



St. Thomas More
Collegiate

Course Selection Presentation for Parents

Students Entering Grade 11 –FEB-2025



Course Selection

Course Selection involves parents, teachers, academic counsellors, and, of course, the student. It is very important that the student is proactive and does their own research.

Course Selection Process Timeline

Ms Chinnapen has spoken to your sons and daughters in Religion class.

We will meet them once again during a CLE class.

And our office doors are always open,

February 12th the Course Selection portal will open on Powerschool

Students will be expected to complete their course selection using

Powerschool by **February 26th**.



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Members of the Admin team, Ms. Cinnapen and the staff are always willing to help as well.



Resources Available to You

THE [2025 STMC Programming Guide](#)

complete with updated course descriptions and prerequisite grade recommendations is now available on the STMC website.

This powerpoint and this video will be accessible on the school's website.

The [course selection planning sheet](#) that you have in your hand

Student's report card and their teachers.

Students have until Feb 26th to complete your selections on Power School.

You will be sent detailed information on how to access the **Course Selection Portal**. You are encouraged to be part of that process.

**Make informed choices. It is not a first come/first served system.
Your choices are not set in stone.**

The various Post-secondary school websites should be accessed (More on this later)

AS WE APPROACH THE MIDWAY POINT OF GRADE 11, YOU ALSO SHOULD KNOW THAT . . .

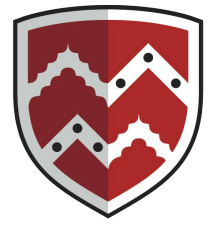
Grade 10, 11 and 12 marks are used to determine recipients of a BC Achievement Scholarship based on an overall GPA for all credits required for graduation. 8000 awarded provincially. STMC does well.

Student's grade 10, 11 and 12 grades **appear on their permanent transcript** used for admissions and scholarships!

Universities pay closer attention to all CORE GRADE 11 and 12 courses related to a student's future area of study. **The greatest emphasis is still placed on Grade 12 core courses. More on this later.**



Easing the stress!



While you may be new to the process, we are not. *Trust the process.*

Keep the following points in mind:

Unless there are very unusual circumstances, **all our students graduate.** Students require 80 credits to graduate most of our students will have over 100. It gives students additional options.

- The vast majority of our students move on to Post-secondary schools.

But they have to find the right fit.



Easing the stress!

The role Parents can play!

A very common thing we hear in our office is that student's feel parental and personal pressure to reach for the stars. **NO PROBLEM WITH THAT! YOU HAVE TO BE REALISTIC AND STRATEGIC**

The other thing we hear is that the only true goal is science. More specifically UBC Science.

UBC is not for anyone. The competitive GPA for UBC Science is 92% or more in core science related subjects like Eng 12, Chem 12, Physics 12, Anatomy and Physiology 12, PreCalc 12, Calculus 12 and Computer Science 12. Some of our students achieve those lofty scores. Many go through stress taking courses that are not a good fit and trying to meet that elusive goal.

Another thing we hear is students complain because they only got into SFU Beedie! Beedie is one of the best Business Schools in the country!

Here is what really happens!

Where did the Grads of 2024 go!

School	#	Location	School	#	Location
Acadia	2	Nova Scotia	NYU	1	New York
BCIT	11	Burnaby	Queen's	6	Toronto
Blanche MacDonald	1	Vancouver	SFU	34	Burnaby
Cap	3	North Vancouver	Toronto Film	1	Toronto
Corpus Christi	1	Vancouver	Metropolitan	3	Toronto
Douglas	5	New Westminister	UBC	39	Vancouver
Emily Carr	3	Vancouver	UBC-O	3	Kelowna
Fashion Institute	1	New York	U of A	1	Edmonton
GAP	4		Lancashire U	1	England
Kiski Prep	1	Pennsylvania	U of Toronto	5	Toronto
Kwantlen	1	Richmond	Waterloo	1	Ontario
Langara	4	Vancouver	Western	1	London
McGill	1	Montreal	UVIC	3	Victoria
McMaster	1	Hamilton	Vassar College	1	New York
Mount St. Mary's	1	Maryland			

SUBJECT AREA	Credits
Career Life Education (Replaces Planning 10)	4
Career Life Connections 12a and 12b (2 Credits each)	4
English 10	4
English 11 (First Peoples)	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, CLC 12 plus one more)	16
Total Required Elective Credits	28 credits
OVERALL TOTAL:	80 credits

GRAD REQUIREMENTS

Make sure you hit all the requirements!

