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Course Programming Guide

For Senior Students and their Parents

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INTRODUCTION

This Course Selection Handbook is intended for our senior students and their parents. When choosing courses, there are four factors which must be considered. They are as follows:

1. The requirements for graduation as outlined by the Ministry of Education.
2. STMC's own graduation requirements and course offerings
3. The admission requirements for some local schools.
4. The realities of the student's academic strengths and abilities. (ie their report card)

In this handbook you will find...

1. A copy of the Ministry's Grad Requirements.
2. The admission information pertaining to SFU and UBC.
3. A description of all courses offered by STMC.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR STUDENTS TO REALIZE THAT THIS HANDBOOK IS ONLY A GUIDE. STUDENTS NEED TO DO THEIR OWN RESEARCH!

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HAS IMPLEMENTED THE 2018 GRADUATION PROGRAM. The changes are not monumental but are worth noting. They are explained in this handbook.

COURSE SELECTION: THE PROCESS AT STMC

There are many supports in place to aid students and parents in the Course selection process at STMC. They are listed below. However, it is the student's responsibility to do their own research for their specific post-secondary plans. No single book, resource or counsellor can cover all the possible options. Students must be proactive and do their own research.

1. Course Selection Meetings with Parents
2. Grade Level Meetings with the current grade 11 and 12's (Academic Assemblies)
3. Google Classroom Resources
4. Classroom visits
5. STMC Website links
6. Individual student visits to the Academic Counselling Office
7. **The deadline to have Course selection completed online using the Parent Portal on Powerschool is March 7th!**

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PLEASE NOTE

This Handbook contains brief course descriptions. Detailed descriptions for all courses offered by STMC can be found on the STMC Website.

Go to [STMC Academics-Course Offerings](#)

Where to begin????

1. Most students are not sure about what they want to do in the future.

The path a student takes to their final educational and career destination is seldom a straight one. Don't focus on the end goal; instead, focus on the little steps along the way.

2. Course selection is a matter of keeping *realistic* options open. One of the best indicators of academic strengths and weaknesses is the student's **Report Card**. A good work ethic can overcome a lot of academic deficiencies, but students must remember that academic demands increase dramatically as they progress through the grades and into university or college. Students should **consult their teachers** as they know the student's strengths and weaknesses and know the expectations at the post-secondary level.

Many courses have prerequisites. If a student does not have the prerequisite mark or course and still selects the corresponding course, they will be counselled against taking the course unless they have a specific need for that course and are prepared to do the extra work. Each year students who ignore prerequisites suffer mightily during the school year.

3. **Where do their passions lie? Arts or Sciences!** Students **should not choose a heavy load in the sciences because THEY think that is where the jobs are. That is a myth that simply is not true.** There are just as many jobs available in the Arts. Students should choose courses based on their strengths and passions. If a student can determine whether or not they favor Arts or Sciences, course selection becomes a little easier.

4. Factors to keep in mind during the course selection process. FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

a. **Graduation:** We require our students to do more than the minimum required for graduation; therefore, virtually all our students graduate. This means full course loads in grades 10, 11 and 12. (Grade 12 students may apply for a study.)

b) **Planning to attend a local College?** Most STMC graduates can virtually guarantee themselves entry into a university transfer program at a local college. The more specific the program is at the college level, the more they must make sure they hit the high school pre-requisites.

The college route is a preferred route for many students. Entry requirements are less stringent, classes are smaller and institutions are often closer and cheaper. Credits are fully transferable if the student is careful. In addition, many BC Colleges offer full degree programs and several have taken on a University designation. (i.e. Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Capilano University and University of the Fraser Valley.

c) **Planning to attend a Technical School?** Schools like BCIT or Kwantlen Polytech have their own specific requirements. Students interested in the trades will be well prepared with their STMC education. Students must do their research.

d) **Planning to attend a BC University?** A snap shot view of the requirements for UBC and SFU is included in this handbook because over half of our grads opt to go to these schools.

e) **Planning to attend a Canadian Universities (Outside of BC)** The admission requirements for universities across Canada are too varied to list in any one handbook, For a brief summary of many Canadian institutions, go to the Post-Secondary link in Google Classroom and look for the Canadian University Resource. To be honest, if you can get into UBC or SFU, there is a very good chance you can get into many schools across the country.

f) **Planning to attend an American University or an International School?** Students must be proactive here. Each school is different. In addition to courses, students will be expected to write a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or ACT test. For info see your Academic Counsellors or visit the [College Board](#) link. Students should be aware of the high cost associated with going to school in the US.

IMPORTANT NEW CURRICULUM = NEW COURSE NAMES

On various post-secondary websites you may spot an inconsistency in course names.

Bio 11 = Life Sciences 11, Bio 12 = Anatomy and Physiology 12, English 12 = English Studies 12

At press times the English 10 and English 11 course names were not yet finalized.

There will be more changes!

Do not worry, the courses we offer will match University requirements.

Graduation Program Requirements for the BC Ministry and STMC

In order to graduate from the province of BC, every student in the Graduation Program has to pass certain basic courses in their grade 10, 11 and 12 years. In addition, students must successfully complete Religion 10, 11 and 12 to graduate from STMC.

SUBJECT AREA	Credits
Career Life Education (Replaces Planning 10)	4
Career Life Connections (Replaces Grad Transitions)	4
English 10	4
English 11	4
English 12	4
a Mathematics 10	4
a Mathematics 11	4
an Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills, & Technology 10, 11 or 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
a Social Studies 11 or 12 (See below)	4
Science 10	4
a Science 11 or 12 (See Below)	4
Physical & Health Education 10	4
Total Required Course Credits	52 credits
ELECTIVE CREDITS	
Students must earn at least 28 elective credits from Grade 10-12 courses.	
THESE REQUIRED STMC COURSES ALL COUNT IN THE ELECTIVE TOTAL	
Religion 10	4
Religion 11	4
Religion 12	4
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES At least 4 courses must be numbered 12. (English 12, Religion 12 plus two more)	16
Total Required Elective Credits	28 credits
OVERALL TOTAL:	80 credits

Students on the current Graduation Program must also successfully complete two **Graduation Assessments**. At this point the Ministry is indicating that these will be written in grade 10.

1. **Numeracy Assessment** (*Assessing* the ability, willingness, and perseverance to interpret and apply mathematical understanding to solve problems in situations, and to analyze these solutions)
2. **The Literacy Assessment** (*Analyzing and Making Meaning* from Texts (Comprehend) and Communicating Understanding of Texts/Making Personal Connections (Communicate).)

