

Profile for College and University Admissions

Background

Founded in 1971, NSU University School is a nonsectarian, independent, junior kindergarten through grade 12 day school providing an innovative education in a technologically rich university setting. Our students are prepared for productive lives and leadership roles through a college preparatory program that focuses on academic excellence, extracurricular participation, and service to others.

Student Body

NSU University School currently enrolls 1,800 students, junior kindergarten through grade 12, with 178 students in the class of 2015. The Upper School enrollment is approximately 730 students. NSU University School accepts students in the average to gifted range and offers a varied and personalized academic experience. Our student body is diverse, reflecting the multiethnic and international demographics of South Florida. Ninety-seven percent of our graduates are accepted to colleges or universities. For the 2014–2015 academic year, NSU University School awarded need-based financial aid to 13 percent of the student population.

Faculty

NSU University School has 170 teaching faculty members, 130 of whom have advanced degrees. Several faculty members serve as adjunct professors at Nova Southeastern University for both undergraduate- and graduate-level courses. As with our student population, the NSU University School faculty is culturally and regionally diverse. Members are recognized as AP Readers, recipients of grant research funding, Circle of Honor Literary Fellows, and Congressional Youth Leadership Council members.

Academic Calendar

NSU University School operates on a semester academic calendar. Report cards are issued quarterly.

Graduation Requirements

NSU University School graduation requirements exceed the state of Florida graduation requirements. At least 24 credit hours are required for graduation.

English	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	4 credits
Social Studies	4 credits
Foreign Language	3 credits

Other required courses include

Physical Education	1 credit
Fine Arts	1 credit
Electives	3 credits
Community Service	100 hours



Independent Research Study

NSU University School's mission is to meet the individual needs of students and prepare them for successful matriculation into college. The Independent Research Study (IRS) provides students with an opportunity to develop and conduct research and work closely with NSU University School faculty members and field professionals to design and implement an independent practicum to effect change locally and globally. The IRS course is a two-year research course offered to a select group of grade 11 students who demonstrate excellence in a particular field of study.

Grading Scale and Class Rank

The cumulative grade point average includes all credit courses. Weight is added for Upper School Honors (.5) and AP (1.0) courses. Due to the small class size and the college-bound nature of our students, **NSU University School does not rank.** Our grading scale is as follows.

97–100	<i>A+</i>	77–79	<i>C+</i>
93–96	<i>A</i>	73–76	<i>C</i>
90–92	<i>A-</i>	70–72	<i>C-</i>
87–89	<i>B+</i>	67–69	<i>D+</i>
83–86	<i>B</i>	63–66	<i>D</i>
80–82	<i>B-</i>	60–62	<i>D-</i>
		Below 60	<i>F</i>



Please note: The college counselors do not complete checklists on any college application's secondary school report. A detailed letter of recommendation will be attached for each student.

Curriculum

NSU University School is a part of Nova Southeastern University, Florida's largest private university. This unique affiliation provides students and faculty members with exceptional academic opportunities and access to resources in graduate programs such as law, oceanography, the health professions, education, and business. In addition to courses offered, qualified students may participate in mentorship and internship programs to learn firsthand about various careers and take part in research endeavors.

NSU University School's Upper School curriculum is entirely college preparatory. Our rigorous academic program exceeds state graduation requirements and focuses on student needs and individual growth.

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Community Service

A genuine interest in others, a sense of compassion, and a spirit of collaboration are seen as vital and integral parts of the NSU University School philosophy. Many NSU University School students dedicate themselves to worthwhile organizations and exceed the 100 required hours of community service. Members of the class of 2015 cumulatively acquired more than 52,000 service hours throughout their tenure at NSU University School.

Performing Arts

The NSU University School Speech and Debate Program is a nationally ranked program. Individual and team members have collectively won national, regional, and state championships. Our Instrumental Music Program is performance oriented and includes a concert band, jazz band, pep band, guitar, and orchestral strings. Our choral program offers a diverse blend of performance opportunities for large and small ensembles that have culminated in straight superior rankings at District Florida Music Education Assessments. Our television production and film students have been nationally recognized for their writing, directing, and producing. Our theatre program presents elaborate musicals and plays involving more than 100 students on stage, behind the scenes, and in the orchestra. Upper School students also become mentors for Middle School students as they help direct, choreograph, and manage our Middle School performances. Additionally, our theatre students participate in local and state thespian contests and have received the highest honors both individually and as a team. Our dance company travels to national conferences and choreographs dance numbers for our school productions and performances.