But we do that for the students as well.

Graduation is very achievable!

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments are part of the Grad Requirements

Those assessments will be written during the year. They may play a limited role in the post-secondary admission process.

How does one decide which courses to take in grade 11?



All post-secondary set admission GPA standards. But universities still pay the most attention to Grade 12 marks, Grade 11 is a time to keep more possible options open!

But students must be realistic.

Grade 11 =

Options

Grade 12 =



- Talk to teachers and have a clear reason for the choices made.
- The course material gets more difficult through the years and grades seldom improve!

Higher marks as you age seldom happens. Do you like the material we are studying?



I promise I will work harder next year!



Early Admission vs Regular Admission and the Role of Grade 11 Grades

Read at your own leisure

The trend in Canada is to move the early admission deadlines to an earlier date in a student's grade 12 year (UBC early deadline Dec 1, Regular January 15th.)

There are advantages to hitting an early deadline because you will be considered for a super competitive scholarship program and you will find out about 2-3 months earlier than those who make the regular admission deadline.

BUT when they assess your status, they will only be looking at your grades in courses completed in Grade 11. **So in that situation your grade 11 grades matter, but they have to be really high.** E x A 92% might not get you in by December of your grade 12 year but it might get you in with the regular admission cycle which will be assessed by term two grades that are available right before spring break.

Grade 12 term two grades are most important because they confirm early offers that have already been made. (They do allow for some drop in grades but if schools detect a significant drop, they can rescind offers (Rare).

And they extend offers to applicants with GPAs that fell a little below the early admission thresholds. **TOUGH TIME FOR STUDENTS**

At the end of term Two, UBC will know the GPAs and profiles of all their applicants. There is no advantage to hitting the early deadline if your grade 11 GPA and profile is not stellar. **There is no first come first served advantage.** If you do not get in early, your application is automatically considered in the regular decision pool of applicants.



Completing the Planning Guide

You can choose up to 8 options on this worksheet.

Study Blocks and/or Teaching Assistant (TA) Blocks are not available to Grade 11 students! **Except in VERY rare cases that involve administrative approval.**

Grade 11 students should pick 8 options and also pay attention to University/college general admission and Faculty specific requirements. Students must go directly to the post-secondary school's website. It is a tricky process. In this presentation we focus on UBC and SFU requirements.

The devil is in the details.

WE WILL LOOK AT THIS A BIT LATER



AUTOMATIC COURSES

Religion (<i>required</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion 12
Career Ed. (<i>required</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections A (& Capstone)	<input type="checkbox"/> Career Life Connections B (& Exit Interview)
English (<i>required</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> English First Peoples Literary Studies and Writing 11	<input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12

Religion 11 is mandatory at STMC. FYI Religion 12 is being accepted more and more by schools across the country.

Career Life Connections A is mandatory for graduation and the mark appears on a student's transcript but is not used to calculate an admissions GPA. **It is not regularly scheduled so it is not one of your 8 options.**

English First Peoples Literary Studies 11 is mandatory for graduation. Every university uses the English 12 grade to calculate a student's Admissions GPA. (Note: EFP English 11 meets the Indigenous Studies Graduation Requirement and the English 11 requirement!)

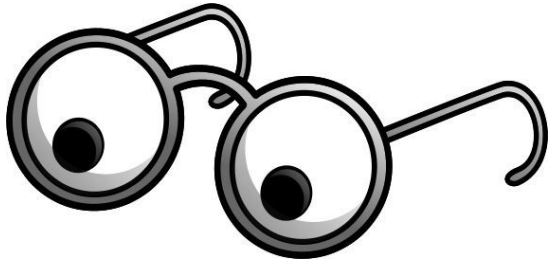
MATH OPTIONS

<p>Mathematics <i>(<u>must</u> take 1 at the grade 11 level)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11<input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 11<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus Enriched 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 12<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 12<input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science 12
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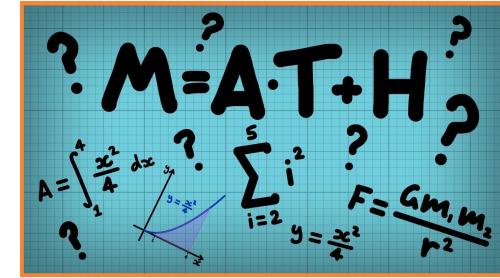
Students must choose one of these three options