Career Education Grad Requirements At STMC the requirements for these credits will be met through work/assignments done in their Religion, PE and Academic Assemblies. These are not actual classes or blocks on a student's schedule. (Replaces Planning 10 and Grad Transitions 12)

Socials 11/12 Credit Students going into grade 11 complete a Social credit in grade 11 or 12 to graduate. The courses listed below are offered at STMC and will meet that requirement.

20th Century World History 12 Social Justice 12 Social Justice/Genocide Studies 12 (Accelerated) Physical Geography 12
Law Studies 12 Comp Cultures/Comp Religions 12 (Accelerated) Social Justice 12 12
Economics 12/Economics Theory 12 (Accelerated)

Note: (The Accelerated courses are not available to grade 10's)

Science 11/12 Credit The STMC courses listed below meet this requirement.

Physics 11 or 12, Chemistry 11 or 12, Earth Science 11, Life Science (Bio) 11, Anatomy/Physiology(Bio) 12

External Learning Credits Students can earn further credits for activities undertaken outside of STMC. Students who are involved at a very high level in athletics or the arts can qualify. Students who have completed certain courses outside of school may also qualify. (See Academic Counselling)

Grade 10 Course Selection

As the chart on the previous page indicates grade 10's must take the following 8 courses:

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| 1. English 10 | 2. Socials 10 | 3. Science 10 | 4. PE 10 |
| 5. Religion 10 | 6. French 10 (See Below) | 7. Math 10 (See Below) | 8. An elective numbered 10/11/12 |

Some Grade 10 students may be in a position to take a higher level course if pre-reqs have been met.

French 10: The majority of students are encouraged to take this course if they can handle it academically. You can go into virtually any college without this course; however, it should be noted that French 11 is a basic entry requirement for many universities in BC including SFU and UBC.

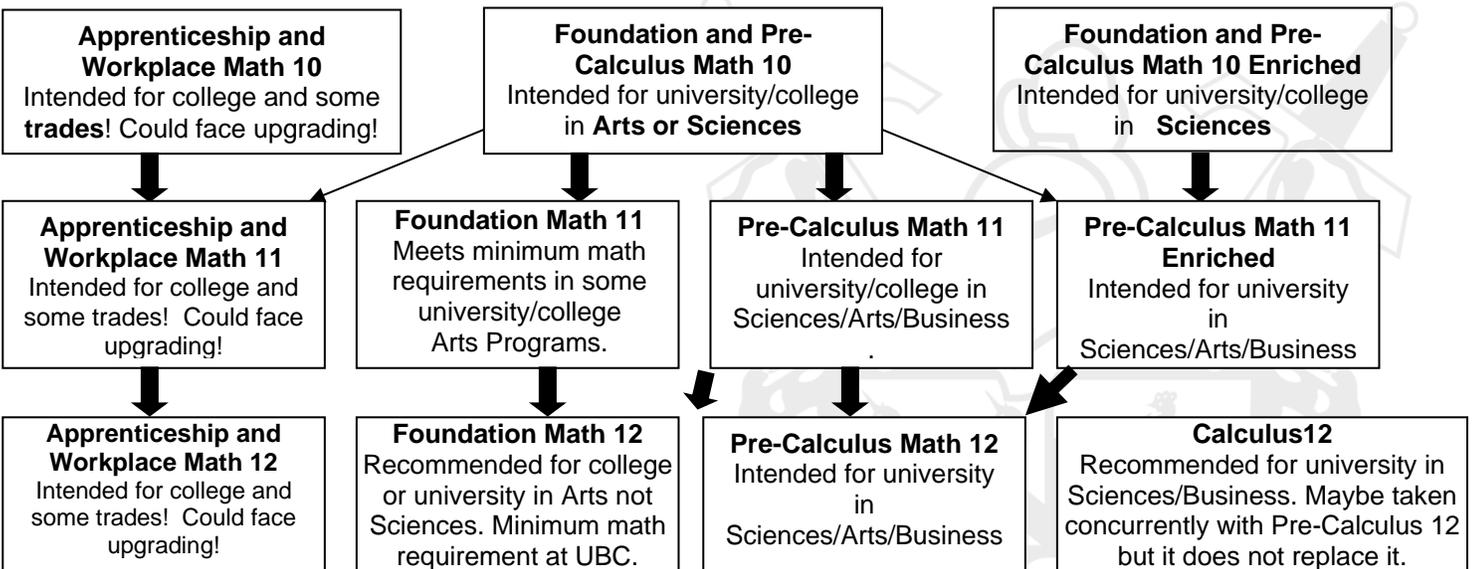
Career Life Education 10 This 4 credit course is a graduation requirement, but it is not an actual block on a student's schedule. The requirements will be met through PE, Religion and other courses.

The Math 10 Streams: Students must choose one option

A. Apprenticeship/Workplace 10 meets the Math 10 Graduation requirement. It is intended for students heading to one of the local colleges or trade schools. If your mark in Math 9 is in the low 60% range and below, students should talk to their parents, teachers and academic counselors to determine if this is their best option. This course fulfills the Math 10 requirement required for graduation, but limits a student's options at the post-secondary level.

B. Foundations/Pre-Calculus 10 Regular This course fulfills the Math 10 requirement required for graduation. . If your mark in Math 9 is in the 60 - 65% range, students should talk to their parents, teachers and academic counselors to determine if this is their best option. If you have a 65% or better in Math 9, then with hard work you would be best served to stay in the Foundations Pre-Calculus stream because **it keeps all options open.**

C. Foundations/Pre-Calculus 10 Enriched This course fulfills the Math 10 requirement graduation requirement. Typically students in the Math 9 Enriched stream will continue in Foundations/Pre-Calculus 10 Enriched. Teachers may approach other high achieving Math 9 students and ask them to consider the Enriched Stream at the Math 10 level. It is a good option for those heading to university in Business and Sciences and contemplating taking Calculus 12 in grade 12.



Choosing Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math 10 keeps the most post-secondary options open. Students are advised to take this course if they can handle it.

The following elective courses fulfill the Arts Education and/or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies Course Graduation Requirement that needs to be complete in grades 10, 11, or 12

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| 1. Choir 10 | 4. Band 10 | 7. Yearbook 10 |
| 2. Drama 10 | 5. Visual Art (Art Studio) 10 | 8. Robotics 10 |
| 3. Guitar Building 11 | 6. Architectural Design 10 | 9. Fitness 10 |

Outside of Timetable Performing Arts Electives – these courses run before school or after school.

Admission to the following courses is by audition. Please see Mr. Shoemaker Mr. Lui for details.

