



University of Vermont
TRIO Upward Bound
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Organization Profile

Eligibility & Demographics

UVM Upward Bound (UVM UB) is a federal college access program that serves 63 students annually from Burlington H.S. & Winooski H.S. (Vermont). Students join Upward Bound in 9th or 10th grade, and remain part of the program until H.S. graduation.

In order to be eligible, students must be limited-income and/or would be first-generation in their families to attend college. At UVM UB, 90% of students are both limited-income *and* first-generation, while the remaining 10% are limited-income *or* first-gen.

Student Ethnicity (Self-Report)

Black	38.5%
Asian	43.0%
White	18.5%
Multiracial/Other	0%

Since 1989, the greater Burlington area has welcomed more than 6,300 New Americans as part of the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program. As a result, both Winooski and Burlington School Districts (and UVM Upward Bound) feature many students who were English Language Learners (ELL) when beginning school in the U.S. Many students also spent their early years in refugee camps fleeing countries such as: Somalia, Bhutan, Bosnia, Sudan, Cambodia, Vietnam, and others.

Curriculum

School year:

UVM UB participants are all expected to take rigorous, college prep classes at their schools, with many also taking Dual Enrollment or Early College coursework at one of the local colleges. This ensures that UB students are overall more prepared than their peers to transition to college-level academics.

Participants also meet with an Upward Bound Counselor for weekly advisement meetings throughout the school year to work on transferable skills such as: time management, study skills, self-advocacy, and written communication. Many participants also utilize UB's online and in-person tutoring services.

Summer:

All participants attend Summer College, an academic enrichment program that spans 6-weeks every summer. While on campus at UVM, each student takes 4 college prep classes: math, English, and 2 electives (foreign language, lab science, social studies, etc.). They also participate in community service, tour colleges, and explore career opportunities through presentations, job shadows, and internships. Summer College allows students to prepare for postsecondary education while further developing their personal, academic, & career interests.

Participant Outcomes

