

Course Selection Parent / Student Info Night

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Course Selection Information Night

- ▶ Graduation Requirements
- ▶ Course Offerings at STA
- ▶ Post Secondary Institutions
- ▶ Questions and Answers

Grad Requirements STA Policy



- ▶ Students are required to take all graduation requirements for the respective year at STA unless the course has already been successfully completed elsewhere (usually at summer school or online during the summer or in a previous term).
- ▶ Students must pass Christian Education 12 in order to participate in all Graduation Activities in June.
- ▶ Drop Deadline for Courses: Sept 28, 2023

BC GRADUATION PROGRAM

- ▶ BC's new Graduation Program will continue to require all students to successfully complete 80 credits in grades 10, 11, and 12, and write three provincial assessments: Grade 10 Literacy, Grade 10 Numeracy and Grade 12 Literacy assessments.
- ▶ There will be an opportunity for students to re-write the Provincial Graduation Assessments to improve their achievement level. Until graduation, students may write a Provincial Graduation Assessment up to three times: the original attempt and two re-writes.

SUMMARY OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	CREDITS
Composition & Creative Writing 10	4
Composition 11	4
English Studies 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
Social Studies 12 *any approved SS 12 course	4
Science 10	4
Science 11 *any approved Science 11 course	4
Mathematics 10	4
Mathematics 11 *any approved Math 11 course	4
Physical & Health Education 10	4
Career Life Education 10	4
Career Life Connections 11-12	4
Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 10, 11 or 12	4
Elective Credits	28
TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS	80

Graduation Requirements

Grade 10



- ▶ Christian Education 10 4 Credits
- ▶ Math 10 (Numeracy Assessment) 4 Credits
- ▶ Science 10 4 Credits
- ▶ Social Studies 10 4 Credits
- ▶ Physical & Health Education 10 4 Credits
- ▶ Career Life Education 10 4 Credits
- ▶ Composition 10 (Literacy Assessment) 2 Credits
- ▶ Creative Writing 10 2 Credits

Graduation Requirements

Grade 11

- ▶ Christian Education 11 4 credits
- ▶ English First Peoples 11 4 credits
- ▶ a Math 11 4 credits
- ▶ a Science 11 4 credits
- ▶ a Social Studies 12 4 credits
- ▶ Elective (ie. French or Spanish 11) 4 credits
- ▶ Elective (ie. Applied Skill or Fine Art) 4 credits
- ▶ Elective (ie. a second science or PHE) 4 credits
- ▶ Career Life Connections 2 credits

Graduation Requirements

Grade 12



- Christian Education 12 4 credits
 - English Studies 12 4 credits
 - Career Life Connections 2 credits
 - At least 4 other Grade 12 Level Courses 16 credits
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- Post-Secondary schools require the completion of at least six grade 12 courses of which five should be approved academic courses.

Study Blocks & Service Blocks

- ▶ Students are required to be enrolled in at least 6 - four credit courses at STA in their senior year.
- ▶ Grade 12 students may elect to have a study block.
 - ▶ Category A – off campus
(honour roll or effort honour roll)
 - ▶ Category B – only on campus
(library)
- ▶ Students can also apply for a **School & Community Service Block**. Selection is based on student experience and teacher need.

Online Courses



- ▶ Online courses provide students with opportunities to earn extra credits or complete courses outside of the school timetable.
- ▶ STA recommendation is to take all academic required courses here at STA.
- ▶ For university admissions, online courses must be at least 50% complete before they appear on the transcript.

Course Offerings



▶ **Academic Courses**

- ▶ Courses from approved lists (differs by university) used to calculate post-secondary admission averages
- ▶ i.e. Chemistry 12, Calculus 12, Economics 12

▶ **Advanced Placement Courses**

- ▶ Offered at the grade 12 level in English, Calculus and Computer Science
- ▶ Can earn first year university credits in high school
- ▶ May be used for admissions averages

▶ **Electives**

- ▶ Fulfill the Arts Education / Applied Design Requirement
- ▶ Second Language Courses

Courses by Department

English

English First Peoples 11



English Studies 12

Enriched English First Peoples 11



AP Language & Composition 12



Creative Writing 12

Literary Studies 12

CCC Running Start
or

AP English Exam Prep

Social Studies

Social
Studies 10

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20th Century
World History 12