Athletics

NSU University School athletics offers 23 varsity teams in 15 different sports, continuing its commitment to cultivating a progressively successful athletic program. This year's successes included a regional title in boys swimming; district title in boys golf; and boys golf, boys cross country, girls basketball, boys lacrosse, and baseball named as FHSAA academic team champions. In addition, numerous student-athletes earned first, second, and honorable mention awards from the *Miami Herald* and the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*. Finally, confirming its commitment to help aspiring student-athletes compete at the NCAA intercollegiate level, NSU University School's athletic program helped numerous student-athletes commit to play intercollegiate athletics.



Class of 2015 College Acceptances

We congratulate the class of 2015 on their college acceptances!

American Musical & Dramatic Academy	IDC Herzliya—Raphael Recanati International School (Israel)	Smith College	University of Denver
American University	Indiana University	St. John's University	University of Florida
Arizona State University	Indiana University—Kelley School of Business	St. Olaf College	University of Illinois at Chicago
Art Institute of Tennessee at Nashville	Ithaca College	Stetson University	University of Louisville
Ave Maria University	James Madison University	Stonehill College	University of Maryland
Babson College	Johns Hopkins University	Stony Brook University	University of Massachusetts at Amherst
Baylor University	Kenyon College	Suffolk University	University of Massachusetts at Boston
Bentley University	Lehigh University	Swarthmore College	University of Miami
Berklee College of Music	Lewis & Clark College	Syracuse University	University of Michigan
Binghamton University	Loyola University Maryland	Tel Aviv University (Israel)	University of Michigan—School of Nursing
Boston College	Lynn University	Tufts University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Boston University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Tulane University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Brandeis University	Marymount Manhattan College	Vanderbilt University	University of North Florida
Brown University	McGill University (Canada)	Virginia Wesleyan College	University of Pennsylvania
Bucknell University	Michigan State University	Washington College	University of Pittsburgh
California Institute of Technology	New College of Florida	Washington State University	University of Puget Sound
California State University at Los Angeles	New York University	Washington University in St. Louis	University of Richmond
Carnegie Mellon University	New York University—Stern School of Business	West Virginia University	University of Rochester
Chapman University	New York University—Tisch School of the Arts	Wheaton College (MA)	University of South Florida
Claremont McKenna College	North Carolina State University	Whittier College	University of South Florida at St. Petersburg
Clark University	Northeastern University	Williamette University	University of South Florida at Tampa
Clemson University	Northwestern University	Williams College	University of Southern California
College of William & Mary	Nova Southeastern University	University of Alabama	University of Southern California—Marshall School of Business
Colorado College	Oberlin College	University of Alberta (Canada)	University of Tampa
Colorado Mesa University	Occidental College	University of Arizona	University of Texas at Austin
Columbia College Chicago	Ohio State University	University of British Columbia	University of Texas—McCombs School of Business
Cornell University	Pace University	University of Calgary (Canada)	University of Toronto (Canada)
DePaul University	Parsons The New School for Design	University of California at Berkeley	University of Vermont
Drexel University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California at Davis	University of Virginia
Duke University	Pratt Institute	University of California at Los Angeles	University of Washington
Duquesne University	Purdue University	University of California at San Diego	University of West Florida
Eckerd College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California at Santa Barbara	University of Wisconsin
Emerson College	Rhode Island School of Design	University of California at Santa Cruz	University of Wisconsin—School of Nursing
Emory University	Rice University	University of Central Florida	
Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts	Richmond The American International College in London	University of Colorado at Boulder	
Flagler College	Rider University	University of Connecticut	
Florida Atlantic University	Ringling College of Art & Design	University of Delaware	
FAU—Harriet Wilkes Honors College	Rochester Institute of Technology		
Florida Gulf Coast University	Roger Williams University		
Florida International University	Rollins College		
Florida State University	Rutgers University		
George Mason University	San Diego State University		
George Washington University	Santa Fe University of Art & Design		
Georgia Institute of Technology	School of the Art Institute of Chicago		
Georgia State University			
Grinnell College			
Hofstra University			

NSU University School seniors are accepted into some of the finest educational institutions in the country. Our students are guided through the college application process and are encouraged to find the right fit for them. The College Counseling Department does not mandate that students apply to specific colleges or universities.