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| 1. Chamber Choir 10 | 2. Jazz Choir 10 | 3. Jazz Band 10 |
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Grade 11 Course Selection Information

BASIC REQUIREMENTS: In order to meet the graduation requirements of STMC and the Ministry of Education all students must take the three courses listed below. (4 credits each/8 credits total)

1. Religion 11 2. English 11 (See Below)

Students will also be taking Career Life Connections in Grades 11/12 through Academic Assembly blocks and work done in Religion class etc. (4 credits total)

MATH REQUIREMENTS: Students must pass one Math 11 course to graduate!

Students who took Apprenticeship/Workplace Math 10 must take Apprenticeship and Workplace 11. This course is intended for students heading into college or the trades. They may face upgrading at the post-secondary level. Those students who took Foundation and Pre-Calculus 10 (Regular or Enriched) must now make a decision to either follow the Foundations or Pre-Calculus Stream.

4 MATH COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN GRADE 11 (Must pass one to graduate.)

A. Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 11 (Fulfills the math requirement for graduation)

This option is designed to provide students with the minimum Mathematical understanding and critical-thinking skills identified for entry into the majority of trades and college. At the end of this course, students are prepared for Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 12 (Offered only online). **This course is not for students heading to university. Following this stream will get you into college/trades but you could be looking at upgrading.**

B. Foundations Math 11 (Fulfills the math requirement for graduation.)

This course is for university/college students heading to the arts but **not** the sciences or business. At the end of this course, students are prepared for Foundations of Mathematics 12 but they cannot switch into the Pre-Calculus 12 stream. (Currently SFU will admit students into Arts who have achieved a minimum of 60% in Foundations of Math 11 but the student will face limitations in course selection. **If students are in the Foundations stream and want to get a university degree, they should take Foundations of Math 12 as well.** UBC will only accept students if they have both Foundations 11 and Foundations 12.

C. Pre-Calculus Math 11 Pre-requisite Foundation Pre-Calculus 10 with a 73% or better is recommended (Fulfills the math requirement for graduation) This course is for university/college students heading to either the arts, business or the sciences. At the end of this course, students are prepared for Pre-Calculus Mathematics 12 and/or Calculus 12. They can switch to the Foundations stream with Department approval. SFU will admit students into the Arts who have achieved a minimum of 60% in Pre-Calculus Math 11 but the student will face limitations in course selection. UBC Arts will admit students with only Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations 12.

D. Pre-Calculus Math 11 (Enriched) Teacher Recommendation Required (Fulfills the math requirement for graduation) This course is primarily intended for university/college students heading to either business or in particular the **sciences**. At the end of this course, students are prepared for Pre-Calculus Mathematics 12 and Calculus 12 (These are routinely taken concurrently in the grade 12 year.) SFU will admit students into the Arts who have achieved a minimum of 60% in Pre-Calculus Math 11 (Regular/Enriched) or Foundations 11 but the student will face limitations in course selection. SFU recommends that Arts students also take Foundations 12. UBC **Arts** will admit students with only Pre-Calculus 11 (Regular/Enriched) or Foundations 12.

More Notes Regarding Math!

It seems clear that **choosing Pre-Calculus Math 11 keeps the most post-secondary options open.** Students are advised to take this course if they can handle it. The Foundations stream **works very well for Arts students but many schools may also require Foundations of Math 12 (i.e. UBC Arts).** (Arts students must decide if they are perhaps better off taking 2 years of Foundations (11/12) or one year of the more theoretical Pre-Calculus 11. In addition it should be noted that Foundations 12 cannot always be used to determine an entry GPA at UBC.) In our experience, university bound students heading into Arts have been happy and less stressed taking the Foundations stream. It is still a challenging program but it covers concepts more typically encountered by students in the Arts stream.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT: You **do not** need a language 11 to graduate or to attend most programs in our local colleges. A Language 11 is required for entry into SFU, UBC or Kwantlen Arts. (**UVIC no longer requires French 11**). (This requirement can be avoided by attending a college for 2 years and then transferring. To get an Arts degree from UBC; however, you must have French 12 or its university equivalent.

French 11 (Elective) (4 Credits) Prerequisite: French 10 – a 67% standing or better is recommended.

A prerequisite for university entrance at UBC, SFU. (UVIC no longer requires this.) (Note: Other languages may fulfill this requirement, see Academic Counselling for details)

SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Students must complete at least one of the Science 11 courses listed below for graduation and to meet the basic entry requirements for university. A serious science student might benefit from taking all three of the major science 11 courses (Chemistry, Physics and Biology). This is only suggested for the students who excel in the sciences. (B+ or A in Science 10.) While the most common combination is Chemistry 11 and Physics 11, it must be remembered that each science program at the post-secondary level has different requirements. Students should consult the UBC and SFU Program Specific Requirement Charts included in this handout. **We advise students, in light of the fact that SFU and UBC are now looking at grade 11 marks, to be very wary of taking more than one science 11 if they earned a C+ or less in Science 10 and are just aiming to keep options open.** It is better to choose courses more suited to their strengths and passions.

SCIENCE OPTIONS (All Courses listed below are 4 credits.)

Option One: Biology-Life Sciences 11 Prerequisite: Science 10-a 73% standing or better is recommended. An introductory course in biology that studies plant, human and animal life. A good choice for students considering a post-secondary career in science or a health science related field. Students planning to take Biology – Anatomy & Physiology 12 should talk to their teacher for advice.

Option Two: Chemistry 11 Prerequisite: Science 10 a 73% standing or better is recommended.

Highly recommended for students definitely considering a post-secondary career in science or a science related field.

Option Three: Physics 11 Prerequisite: Science 10 + Foundations Pre-Calculus 10 – a 73% standing or better is recommended. Highly recommended for students considering a post-secondary career in science or a science related field or even certain trades.

Option Four: Astronomy/Earth Science 11 Prerequisite: Science 10 or with permission.

Fulfills the basic science requirement for graduation but is not a requirement for those who wish to pursue a career in the sciences at the post-secondary level. The course will involve the study of the solar system and have an earth science component. On transcripts it will appear as Earth Science 11 or Astronomy 11 not both.

SOCIAL 11/12 REQUIREMENTS: Socials 11 is no longer a course; however, students are still required to get 4 credits in a socials related course in order to graduate. The following courses all numbered 12 meet that requirement. Many of these courses can be used to meet the socials requirement and can be used in the calculation of a student's entry GPA for university. (I.E. A grade 11 can take Law 12. In so doing, they have met the grad requirement, and their mark can be used as one of the 5/6 academic course marks used to calculate a post-secondary entry GPA.) Students, in particular those heading to the arts, are encouraged to take more than one of these options.