Law Studies
12

Comparative
Cultures 12

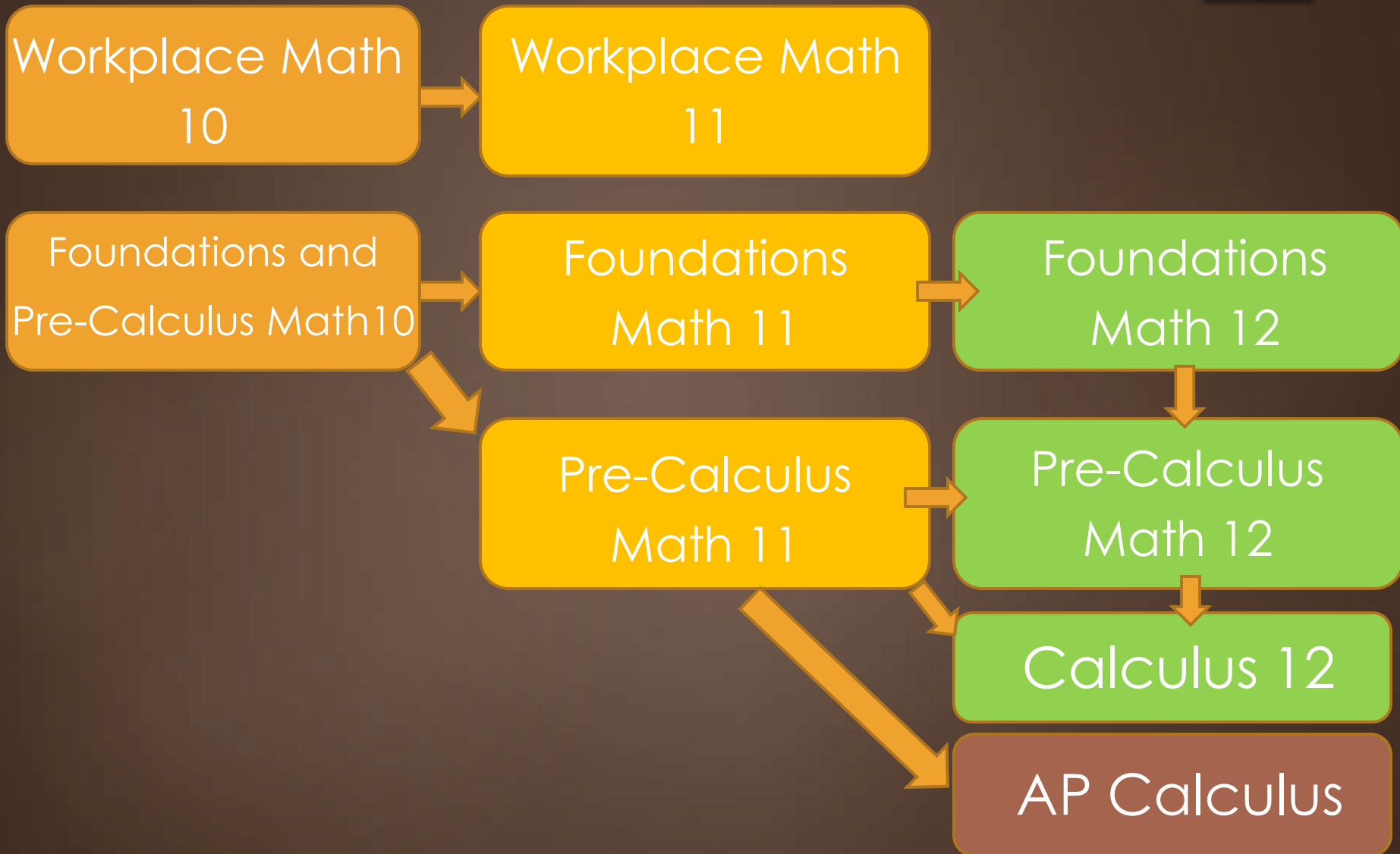
Human
Geography
12

Physical
Geography
12

Philosophy
12

Political
Studies 12

Math



Sciences

Science 10

Life Sciences
11

Earth Sciences
11

Chemistry 11

Physics 11

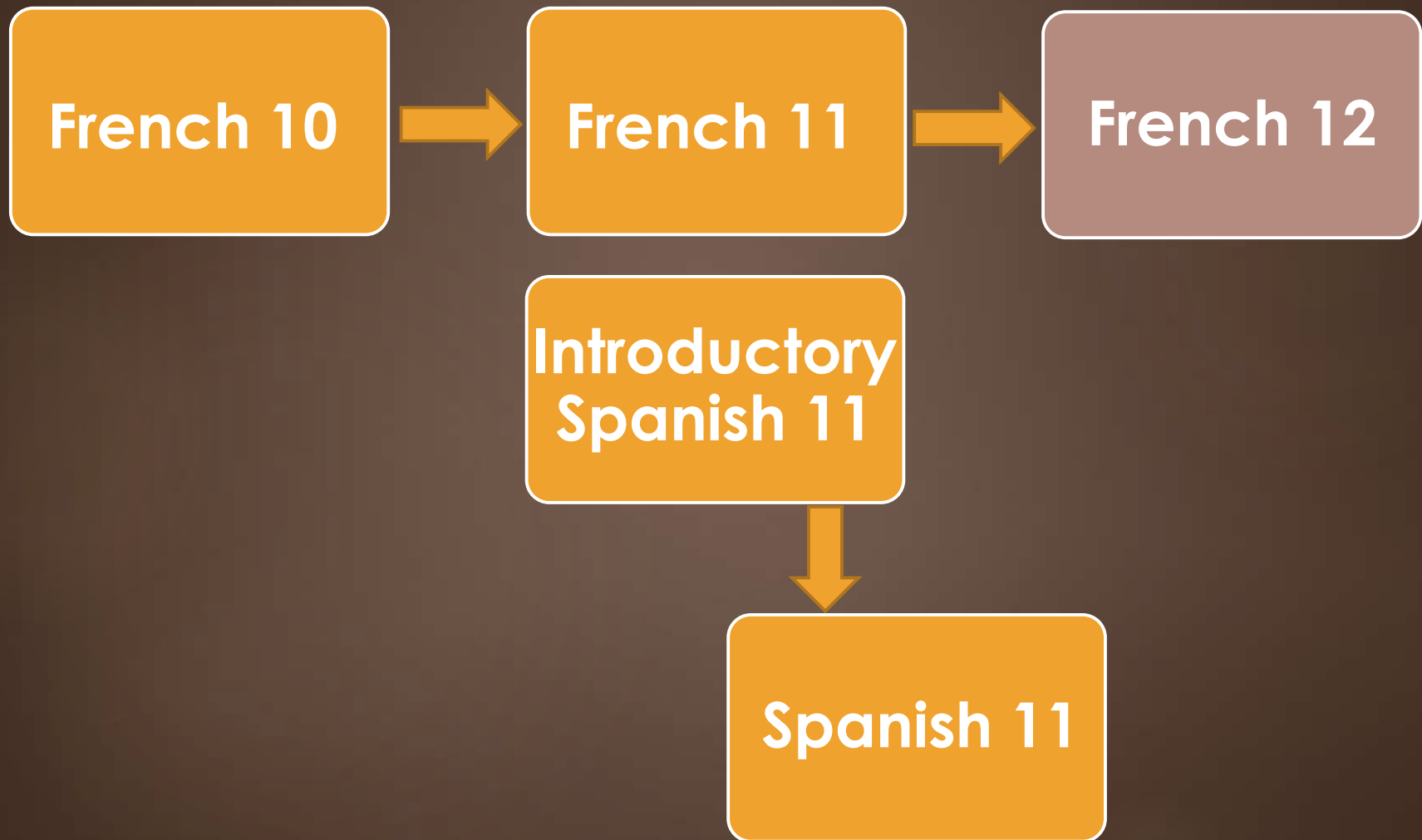
Anatomy &
Physiology 12

Chemistry 12

Physics 12



Modern Languages



Electives



- ▶ Business Education (Accounting, Marketing, Economics, Entrepreneurship)
- ▶ Physical & Health Education (Active Living, Boys Basketball & Girls Sports Academies)
- ▶ Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (Media Arts, Robotics and AP Computer Science)
- ▶ Fine & Performing Arts (Acting, Art, Band, Choir)



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COURSE DESCRIPTION CATALOGUE Grades 10, 11 and 12

2022 - 23

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Terminology for Course Requirements

- **“Recommended standard”** means any students below this standard will likely experience difficulty in the course if they choose to take it. Students require parental consent to enrol and must be committed to completion of the course.
- **“Pre-requisite”** means a specific course must be successfully completed before another course at the next grade level.
- **“Co-requisite”** means another course that is taken simultaneously with this course.