- 1. WORKPLACE MATH 11** **This course meets graduation requirements** but students would almost certainly need to upgrade their math for post-secondary purposes.
- 2. MATH FOUNDATIONS 11** **This course meets graduation requirements and is intended for university (Arts) or college bound students (Arts/Business).** Students who are challenged with the Pre-Calc stream of Math **face less stress** when they make a decision to go the Foundations stream.
IT IS NOT EASY MATH! IT IS JUST DIFFERENT! MORE ARTS STUDENTS SHOULD CHOOSE THIS OPTION!
- 3. Pre-Calc 11** **meets graduation requirements and keeps the most post-secondary options open.**

Looking down the Road Math Courses: Grade 12 Options



The best people to ask for advice on which Math course to take are your teachers.



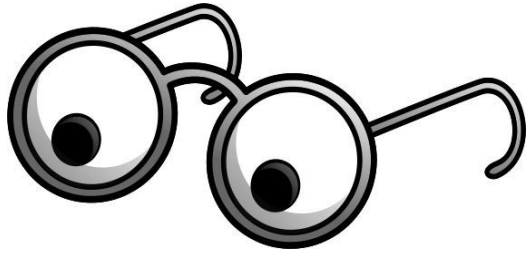
MATH FOUNDATIONS 12

Students who took **Foundations 11** should take this option if they are heading to post-secondary in the ARTS.

If you had difficulties in **Pre-Calc 11 (Below 75%)** you should consider a switch to the Math Foundations 12 Option. (Especially if you are an Arts student heading to university.

If you are in the Foundations stream and heading to **POST-SECONDARY**, It can very beneficial to take **FOUNDATIONS 12**. It prepares you for the next level.

Note: UBC will only accept Foundations 12 or Pre-Calc 11 not just Foundations 11



Grade 12 MATH OPTIONS

PRE-CALCULUS 12

This course is intended for **university** or college students headed into **Arts/Business or Sciences**.

It is a challenging course. A 60% -70% in this class does not help a lot.

Each year students hit the wall in this course and opt to switch into the Foundations Stream.

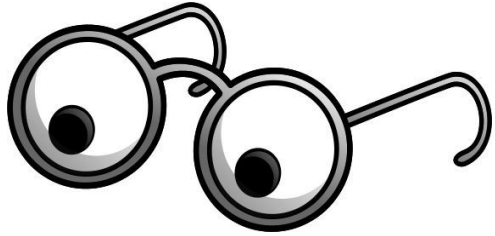
Students can do this switch early in their grade 12 year. **No later than Thanksgiving)**

DO NOT DELAY!

COMPUTER SCIENCE 12 is a math that can be used for **Admission GPA purposes in Science/Business programs**. It does not replace the typical Pre-Calc 12/Calculus requirement that is found in many programs. However, it can be added to bolster your Math related marks depending on the faculty.

It is a very challenging course. (much different than computer programming.)

Looking down the road! Calculus 12



Do students need Calculus 12?

It is **HIGHLY, HIGHLY** recommended for students going into sciences at university.

It is **HIGHLY** recommended for students going into Business at university.

More and more post-secondary schools are making **CALCULUS 12** a requirement for specific programs. (Eastern universities in particular)

At SFU Engineering, it is actually already a requirement.

**THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED TO BE TAKEN AT THE
SAME TIME AS PRE-CALC 12**

FACT!!! First year Calculus at university has a 50% failure rate!

It is a good idea if you are science or business bound to see it in high school!

