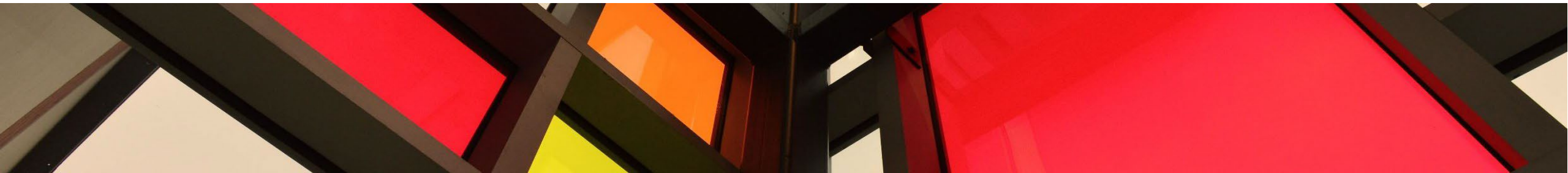


St. Thomas More
Collegiate

Course Selection Presentation for Parents

Students Entering Grade 11 –FEB-2026



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 and CLE.

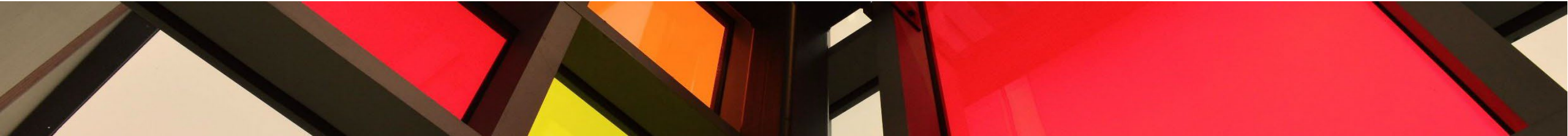
The Course Selection portal will open on Powerschool on **February 12th**
Students will be expected to complete their course selection using Powerschool by **March 4th**



The Student Services Team

And our office doors are always open. Located near the front office.

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Resources Available to You

The best place to go for course selection information is the STMC Website under [Knigh Life/Course Selection](#) Information

You will find a PDF version of this powerpoint so you can go over the info in this video at your own pace and all hyperlinks will be operational.

The Student's report card and their teachers.

Marks in pre-requisite courses are a very good indicator of future success.

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

Your sons and daughters have already been advised to visit the various Post-secondary school websites to look at admission requirements. The goal in grade 11 is to keep legitimate option open.

AS WE APPROACH THE MIDWAY POINT OF GRADE 10, 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.

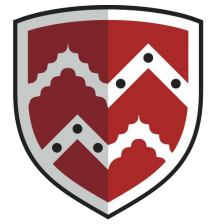
Student's grade 10, 11 and 12 grades **appear on their permanent** transcript used for jobs, admissions and scholarships!

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 everyone. The competitive GPA for UBC Science is 92% or more in core science related subjects. Many of our students achieve those lofty scores. Many look at other schools.

Many go through stress of taking courses that are not a good fit and trying to meet that elusive goal. We want to try and avoid that.

The trend is for students to apply to more schools and have good back up plans.

Where did the Grads of 2025 go!

Institution	Location	#	Institution	Location	#
BCIT	Burnaby	9	SFU	Burnaby	30
Capilano Univ	North Van	5	UBC Vancouver	Vancouver	39
Cornell University	New York	1	UBC Okanagan	Kelowna	3
Douglas College	New West	7	U of Alberta	Edmonton	2
GAP		2	U of Calgary	Calgary	3
Gonzaga Univ	Spokane	1	UNBC	Prince George	1
Kwantlen Polytech	Surrey/ Richmond	4	U of Toronto	Toronto	9
Langara	Vancouver	6	U of Victoria	Victoria	6
McGill	Montreal	1	University of Waterloo	Waterloo, Ontario	1
McMaster	Hamilton	1	Western University	London	4
Professional Flight Centre	Delta	1	Wingate University	North Carolina	1
Royal Military College	Kingston	1			

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 schools have faculty specific admission GPA standards that include grade 11 and 12 marks. . But universities still pay the most attention to Grade 12 marks, Grade 11 is a time to keep more possible options open and do the best you can!!

Grade 11 =

Options

Grade 12 =

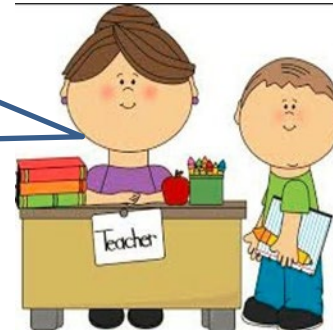


Talk to teachers and have a clear reason for the choices made.

The course material gets more difficult through the years and grades seldom improve!

Higher Marks as you age seldom happens!

Do you really like the material we are studying?



I promise I will work harder next year!

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

Mathematics

(must take 1 at the grade 11 level)

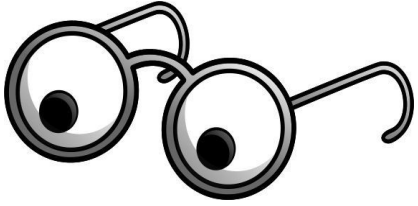
- Workplace Mathematics 11
- Foundations of Mathematics 11
- Pre-calculus 11

- Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Calculus 12
- Computer Science 12

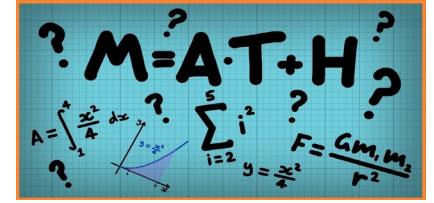
Students must choose one of these three options

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

PRE-CALC 12 is for those heading to University in the Arts, Sciences or Business

CALCULUS 12 is a tough course meant to be taken concurrently with Pre-Calc 12.