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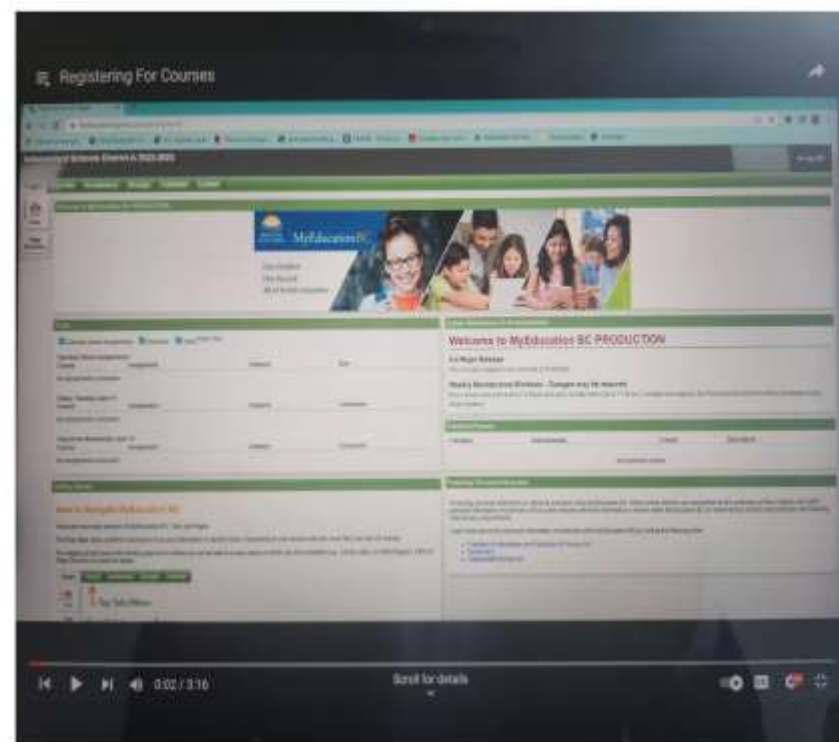
2023-24 STA COURSE SELECTION LIST

<p>Grade 10 Required Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Science 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Core French 10 <p>Mathematics 10: <i>(choose one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math/Pre-Calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 10 <p>Physical & Health Education <i>(choose one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education Sports Academy 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical & Health Education Athlete Development 10 <p><input type="checkbox"/> Career & Life Education 10 <i>(semester course)</i></p> <p>Grade 10 Course Elective <i>For Grade 10 choose one (1) course from...</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Technology Explorations 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Music 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 10 <p><input type="checkbox"/> LRC BLOCK 10/11/12 <i>(Must be approved by LRC Coordinator)</i></p>	<p>Grade 11 Required Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Education 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections 11 <p>Language Arts 11: <i>(choose one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Enriched English First Peoples 11 <i>(based on English 10 mark)</i> <p>Mathematics 11: <i>(choose one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Math 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Calculus Math 11 <p>Science 11: <i>(choose at least one)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input 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video on how to select your courses using MyED

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-XPRwcfxa4&list=PLCgAizhK_AkjrOefMwdUsqqDy29i2rSeJ&index=3



Applying to University



Search Universities of interest **NOW**

- ▶ Research Admission Requirements by program.
Check out SFU Admission Compass

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/compass.html>

- ▶ Attend Info Sessions at STA in the Fall at the Post-Secondary Institutions Evening.
- ▶ Go to Post Secondary Open Houses/Tours.



UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

McMaster University



ALGOMA university

CAPE BRETON UNIVERSITY

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Langara.

YORK

Lakehead UNIVERSITY

Laurentian University / Université Laurentienne



Queen's UNIVERSITY



Carleton UNIVERSITY



Brock University

McGill



UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

TRENT UNIVERSITY

Concordia

Western

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

University of Windsor

UNIVERSITY of MANITOBA

UNIVERSITE BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY

UNB UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
CHANGING LIVES IMPROVING LIFE

125 YEARS
est. 1878



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

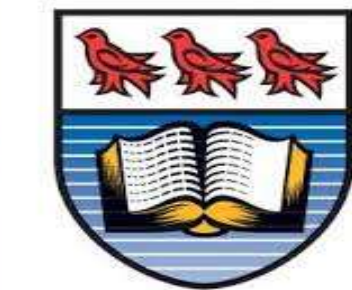
WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY

WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY

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uOttawa



University of Victoria



SFU

KWANTLEN POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

BCIT
BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Right Way to Choose a College

What students do at college matters much more than where they go. The key is engagement, inside the classroom and out.