SCIENCE OPTIONS

<p>Science (<u>must</u> take at least 1 at the grade 11 or 12 level)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11<input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology 12<input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12<input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12<input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12
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You only need one science 11 (or Specialized Science 12) **to Graduate.**

Many grade 11 students will chose Chem 11 and Physics 11 to keep options open. **This is a big decision!**

Many students discover that a science major is not really a good fit for them after grade 11.

It is okay though because they look mostly at Grade 12 grades.

If you are a possible **Arts Major at university** you do not have to take a science 12 but if you can handle it, it is a good idea to be prepared by taking take a core science 11 (not just Specialized Science 12).

If you are thinking you are **potential science major**, you could try to have exposure to all 3 core sciences by the time you graduate.

For example: Chem 11, Physics 11 and Life Science 11 OR in Grade 12 you could take 2 science 12s
Physics 12, Bio 12 and Chem 11

BUT you do not have to take all 3 core science 11's in Grade 11.

Only do that if you are a **very, very strong science student and you love it.**

Science Courses: Things to Consider

Science gets a lot tougher in Grade 12 and even tougher in post-secondary. You must clearly know why you are taking these senior science courses and have a **passion and a work ethic.**



Potential Engineers would need Chem 12 + Physics 12.

Potential medical related field should consider Chem and Anatomy Physiology 12.

Only students who love sciences and score very well might consider all 3 sciences.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN IT COMES TO COURSE SELECTION

UBC SCIENCES and many other science programs only require a student to have English 12, Pre-Calc 12 and ONE science 12. BUT THAT IS THE **MINIMUM**. YOU STILL NEED TO MEET THE **COMPETITIVE AVERAGE (92% plus)** AND HAVE A **SOLID SCIENCE/MATH BACKGROUND**. If SCIENCES is your goal, then you really should take **calculus** and at least one other science 12 to help ensure success at the post-secondary level. Remember for most science degrees you will need to take all 3 sciences before you specialize.

Majoring in the sciences is very challenging.

Therefore students and parents should be prepared to look at ALL post-secondary options and no what your goals are.

(Example: It is a good idea to have Chem 11 if you want to be a nurse but you do not need an A!

Going the college/transfer route might be the best option.

Many other post-secondary schools offer wonderful science program options with lower admission averages.

**UVIC, UNBC, CAP, Thompson Rivers
Cchools back east! Find the right fit.**

Socials Option

You need a Socials 11 or 12 to graduate! At STMC we only offer Socials 12 classes. All these courses are available to Grade 11s.

<p>Social Studies <i>(<u>must</u> take at least 1 in grade 11 or 12)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12<input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12<input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice/Genocide 12<input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Economic Theory 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12<input type="checkbox"/> Law Studies 12<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12<input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice/Genocide 12<input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Economic Theory 12
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Accelerated Courses

Social Justice/Genocide 12 (8 Credits) Economics/Economics Theory 12 (8 credits)

They are also courses that Universities will look at if you are an Arts Major

A Socials 12 course take in grade 11 still counts as a course numbered 12.

As a potential Arts Major it is a good idea to have a strong Socials elective back ground. Many of our grade 12s would have more than 4 credits.

Arts Education and ADST Options

You must complete one in grade 10, 11 or 12. Most students will have more.

Note: Depending on the faculty you are applying to these courses may be used for Admissions purposes. You have to check it out!

<p>Arts Education & ADST <i>(must choose at least 1 course in gr.10-12)</i></p> <p>Students are expected to complete the grade 11 course before enrolling in the grade 12 course.</p> <p>Detailed descriptions of these courses are available in the course handbook!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Composition & Production 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Programming 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics & Robotics 11 (Mechatronics) <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Human Kinetics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Intro Strength & Conditioning 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Intro Strength & Conditioning 11 AM* <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Choir 11* (by audition) <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 11* (by audition) <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Jazz 11* (by audition) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Composition & Production 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Band 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Drama 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Strength & Conditioning 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Adv. Strength & Conditioning 12 AM* <input type="checkbox"/> Mechatronics 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chamber Choir 12* (by audition) <input type="checkbox"/> Jazz Band 12* (by audition) <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Jazz 12* (by audition) <p>Detailed course descriptions give in CLC</p>
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Human Kinetics 11 (If you are leaning towards Kinesiology, this could interest you!) It does meet ADST requirements but is not a course Universities look at.