SOCIAL STUDIES 11/12 OPTIONS

20th Century World History 12 covers world history from the Russian Revolution to current Third World issues. Arts students would benefit from taking this course. **Accepted at UBC, SFU and UVIC.**

Law Studies 12 This is a survey course intended to introduce students to the fundamentals of Canadian law procedure, civil law and family law. Good for those heading into the Arts. **Accepted at UBC, UVIC and SFU**

Physical Geography 12 is the study of our global environment. **Accepted at SFU, UVIC and UBC**

Social Justice 12 (On its own) Social Justice is a course which examines the causes, history and solutions of various issues such as poverty, famine, hunger, war, AIDS and homelessness in light of Catholic Social teaching. **Accepted by SFU, UVIC and UBC**

Economics 12/ Economic Theory 12 (Accelerated: 8 credits in one block) (Can be taken by grade 11's.) This course studies the economics of the modern world (stock markets, advertising, marketing, national and international business). **Accepted at UBC, UVIC and SFU (FULFILLS THE SOCIAL STUDIES REQUIREMENT and APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

Comparative Cultures 12/World Religions 12 (Accelerated) The goal is to foster an understanding in the student of his or her own multi-cultural backgrounds, how culture changes over time and how it affects their modern world. This accelerated 8 credit course covers the learning outcomes of both courses at an accelerated pace. Counts for 8 credits but one course on a student's schedule. A good course for those anticipating going into the Arts. **Accepted at UBC, UVIC and SFU**

Social Justice 12/Genocide Studies 12 (Accelerated) This accelerated 8 credit course covers the learning outcomes of both Social Justice and Genocide at an accelerated pace. Counts for 8 credits but one course on a student's schedule. Accepted by SFU, UVIC and UBC.

ARTS EDUCATION and/or an APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENT:

In order to graduate from BC, students **must have four credits** in an Applied Skill or Fine Arts course numbered 10, 11 or 12. Choose any one of the courses listed below to fulfill this requirement. Students can select more than one if they want.

ARTS EDUCATION and/or an APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS

Architectural Design 11: Architectural Design students will explore Industrial, Interior, Landscape and Architectural Design.

Art 11 Prerequisite to Art 12.

Band 11 (On Schedule) Prerequisite to Band 12.

Jazz Band 11 (In the morning. Audition Required. Prerequisite to Band 12)

Concert Choir 11 (On schedule) Prerequisite for Choir 12

Chamber Choir 11 (In the morning.) Audition Required Prerequisite for Choir 12

Fitness 11 (Off Schedule) Prerequisite for Fitness 12 4 Credits and also fulfills the Physical Activity Requirement for the Grad Transitions Program. Offered in the morning.

Fitness 11 (On Schedule) Prerequisite for Fitness 12 4 Credits and also fulfills the Physical Activity Requirement for the Grad Transitions Program. Offered only in the morning.

Jazz Choir 11 (After School) Audition Required

Graphic Design 11 Prerequisite Graphic Design 12.

Guitar Building 11

Architectural Design 11

Recording and Sound 11 (Students learn basic recording techniques)

Drama 11 Prerequisite for Theatre Performance 12. (Can be used for SFU or UBC Arts)

Sports Therapy 11 Basic first aid and Athletic movement principles are covered.

Yearbook 11 Prerequisite for Yearbook 12 by application

Grade 12 Course Selection

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: To graduate from STMC and BC all students must take the two courses listed below and complete their Career Connections requirements. (Each is worth 4 credits for a total of 12)

Religion 12 This course is needed for graduation at STMC.

English Studies 12 (prerequisite English 11.) There will not be a final government assessment in 2020. Final marks will be determined by course work done at STMC.

Career Life Connections 12 Not a course on the schedule but worth 4 mandatory credits. By the end of grade 12 students must complete **30 hours of work experience or community service**, meet the **provincial standard for physical activity**, complete a transition plan which explains their career plans and their educational plans for high school and beyond and complete an "exit" interview conducted by an STMC staff member.)

STUDENTS MUST SELECT A MINIMUM OF TWO OTHER COURSES NUMBERED 12 TO GRADUATE

(In total STMC grade12's need a minimum of 7 "on- schedule" courses.)

GRADE 12'S CAN TAKE ONE STUDY BLOCK WITH ACADEMIC COUNSELLOR APPROVAL

University bound students need English 12 and at least 4 or more Approved Academic courses. The following **asterisked** courses can be used at SFU, UBC or UVIC when calculating entry GPAs. However, each faculty at a university looks for specific courses when calculating entry GPAs. This booklet only deals with UBC and SFU; however every school across the country may have different requirements.

It is a student's responsibility to do their own research.

1. *Biology-Anatomy & Physiology 12 Prerequisite: Biology 11 - a 73% or higher standing is recommended (4 Credits)

Students who have a high mark in Chemistry 11 can bypass Biology-Life Sciences 11 with department head permission. The main focus of this course is human biology.

2. *Chemistry 12 Prerequisite: Chemistry 11 - a 73% or higher standing is recommended

This course is intended for students who wish to pursue a science career in a post- secondary institution.

3. *French 12 Prerequisite: French 11- a 67% standing or better is recommended.

Students explore French literature, poetry and contemporary sources. Students who go into the Arts Faculty at UBC must have this course or take its equivalent in order to graduate from the Arts Program.

4. *Physical Geography 12 Prerequisite: Socials 10 - a 67% standing or better is recommended.

Geography is the study of our global environment. Arts students might benefit from this course. **(FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

5. *20th Century World History 12 Prerequisite: Socials 10 - a 67% standing or better is recommended.

History 12 covers world history from the Russian Revolution to current Third World issues. Arts students would benefit from taking this course. **(FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

6. *Physics 12 Prerequisite: Physics 11 – a 73% standing or better is recommended

Physics 12 is a key course for those anticipating going into Sciences at the post-secondary level.

7. *Pre-Calculus Math 12 Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus Math 11- a 73% standing or better is strongly recommended. This course is designed for students who have career aspirations in the fields of engineering, mathematics, the sciences, economics and some business programs.

8. *Calculus 12 Prerequisite: Pre-Calculus Math 11 – an 80% standing or better is recommended. (4 Credits) Calculus is strongly recommended for studies in science, engineering or business. Students can take Pre-Calculus Math 12 concurrently.

Accepted by UBC, UVIC and SFU Now a requirement for engineering and Mechatronics at SFU.