COMPUTER SCIENCE 12 is also considered a challenging math course at the university level.

SCIENCE OPTIONS

Science <i>(<u>must</u> take at least 1 at the grade 11 or 12 level)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy & Physiology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12
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You do not need a science 12 **to Graduate**. Students only need **one science 11** to Graduate. Although **Environmental Science 11** is not considered a core science, it can count as a science needed to graduate.

Many of you may opt to chose Chem 11 and Physics 11 to keep options open. Pay attention to pre-requisite scores and have a reason to take those courses.

If you are a possible **Arts Major** you do not have to take a science 12 but if you can handle it, it is a good idea to take a science 12 or Geography 12 or Math Foundations 12.

If you are a **potential science major**, you should try to have exposure to all 3 core sciences.

For example: Chem 12, Physics 12 Life Science 11 OR Physics 12, Bio 12 and Chem 11

BUT you do not have to take all 3 core science 12's.

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
Schools 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

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>(<u>must</u> 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>	<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"/> Electronics & Robotics 11 (Mechatronics)<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering 11<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 11<input type="checkbox"/> Human Kinetics 11<input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 11<input type="checkbox"/> Weight Training 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"/> Engineering 12<input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Production 12<input type="checkbox"/> Mechatronics 12<input type="checkbox"/> Media Arts 12<input type="checkbox"/> Sports Science 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)
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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. Recommended: Tech Explorations 10

Mechtronics 12 (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: Engineering 11 or Electronics & Robotics 11 or with Instructor's permission

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**

ADST Courses Most students will have more than one ADST Block

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)

Composition and Production 12 (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.. Prerequisite: Composition and Production 11

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

Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Core French 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Core French 12
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- You do not need a second language to graduate.
- A grade 11 second language is no longer required for admission to UBC Vancouver or SFU
- We still **recommend** that all 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?
- We live in a bilingual country.
- You are doing well and enjoy French.
- There could be an advantage to having French 11 as you pursue your degree.-

NEW LAST YEAR!

Should a student take French 12?

- For students heading into **STEM or Business programs**, you do not need to take French 12 BUT if you like French 11 and do well, it makes sense. We live in a **bilingual** country and it is a **solid academic course** used to calculate admission GPAs across the country.
- There could be an advantage to having French 12 as you complete your ARTS degree. (It could make it easier to get a minor.) **Do your research!**

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"/> Psychology 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership 12 <i>(for students in grade 12)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Assistant 12 <i>(for students in grade 12 or by admin permission)</i>
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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 demanding course.

Leadership 12 Students who take this course will dive into a variety of topics based around leadership. Students will learn about their own personal values and qualities, discover how to work with others independently, and find ways to deal with conflict and step out of their comfort zone!! This course will help students prepare for the transition into the next phase of their life. This course provides 4 credits toward graduation, but the grade will not be used by post-secondary institutions to calculate an admission GPA.

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.

COURSES WHICH FILL A BLOCK BUT OFFER NO CREDITS

Non-credit Support/Study Blocks	<input type="checkbox"/> Learning Support Block 11 (<i>if you completed Learning Strategies 10</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> Learning Support Block 12 (<i>if you were enrolled in Learning Support Block 11</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Study Block 12 (<i>for students in grade 12</i>)
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Learning Support Block 11 is a block on a student's schedule but no credits. Students must already be in the program.

Most Grade 12's have a **Study Block**. Students must apply for a study on the Course Selection Screens. Parents and admin must approve the study block. No credits are given for this block. Grade 11s do not get study blocks.

A LITTLE EXTRA DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE NEXT FEW SLIDES

Post-Secondary Admission Requirements (General and Faculty Specific)

It is impossible to list the admission requirements and offerings for the myriad of post-secondary options that are available to you. **This slide gave only a general idea of admission requirements. STUDENTS MUST DO THEIR OWN SPECIFIC RESEARCH.**



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>



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
THINKING OF THE WORLD

There is a growing trend among Grade 12 students to apply to a host of schools. I am not sure why that is? Students are encouraged to have high goals and back up plans, but some students are applying to 10 schools or more.

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



American schools are also drawing interest.



It would be good to have conversations with your son or daughter and talk about realistic options. Is it feasible financially? Are you comfortable with relocation?

HERE ARE SOME OTHER SITES THAT YOU CAN CHECK OUT!



[EDUCATION PLANNER BC](#)

[Canadian University Event](#)

Every year we see students STRESS over marks earned early in the year. Typically it is because of those astronomical admission grades, required at UBC and other schools, seem unattainable. There are other options!

It is about finding the best fit!

Don't forget to consider the college option.

They are Smaller, Cheaper, Closer!

They Offer Great Programs, University Transfer Programs, Dual Enrollment Options and Full on Bachelor Degrees

Technical schools like BCIT, Kwantlen Polytechnic and Emily Carr are growing in popularity. There is always a shortage of trades people!



CAN YOU TAKE A SUMMER/ONLINE COURSE?



WE DO NOT ENCOURAGE 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 or scholarship apps.

Summer is a time to de-stress!

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 courses 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.

Mark Inflation and Resume Padding!

MAIN TAKE AWAYS

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! They help gain admission and scholarships.

Love and support your sons and daughters!

Scholarship Info for those still listening!

One thing that students should do to keep themselves informed is to register on a scholarship search site **STUDENT AWARDS** <https://studentawards.com/> Or **Scholar Tree** (<https://scholartree.ca/>)

We keep our student informed about Scholarships that our students have won in the past.

[External Scholarship List](#)

We also have extensive list of scholarships offered by STMC that our generous donors continue to fund.

[STMC List Application Required](#)

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