(Industrial Design Pathway (ADST Courses))

THESE ARE INTERESTING AND CHALLENGING COURSES ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO LIKE THE TRADES AND STEM.

THESE COURSE MAY OR MAY NOT BE USED TO CALCULATE ADMISSION GPA'S FOR UNIVERSITY.

If you are in doubt, see Mr. Bough to determine which course is best for you.

Engineering 11 (Industrial Design Pathway) (ENR 11): Grade 11 design engineering course provides a greater level in working within the design cycle and design thinking. Students develop an awareness and understanding of real-life experiences in designing and in the developments and opportunities seen in creative, manufacturing and engineering industries..

Prerequisite: Tech Explorations 10 or with Instructor's permission

Engineering 12 (Industrial Design Pathway) (ENR 12): Built off the prerequisite of grade 11 design engineering this course provides further development and understanding of engineering topics. Students will continue to work within the design cycle and incorporate design thinking..

Prerequisite: Engineering 11 or Electronics & Robotics 11 or with Instructor's permission

Mechatronics Pathway ADST Courses

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Electronics & Robotics 11 (Mechatronics Pathway) : Mechatronics is a multidisciplinary field that integrates mechanical engineering, electronics, computer science, and control engineering to design and create intelligent systems and products.. The curriculum emphasizes a hands-on approach, combining theoretical knowledge with practical skills to solve real-world engineering problems. Prerequisite: Tech Explorations 10 or with Instructor's permission

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ADST Courses Most students will have more than one ADST Block

Media Arts 11 (VAMT 11): (Mr. Brown's Class) Students will strengthen their ability to invent, develop, communicate, and execute creative solutions within the restrictions of real-world scenarios. While students will be introduced to the Adobe Creative Suite. **There will be some expectation that students attend and provide media coverage of some after school events. (Games, concerts etc)**

Media Arts 12 (VAMT 12): Media Arts 12 is a course that builds upon the foundation developed in Media Arts 11 where students are tasked with professional projects in graphic and interactive design, print production, advertising, and media coverage using the software and hardware available to the school. **There will be some expectation that students attend and provide media coverage of some after school events. (Games, concerts etc)**

Drafting 11 (TDRF 11) (previously called "Architectural Design"): (Ms. Codd) Students build on the skills learned in Drafting 10 and work through the design process to solve more complex design problems. Students create and deliver impressive presentations with 3D models, animation walkthroughs, computer renderings, and technical drawings to communicate their ideas. They develop an understanding of building construction technologies and an appreciation for local and international architecture. Students will work on building a portfolio of work that can be used for post-secondary applications. **Prerequisite: Drafting 10**

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Composition and Production 11 (MUCP 11) (previously called “Recording and Sound”) Students learn the fundamentals of live sound engineering, live sound recording, Foley arts, sound design, podcasting, and music/beat creation. (Mr. Shoemaker)

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Graphic Production 11 (GRPR 11) (previously called “Yearbook”) Graphic Production 11 is a rigorous course requiring focus, self-motivation, teamwork, and the ability to work under pressure to meet hard and fast deadlines. The course is designed for students intending to pursue careers in journalism, business, graphic arts, or illustration. Essentially, the yearbook program is a business operating within the context of high school.

Graphic Production 12 (GRPR 12) (previously called “Yearbook”) In Graphic Production 12 students further build on the knowledge and skills developed in Graphic Production (Yearbook) 11 while taking on a leadership position in editing, graphics, or general Yearbook production management. Prerequisite: Graphic Production 11

The Computer/Tech Program ADST Courses

Computer Programming 11 (CMPR 11) The Grade 11 course is the first formal programming course offered at STMC, providing students with an opportunity to hone the programming foundation built in Technology Explorations 10. Continuing to work within the Javascript/ECMAScript ecosystem, students will have a broad range of experiences such as interactive web programming, cross-platform development, an introduction to server-side scripting, and even task automation in the browser. This course is primarily project- and experience-based, and students will be provided with ample class time to complete assigned materials. Additional assignments and extensions are available for students seeking further challenges.