9. *Economics 12/ Economic Theory 12 (Accelerated: 8 credits in one block) (Can be taken by grade 11's.) This course studies the economics of the modern world (stock markets, advertising, marketing, national and international business). **Accepted at UBC, UVIC and SFU (FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT and APPLIED SKILLS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

10. *Law 12 (Can be taken by grade 11'S)

This is a survey course intended to introduce students to the fundamentals of Canadian law procedure, civil law and family law.

Accepted at UBC, UVIC and SFU (FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)

11. *Comparative Cultures 12/Comparative World Religions 12 Accelerated: 8 Credits in one block) (Can be taken by grade 11's.) Prerequisite: Socials 10-a 67% standing or better is recommended. The history of the world through art and architecture and world religions. A good course for those anticipating going into the Arts. **Accepted at UVIC, UBC and SFU (FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

12. *AP Psychology 12 (Can be taken by Grade 11's with permission.) If a student opts to write the final AP exam and scores well, they can earn university credits. The course is not required to study Psychology at the post-secondary level. It is accepted at universities as an Advanced Placement course **BUT IT DOES NOT MEET THE SOCIALS GRADUATION REQUIREMENT..**

13. Foundations Math 12 Prerequisite: 67% or better in Foundations Math 11 or permission

This course is for university/college students heading to the arts **not** the sciences or business. If students are in the Foundations stream and plan to go to university as Arts students it is strongly **recommended** that they also take Foundations of Math 12.

Accepted at SFU, UBC and UVIC. In fact, UBC Arts **requires** Foundations of Math 12 (Foundations of Math 11 is not enough.) **The Foundations Math 12 mark might be able to be used to calculate entry GPAs at UBC but not in for faculties requiring Pre-Calculus 12.**

14. *Social Justice 12 Social Justice is a course which examines the causes, history and solutions of various issues such poverty, famine, hunger, war, AIDS and homelessness in light of Catholic Social teaching. **Accepted by SFU, UVIC and UBC (FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

15. *Social Justice/Genocide 12 Accelerated: 8 Credits in one block) The backgrounds, political motivations, methods and international responses to genocides will be integrated and investigated throughout the course. This course will be an excellent opportunity for students interested in pursuing the Arts to receive additional Arts credits and allow them to take more courses in their grade 11 and 12 years. **Accepted at UBC, SFU and UVIC (FULFILLS THE SOCIALS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION.)**

ARTS EDUCATION and/or an APPLIED DESIGN, SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGY GRAD REQUIREMENT: Students must have completed one Fine Arts/Applied Skills in grades 10, 11 or 12.

The following (4 credit) grade 12 courses can ALL be used to meet this requirement. In rare cases some of these courses can also be used for GPA entry calculations at UBC and SFU as well. This is indicated below.

Architectural Design 12: Architectural Design students will explore Industrial, Interior, Landscape and Architectural Design.

Art 12 Prerequisite: Art 11 (4 Credits). *Possibly used for Admission at UBC and SFU*

Band 12 (On schedule) Full Year Course Prerequisite: Band 11 Possibly *used for Admission at UBC and SFU*

Jazz Band 12 (In the morning) Prerequisite: Audition

Concert Choir 12 (On Schedule) Prerequisite: Concert Choir 11 *Possibly used for Admission at UBC and SFU*

Concert Choir 12 (In the morning) Prerequisite: Concert Choir 11

Chamber Choir 12 (In the morning) Prerequisite: Audition

Fitness 12 (Off Schedule) Prerequisite: Fitness 11 Meets the physical exercise requirements for Grad Transitions 12 Offered before school starts

Fitness 12 (On Schedule) Prerequisite: Fitness 11 meets the physical exercise requirements for Career Life Connections

Graphic Design 12 Publishing, Photoshop skills etc.

Guitar Building 12 Qualifies as an Applied Skill

Jazz Choir 12 (In the afternoon) Prerequisite: Audition

Recording and Sound 12 Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor Basic recording techniques are taught.

Drama 12 Prerequisite: Drama 11

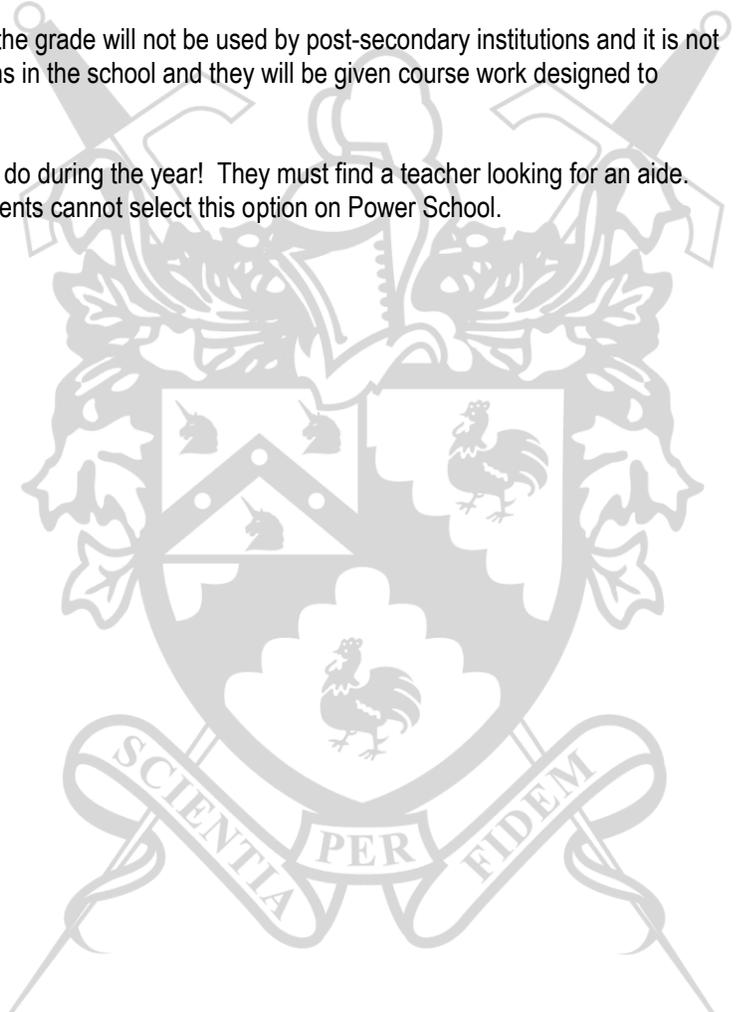
Yearbook 12 Prerequisite: Application and permission of the instructor

Additional Electives

These courses do add to a student's Breadth and look good on a resume or Personal Profile.

Leadership 12 Counts for 4 credits toward graduation, but the grade will not be used by post-secondary institutions and it is not an Applied Skill. Students will be involved in leadership positions in the school and they will be given course work designed to enhance their leadership skills.