CREATE A LIST OF IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- **Unique programs or opportunities** – Cooperative education, undergraduate research, combined studies, cohort programs, etc.
- **Class size** – Contact with instructor and classmates.
- **Culture** of university, college or institute, city, and **distance** from supports.
- **Religious, athletic, and extracurricular activities.**

Consider starting at a smaller post-secondary school and benefit from much smaller classes, focus on teaching (not research), similar environment, lower admission requirements, university transfer or full degree options, with a highly specialized and diversity of programs.

UBC reserves a full one third of their upper level new student seats for Transfer students

Starting at college a smart move for B.C. students

BY TRACY SHERLOCK

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED: APR 20, 2016



Daniel Dubois made a successful transition from college to university. Now he's founded two companies.

Gerry Kahrmann / PNG

KEY MESSAGES TO STUDENTS



- ▶ Universities will look at your grades in nearly ALL your academic Gr.11 and Gr.12 courses.
- ▶ Particular attention to courses related to what you want to study at university. If you have the course at both the Gr.11 and Gr.12 level, more emphasis will be placed on the Gr.12 grade.
- ▶ Be aware that having the highest grades is not the only way to get in – challenging yourself by taking more courses or more rigorous courses can also be beneficial.

UBC Admissions

OVERALL ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

- ✓ ALL grade 11 and 12 'academic' courses

EXCEPT courses from:

- Applied Design, Skills & Technologies
- PHE
- Technology
- Careers
- Faith

- ✓ YES, Fine Arts is 'academic' to UBC

More about Overall Academic Assessment:

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/applied/application-evaluation/>



CORE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT

- ✓ All grade 11 and 12 courses within subject categories related to the degree you apply to at UBC
- ✓ When a student presents both the grade 11 and grade 12 course of the same subject → more focus on the grade 12 course mark

Ex: Sciences
Social Studies

Find subject categories for each degree:

* select campus and degree!
<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/canadian-high-schools-ok#british-columbia>



DEGREE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Specific courses of grade 11 and/or grade 12 level required for the degree you apply to at UBC

Ex: Physics 12

Find specific courses required for each degree:

* select campus and degree!
<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/canadian-high-schools-ok#british-columbia>



CONSIDERATIONS WHEN PLANNING GRADE 11 and 12

- ✓ UBC recommends **6 grade 12 level classes, academic and/or non-academic** to demonstrate course load. (English 12 + 5) This is separate from all other transcript assessments.
- ✓ **Research subject categories** applicable to the degree & campus to which you plan to apply
- ✓ **Research the degree-specific course requirements** applicable to the degree & campus to which you plan to apply
- ✓ **GOOD GRADES!**
- ✓ **COMPETITIVE ENTRANCE**
 - Marks
 - Breadth (# of courses)
 - Depth (Calculus 12, AP, Dual Credit)
 - Relevancy to UBC program (ie: Active Living 12 → Kinesiology)
- ✓ **THOUGHTFUL CHOICES!**

UBC Advising:
250-807-8521 OR 1-877-272-1422

PERSONAL PROFILE

In order to assess your preparedness for university, UBC will evaluate you on a broad range of criteria including your academic achievements and personal experiences. Knowing more about you through your Personal Profile helps UBC determine whether you will flourish at UBC, not just because of your grades, but also because of the experiences and ambition you bring with you.

More information about the Personal Profile:

<http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/personal-profile/>



College
Just Ahead

Grade 12 is a very important year to achieve academically, be involved in extra-curricular, community service and the school in general, and to establish yourself as an individual with solid character, a strong work ethic, maturity, self-discipline, and responsibility. Post-secondary admission decisions will be based primarily upon your performance in grade 12.

Create a **broad plan with back up** – never assume anything – you, your grades, your finances, your interests – lots and lots of things will change by the time you are finishing grade 12.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
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QUESTIONS ?

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