools. But we believe there is a time and a place for it, and the classroom is our girls' time to shine and grow in their faith, education, and confidence.

How will SUA help my daughter cultivate her leadership potential?

One of St. Ursula Academy's guiding principles is leadership. Not only is leadership formation offered in the classroom, but also infused into all aspects of the educational experience. As sophomores, SUA students meet each week during seminar in the "Leading Self" program. This program provides valuable information in the college and career selection process. In addition, upperclassmen have the opportunity to take SUA's "Women in Leadership" course. This course exposes our students to the challenges, constraints and opportunities that women specifically face as they ascend into leadership roles. "Women in Leadership" is a part of SUA's "Women In" program that includes "Women in Business," "Women in Health Science Professions" and "Women in Digital Arts."

Our all-girls education allows our students to hold every leadership role in the school community. However, at St. Ursula Academy, leadership is not just about holding a title. It is about finding opportunities in all you do to be the best leader you can be, based on your God-given abilities and talents.