Teacher Assistant This is something that students can apply to do during the year! They must find a teacher looking for an aide. They do not get credits but it does look good on a resume. Students cannot select this option on Power School.



POST-SECONDARY ADMISSIONS AND COURSE SELECTION- A Changing Landscape

Rigor - Breadth - Relevancy

The UBC/SFU Admission Process

Post-secondary institutions are moving to a holistic or Broad Based Admission process. In essence they believe that they can get a better picture of a student's abilities if they look at more than just the 4 Grade 12 academic courses traditionally used for calculating entry GPA's. They are moving toward evaluating ALL courses taken by a student in their grade 11 and 12 years. This much we do know.

UBC and SFU are going to base their admission decisions on a minimum of 5 approved academic courses. (The recommendation is to take 6.) These courses vary depending on the faculty. UBC calls these CORE Courses and SFU calls them List A courses. To a large degree these courses mirror the options listed in previous years for each faculty. The biggest difference is that they will be looking at a minimum of 5 courses rather than 4 as was previously done.

In addition SFU/UBC plan to look at all the courses a student takes in their grade 11 and 12 years. Greater importance will be given to the Core/List A courses, but they will be looking for students who have challenged themselves (**rigor**) and taken courses that improve their ability to be successful at the university level. (**relevance and breadth**).

In keeping with this holistic theme, UBC also asks all its applicants to complete an online Personal Profile which is essentially an opportunity for students to talk about themselves and tell UBC admissions about their experiences outside the classroom. They will also be asked to explain why they took the courses they did. In short, what is the student's personal story and how did it influence course choices?

As they say, the devil is in the details. How will SFU and UBC actually weigh all these grade 11 and 12 courses and the Personal Profile. It still seems a little unclear right now. Certainly the GPA earned in the core courses will carry the greatest weight. Some of those Faculty specific core courses for UBC and SFU are shown later in this hand book. **However, students must remember to actually visit the school's website to confirm their plans.**

What does this mean for our current grade 10's and 11's?

1. Students must be aware that schools are using grade 11 and 12 grades in the admission process. Students must also remember that grade 10, 11 and 12 marks will appear on their permanent transcript.
2. In addition, those grade 10, 11 and 12 marks will also be used to calculate BC Achievement Scholarships. The highest 8000 GPA's among the graduates in any particular year will earn a \$1250 scholarship in August of their Grade 12 year. No application required.
3. Students must be honest and realistic about their own academic abilities when course planning.
4. Students must do their research and select post-secondary options that are the best fit for them whether it be college, trade school or university. UBC and SFU are not the best fit for everyone and not every career runs through the sciences.
5. Students must realize that they can no longer try and do the minimum to get into universities. Post-Secondary institutions are looking at "retention" rates and realizing that they must do a better job of determining who is prepared and is a good fit for their institution. University is not for everybody and there are so many other appropriate and valuable options out there.
6. ***Students must not spend their time trying to find the easiest way into post-secondary but rather the goal should be to take courses and gain experiences that best prepare students for success at the post-secondary level.***
7. Students must remember that there are people around to help them through the process. (Academic Counsellors, post-secondary staff, teachers and parents)

Admission requirements for Fall 2020 at SFU

To be considered for admission to SFU, you must meet the general requirements, including the English Language Requirement, the Quantitative and Analytical Skills Requirement and the Program-specific requirements.

Basic English language requirements – If you have attended an English speaking school for the last 3 years you have met this.

- English 11
- Language 11 (includes any beginner's language 11, American Sign Language 11 or 12, any other language course (i.e. French 11) and any language 12 courses). You can apply for a waiver with approved documentation. See Academic Counselling
- **Science 11** (includes Physics 12, Biology 11, Chemistry 11, Earth Science 11, Physics 11)
- **Social Studies Credit**

Socials 11 course is no more; however, students going into grade 11 must still complete a Social credit in grade 11 or 12 to graduate and get into SFU. The courses listed below are offered at STMC and will meet this entry requirement and can be used as a List A or B course. You can double dip.

- a. 20th Century World History 12 b. Social Justice 12 c. Law Studies 12 d. Physical Geography 12
e. Economics 12/Economic Theory 12 (**Accelerated**) f. Social Justice 12/Genocide Studies 12 (**Accelerated**)
g. Comparative Cultures 12 Comparative Religions 12 (**Accelerated**)

- **Quantitative (Math) Requirements**

- a) If you score **less than 60%** in Pre-Calculus Math 11 or Foundation 11, you cannot get into SFU.
- b) If an Arts student scores between 60% and 69% in Pre-Calculus 11, Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations 12, they can get in but they must register directly in **Foundations of Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning** (FAN X99), **OR** complete the SFU **Quantitative Placement Test** (recommended to be taken within the first term at SFU).
- c) If the Arts student has scored over 70% in Pre-Calculus 11, Pre-Calculus 12 or Math Foundations 12 they have met the basic Quantitative Requirement.

Please note: The Math requirement is higher for some faculties like Sciences.

Check the [SFU website](#).

- **Qualitative (English) Requirements**

Students with grades below the minimum final grade of **70%** in English 12 will not be admitted.

- a) Students with an English 12 grade of 75% or higher are admissible and eligible to register directly into **writing-intensive** (W) courses.
- b) Students with grades between 70%-74% in English 12 must either register directly into Foundations of Academic Literacy Course (FAL X99) or write the [Language Proficiency Index Test \(LPI\)](#).

(Students who anticipate getting a mark below 75% in English 12 may opt to write the LPI test in the spring of their grade 12 year if they intend to attend SFU.)

SFU SPECIFIC PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020

All Faculties will require a minimum of 5 Grade 12 courses, including English Studies 12, from SFU's approved List A (Core) and List B courses.

Greater emphasis will be placed on the List A courses, but, like UBC, SFU will evaluate all Grade 11 and 12 courses taken from their approved list.

In SFU's case, it is impossible to produce a summary that reflects the requirements for all faculties. IT IS ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY THAT ANY SFU BOUND STUDENTS VISIT THE SITE THEMSELVES.

[Canadian high school Fall 2020 requirements: BC and Yukon](#)

Here are some oddities to look out for

Faculty of Applied Science –Engineering and Mechatronics requires these List A courses

English 12

Chemistry 12

Physics 12

Pre-Calculus 12

Calculus 12 THIS IS A NEW REQUIREMENT FOR SFU and BC SCHOOLS Eastern schools have often had Calculus identified as a requirement for Engineering (and Business actually). UBC highly recommends it.