Prerequisite: Tech Explorations 10 or with Instructor's permission

Computer Science 12 (MACS 12): This **challenging** course is designed for dedicated students who are either looking for an accelerated computer science challenge or are considering entry into a computer science university program. **It is a Mathematical credit** at most post secondary schools and can be used to calculate a student's entry GPA. It does not replace pre-calc 12 or Calculus 12 however. **Prerequisite: Computer Programming 11 or with Instructor's permission in rare cases.**

Language Options **(BIG Changes at UBC!!)**

Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Core French 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Core French 12
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A second language was never a grad requirement.

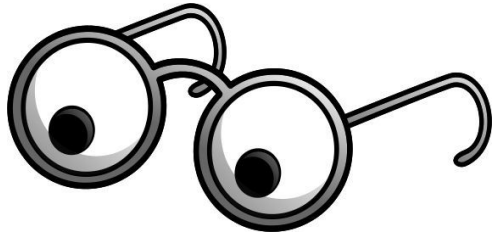
A grade 11 second language is no longer required for admission to UBC Vancouver or SFU

AS OF SEPT 2026

**Most universities across the country do not have this admissions requirement. Do your research.
STEM students may opt to not take French 11 to open up other options.**

- We still **recommend** that university bound ARTS students complete a second language at least to the grade 11 level (unless they have an IEP with a second language exemption). Why?
You may find that some programs have a second language requirement degree requirement!
- We live in a bilingual country. (Employment) You are doing well and enjoy French.
 - There could be an advantage to having French 11 as you pursue your degree.-

It could be a GPA booster for you in Grade 12.



Should a student take French 12?

- For students heading into **STEM or Business programs**, you do not need to take French 12 at UBC.
- If you like French 11 and did well, it makes sense. We live in a **bilingual** country and French 12 is a **solid academic course** used to calculate admission GPAs across the country.
- There could be an advantage to getting a job or it could make it easier to get a language related minor or major.) **Do your research!**
- We currently have over 30 students taking French 12. One of the major benefits to taking a High school Language 12 was that it allowed you to bypass having to take a second Language to get an arts degree at UBC. **That is no longer the case!**

From the UBC Advisors: The new UBC Faculty of Arts requirements are such that a student is required to take between 3-6 credits of a second language during their degree at UBC even if they have French 12. There is no exception to this. As such, students are welcome to present a Language 12 if they wish. It is still an academic course used for GPA Admission purposes, but this will no longer exempt them from taking a second language at UBC.

Further Possible Courses

4 credit courses not looked at for GPA Purposes at University

Additional Courses	<input type="checkbox"/> Learning Strategies 11 (<i>if you are already in the program</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychology 12 ***** <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Strategies 12 (<i>if you are already in the program</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Teaching Assistant 12
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Psychology 12 is not a course that all post-secondary schools will use when calculating your admission GPA. It maybe just a Breadth course. You do not have to take Psychology if you want to pursue a degree in the field. It does cover a lot of interesting topics that you would see at the post-secondary level. It is a tough course.

Leadership 12 is not a course that post-secondary schools will look at when calculating a GPA. It is an interesting course though. (Limited to Grade 12s.)

TA 12 is a block worth 4 credits. **Accessible to grade 12's only.** It involves helping a teacher and completing some assignments. Students can request this course as an option and will be matched up with a teacher based on schedule and subject area. Students must complete an online form during course selection

Learning Strategies 11/12 is a block on a student's schedule but no credits. Students must already be in the program. Students who have current Psyc Ed tests done will find that Universities and colleges are far more welcoming to those with diverse learning styles.

Most Grade 12's have a **Study Block**. We do not allow Grade 11 students to have a Study Block!

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: MINIMUM AND COMPETITIVE (Research)

It is impossible to list the requirements and offerings for the myriad of post-secondary options that are available to you. **YOU MUST DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH. This slide show will give you a general idea of admission requirements.**



For UBC, you will want to visit the following two links.

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/>

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

On this link you will find two resources.

1. A Video Explaining the Process
2. A Faculty Specific Listing of Core Courses

For SFU, you will want to visit the following link

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



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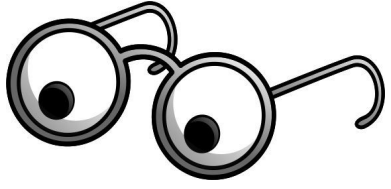
A POINT OF CLARIFICATION ABOUT UBC ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

When looking at the UBC admissions screen one will see that UBC has actually removed all Grade 11 requirements.