Faculty of Arts requires one of the following as a List A Course

Anatomy & Physiology 12 (Bio 12)

Foundations of Mathematics 12

Calculus 12

Physical Geography 12

Chemistry 12

Physics 12

Computer Science 12

Pre-Calculus 12

Online/distance education courses must be 100% complete by January 31, 2020.

Explore within List A and B courses

- SFU will remove one grade 12 course from the evaluation if you present six or more approved courses as follows:
 - If you present six or more approved List A courses, SFU will remove the lowest, non-required List A course.
 - If you present five or fewer List A courses, your lowest List B course will be removed.

UBC'S ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS for September, 2020

As mentioned earlier, in September 2019, UBC introduced a new, holistic approach to their admissions process. A big component of the process continues to be academics. UBC looks at those in 3 ways.

1. Admission requirements

While there is not a strict minimum number of courses, UBC recommends that if you're graduating from a Canadian secondary school, you should plan to present **six Grade 12 (senior level) academic or non-academic courses** (including Grade 12 courses taken in your Grade 11 or junior year). If you have fewer than the recommended number of senior-level courses, UBC will consider this on a case-by-case basis.

2. Overall academic assessment (all degrees)

No matter what degree you are applying to, UBC will broadly evaluate your academic history by looking at your grades in all academic Grade 11 (junior level) and Grade 12 (senior level) courses. **This does not include applied design, skills, and technologies courses; career education courses; physical and health education courses; or faith-based courses.** Those courses have been identified earlier in the handbook. These courses, like Religion, count toward your Breadth but they will not look at your mark.

UBC will exclude the course that has your lowest grade – as long as the course is not a degree-specific requirement or relevant to your intended area of study at UBC.

3. Core academic assessment (degree-specific)

Here, the degree that you apply to will determine which courses UBC evaluates. UBC will look at your grades from all academic Grade 11 (junior level) and Grade 12 (senior level) courses that fall under **subject categories** related to the degree you applied to at UBC. If you present both Grade 11 (junior level) and Grade 12 (senior level) courses, UBC will focus on the higher level only.

IMPORTANT: More than Academics

In addition, students need to focus on their achievements beyond academics. The Personal Profile is a very important part of UBC's online application. It helps UBC assess whether you are prepared for university studies by telling the University what you've learned about your experiences, about your academic and extracurricular achievements, and about your leadership qualities. For more information on the Profile, go to

[Writing Your Personal Profile](#)

UBC Vancouver General Admission Requirements

1. Final grade of 70% in Grade 11 or Grade 12 English Studies is required to get into UBC. Note: there is no final English Provincial Assessment for June 2020.
2. A grade of 75% or better in English 12 is required to take an English course at UBC. All faculties require students to take an English course in their first year. A student with a mark below 75% in English 12 must write the [Language Proficiency Test \(LPI\)](#) or their course selection will be restricted.
3. Graduation from high school with a minimum average of 70% (or higher for many programs)
4. You will notice that all programs require a language 11 or a waiver. We teach French at STMC, but other languages apply but it cannot be a beginner's language. A waiver can be given if, for example, the student has taken an LA Block in lieu of a language but documentation must be provided.
5. A Socials 11 credit is required for graduation. But if you took one of our Grade 12 Socials offerings, say Law 12, then you could use that course for graduation and also as an academic Core course depending on the Faculty. You can double dip.
6. You also need a Math Credit (either Pre-Calculus 11 or Math Foundations 12 or any higher level Math).
7. You also need a science. (Either Chemistry 11/12, Life Sciences 11, Biology-Anatomy and Physiology 12, Physics 11/12, Earth Science 11) (**Astronomy 11 would not count.**)

UBC Admissions and STMC Courses

The following pages and charts represent a **snap shot of UBC's admissions policy from an academic perspective**. This snap shot has been adjusted to reflect STMC's course offerings.

To get detailed info, students should always **visit the specific post-secondary sites**. In UBC's case, students should visit . . . [UBC Vancouver General and Degree Specific Requirements](#)

The following link is also a valuable resource. It contains an informative video and a list of Faculties showing core subject areas. [How UBC Evaluates Your Application](#)

Core Courses at STMC

On the Charts which follow, you will see a column with the heading **Subject Core Course Categories**. Here are the Categories complete with specific STMC courses. Other courses not listed as core will be looked at as BREADTH course. The marks will not be used in any admissions calculations. **Students must read this in detail and always verify by visiting the links above!**

Language Arts Category

English

Mathematics and Computation category

Mathematics Pre-Calculus; Calculus; Math Foundations 12, Computer Science

Notes: Foundations of Math 12 is not included in the assessment for any UBC program that has Pre-Calculus 12 as a prerequisite for admission. While secondary school Calculus is not required for admission, the course is recognized to be rigorous and is recommended for students entering programs at UBC that require first year Math.

Visual and Performing Arts Category: Drama, Art Foundations, Choir, Band

Sciences Category: Biology (Life Science 11 and Anatomy and Physiology 12), Chemistry, Earth Science, Physics

Second Languages Category: French

Social Studies Category: Comparative Cultures, Comparative World Religions, Economics, Economic Theory 12, Genocide, Geography, History, Law, Social Justice, *Psychology*, (Note: UBC is unique in looking at *Psychology*)

THE BREADTH ONLY COURSES

These courses add to your overall picture as a student and add to the total of 6 or more that UBC is looking for, but your mark will not be used in Admissions calculations. That should not deter you from taking the course if it interests you. You can comment in your Personal Profile as to why you took the course. It adds to your richness as a student.

Religion is a pure BREADTH Course. It can count as one on 6 Grade 12 courses that UBC likes to see, but they will not look at the mark.

Leadership 12 is a pure BREADTH course. The mark will not count in your final calculation.

Applied skills courses like Robotics, Fitness, Graphic Design, Guitar Building, Recording and Sound, Yearbook will add to your **breadth** but your mark will not be looked at.

ODDITIES:

ARTS Faculty treat ALL Science courses like BREADTH courses. They will help you, but they will not look at the grade. They want students focused on the ARTS.

ENGINEERING and SCIENCE treat Social Studies courses like BREADTH courses.

UBC Degree-specific Requirements (Vancouver Campus)

Please note: The minimum column truly is the minimum. It allows students to be considered but they will not be competitive when stacked up against all of UBC's applicants.

Remember UBC would like to see a minimum of 6 classes numbered 12 (academic and non-academic) in order to make you competitive. The majority of those should be **core** courses.

It is a delicate balancing act. You do not want to take too many core courses and thereby lower your competitive average.

You want to make sure you also continue to focus on developing your Personal Profile because that is a very important component of the holistic admission process.

It is no longer possible to find an easy path into UBC. They want their students to be well-rounded and well-prepared to enjoy success when they get on the campus!

Program	Minimum Grade 11 and 12 requirements	Subject Core Course Categories
Applied Biology	English 12 Pre-Calculus 12 One of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, or Physics 12 English 11 and A language 11 or waiver* Chemistry 11, Physics 11 and Pre-Calculus 11	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Sciences Social Studies
Applied Science (Engineering)	English 12 Pre-Calculus 12 & Chemistry 12 & Physics 12 English 11 and A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11, Chem 11 and Physics 11	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Sciences
Arts	English 11, English 12 A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Second Languages and Social Studies Visual and Performing Arts
Bachelor + Master of Management	You must apply and meet the degree-specific requirements for one of UBC Bachelor degrees Additional application required to the UBC Sauder School of Business	Check UBC Website for details.
Commerce (UBC Sauder School of Business)	English 11, English 12, Pre-Calc 12 A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation (will consider Chem and Phys in this category) Social Studies (only Economics, Geography, Law, Psychology)
Dental Hygiene	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Biology 12 and Chemistry 12 Interview process English 11 and a language 11 or waiver* Biology 11 and Chemistry 11 Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12	Language Arts Sciences
Fine Arts (direct-entry specializations only; excludes Creative Writing)	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Audition or portfolio English 11 and a language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Social Studies Visual and Performing Arts
Food, Nutrition, and Health	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 One of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, or Physics 12 English 11 and a language 11 or waiver* Chemistry 11 and Physics 11 Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Sciences Social Studies

Forestry; Forest Sciences; Natural Resources Conservation; Urban Forestry	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 One of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, or Physics 12 English 11 and a language 11 or waiver* Chemistry 11, Biology 11 (strongly recommended) Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Sciences
Indigenous Teacher Education Program (NITEP)	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples English 11 A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Check the UBC Website for details!
International Economics	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 English 11 A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation (will consider Chemistry and Physics in this category) Social Studies (only Economics, Geography, Law, Psychology)
Kinesiology	English 11, English 12 One of Pre-Calc 12, Biology 12, Chemistry 12, Physics 12 A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Sciences Social Studies
Media Studies	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples One of Geography 12, History 12, or English Lit 12 Portfolio submission English 11 and A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Social Studies Visual and Performing Arts
Music	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Audition, portfolio (students in composition), and letters of reference English 11 and A language 11 or waiver* Pre-Calculus 11 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 A Science 11** (See notes)	Language Arts Second Languages Visual and Performing Arts
Science	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 (minimum 67%) One of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, or Physics 12 English 11 and a language 11 or waiver* Chemistry 11, Physics 11 and Pre-Calculus 11	Language Arts Mathematics and Computation Sciences
Wood Products Processing	English 12 or English 12 First Peoples Pre-Calculus 12 One of Biology 12, Chemistry 12, or Physics 12 English 11 and a language 11 or waiver* Chemistry 11, Physics 11 (strongly recommended) Pre-Calculus 11	

Other things to consider and common questions!

The Facts about French 11:

- You do not need French 11 to graduate.
- You need French 11 to enter UBC, SFU directly from high school; UVIC no longer has the French 11 requirement.
- You can by-pass the French 11 university requirement by attending college first for 2 years
- To graduate from UBC Arts you need French 12 or its university equivalent. This requirement is unique to UBC.

Do I have to take Bio 11 to take Bio 12?

The STMC Science Department wants all students to take Bio 11 if they plan to take Bio 12 because it will benefit the student at the post-secondary level. **Exceptions can be made in consultation with the Department Head!**

Taking Chem 11 and Physics 11! A quick look at the program requirement charts shows that Chem 11 and Physics 11 are the courses typically required for most post-secondary science programs. However, these are tough courses. **A student should not choose those courses unless they have a specific program in mind. If you earn a low mark in those courses, having them on your transcript will not help you.**

Do students have to take all three Science 12's to get into science?

No! Serious science students, however, should try and get all 3 science 11's done. Physics 11 and Chem 11 are typically required for most science programs. That being said if a student loves science, they can take all 3 if they want.

Do students need Calculus 12?

Several science/university programs back East and even SFU Engineering require Calculus 12. As academic counsellors we highly recommend Calculus for students entering sciences in BC. Calculus at the university level is considered a "gateway" course because it leads to a lot of failures. Calculus is also highly recommended for business students but not as highly as for science students. Alumni who are in sciences or business are thrilled that they took Calculus in high school.

Summer School or No Summer School! That is the question!

Some students will opt to take a course during the summer. While taking a summer course maybe beneficial in certain situations, there are issues which students must consider.

1. The courses are hard work and students give up a good portion of their summer. Students attend classes for 4 hours a day for 6 weeks.
2. Students learn more over a school year than over the summer. Students who have taken a summer course that is Pre-requisite for another senior course, often times seem unprepared and their marks suffer accordingly.
3. The summer represents an excellent time to recharge batteries and enhance your resume and Personal Profile by developing new skills working in the greater community. Post-secondary institutions (i.e. UBC) and scholarship committees are looking at those experiences when making their admission and scholarship decisions.

On-Line or No On-Line!!! That is another question.

1. On-line courses do help create some scheduling flexibility; however, grade 12's are still expected to take 7 STMC courses in grade 12.
2. On-line course marks are typically artificially high; however, when on-line students are tracked after year one at University, they do not do as well as the students who take the more traditional route.
3. If a student does choose to take a course on-line, they should try to avoid courses that are directly connected to their anticipated post- secondary major. (i.e. Do not take Physics 12 if you intend to be a Physics major because you will pay the price at university.)
4. Universities are becoming more concerned about the accuracy of on-line grades. (UBC/SFU, for example, insist that online courses be completed by Jan 31 of their senior year if they are being used to calculate entry GPA's)

Is college or trade school an appropriate option?

ABSLOUTELY! Considering the fact that entry GPA's at UBC and SFU are getting freakishly high, students should have back up post-secondary options. Our local colleges and technical schools are a legitimate option. (Langara, Douglas College, BCIT, VCC or the Art Institute plus more) Many of these schools offer university transfer programs, diploma programs and a limited number of Bachelor degree options. Again these schools have lower admission averages, smaller class sizes and they are closer and cheaper.

NOTE: Recent studies at UBC and SFU have shown that college transfer students perform well when they do transfer to their schools. The entry GPA to get into university from college is lower than the high school average but it is based on the results earned only in post-secondary classes so while the GPA required is lower, it will be calculated on the higher level college courses. Even with that in mind, college transfer is a very real option for many of our students.