But if you look at the Grade 12 requirements you will see that the need to take the Grade 11 prerequisite course is implied.

For example: You cannot take Pre-Calc 12 without taking Pre-Calc 11.

The only change of real consequence is that they have removed the French 11 admission requirement and even if you have French 12, you still have to take 6 credits of a second language to get your arts degree.



There is a growing trend among Grade 12 students to apply to a host of schools. It is recommended that students have their dream schools and a few alternates. But some students apply to as many as 8 or more schools! Not sure why?



It cost money and it is a lot of work for the students, their teachers and academic counsellors.



American schools are also drawing interest. The process to apply to US schools is something that you do not rush into. It takes a lot of thought.

It would be good to have conversations with your son or daughter. Talk about realistic options and financial and personal concerns!





Every year I see students STRESS over marks earned early in the year. Typically it is because those astronomical grades out of UBC and other schools seem unattainable. Do your best! It is about finding the best fit!

Don't forget to consider the college option.

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Here are some additional sites to check out!



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Where did the Grads of 2024 go!

School	#	Location	School	#	Location
Acadia	2	Nova Scotia	NYU	1	New York
BCIT	11	Burnaby	Queen's	6	Toronto
Blanche MacDonald	1	Vancouver	SFU	34	Burnaby
Cap	3	North Vancouver	Toronto Film	1	Toronto
Corpus Christi	1	Vancouver	Metropolitan	3	Toronto
Douglas	5	New Westminister	UBC	39	Vancouver
Emily Carr	3	Vancouver	UBC-O	3	Kelowna
Fashion Institute	1	New York	U of A	1	Edmonton
GAP	4		Lancashire U	1	England
Kiski Prep	1	Pennsylvania	U of Toronto	5	Toronto
Kwantlen	1	Richmond	Waterloo	1	Ontario
Langara	4	Vancouver	Western	1	London
McGill	1	Montreal	UVIC	3	Victoria
McMaster	1	Hamilton	Vassar College	1	New York
Mount St. Mary's	1	Maryland			

CAN YOU TAKE A SUMMER/ONLINE COURSE?



WE ARE NOT ENCOURAGING TAKING SUMMER/ONLINE COURSES!

In our experience the benefits are limited.

Students should develop other soft skills by working at camps etc.

***Those are the skills you can talk about in your personal profiles
and scholarship applications.***

It is tough to learn in 6 weeks what you learn in a regular year long course.

***Getting ahead is not necessary. Many of our top alumni did not take any
online/summer courses***

UBC, Waterloo, U of T and other schools will ask why the course was taken on line and where. School are concerned about mark inflation and students not being properly prepared for higher level courses. “Resume Padding” is an issue as well!

All students must complete a Summer External Courses/Permission Form.

Those forms are available in the Academic Counselling Office.

Summer External Courses/Permission Form *EXPLAINED*

Courses required for Graduation MUST be completed at STMC.

Courses that are prerequisites for a higher level MUST be completed at STMC.

Students must not sign up for a summer/online course without getting a Permission Form signed by Parents, Teachers, Department Heads, Admin and Academic Counsellors.

Those forms are available in the Academic Counselling Office.

The course you sign up for must be done by the end of summer. Watch for yearlong courses.

Grades earned in external courses do not count toward your STMC GPA.

When the course is completed, **you must bring in official documentation** showing your final grade.

It **will not appear** automatically on your STMC transcript.

Your mark will be reviewed and it may or may not be automatically accepted by the school.

You may be asked to a **Competency test**.

Staff reference letters. We can only comment on courses that the student took with us.



MAIN TAKEAWAYS FROM TONIGHT for PARENTS

Will my son or daughter graduate? Yes

UBC and SFU are not the only post-secondary options. Research Options

Not all jobs are tied to the sciences.

There is not a huge advantage to taking summer and online courses.

Developing soft skills is awesome!

Love and support your sons and daughters!

Thank You,
Questions?

