



St. Thomas More
Collegiate

Course Selection Presentation for Parents

Students Entering Grade 12 –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

We are in the process of speaking to your sons and daughters in Religion class.

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



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And our office doors are always open.

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Resources Available to You

There is a lot of information available to you on the STMC website under [Knights Life](#).

There you will find a PDF copy of these slides complete with hyperlinks.

The [Revised 2026 STMC Programming Guide](#)
Complete with updated course descriptions and names

And the Grade 12 [course selection planning sheet](#)

Students should also access the various Post-secondary websites for details admission information (Be pro-active)

Your report card and your teachers all can help guide your choices.



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. All Grade 12 GPAs in the province are ranked and 8000 **\$1250** scholarships are awarded.

About 30 of our students get this each year.

A student's grade 10, 11 and 12 marks **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.**



The student's current and final grade 11 grades should be an accurate reflection of their strengths and weaknesses as a student. They should guide their course choices.

The **pre-req standards listed in the programming guide** are there for a reason. Pay attention to the numbers because we will as Academic Counsellors!

Talk to your teachers!



I'll do better next year, does not always happen. It gets harder!

It is very important to be REALISTIC when keeping your options open.
UBC IS NOT THE ONLY OPTION! FIND THE BEST FIT!
More on this later!



BC Graduation Requirements

SUBJECT AREA	Credits
Career Life Education 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

Make sure you hit all the requirements!

We do that for you as well.

***Graduation is very achievable!
Virtually 100% Graduation Rate***

Numeracy and Literacy Assessments are part of the Grad Requirements

Those assessments will be written during the year.

They may play a minor role in the post-secondary admission process.

Completing the Course Selection Form

You must choose up to 8 course options on this form.

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

Career Life Connections B is mandatory for graduation and the mark appears on a student's transcript but is not used to calculate an admissions GPA. It does not count as one of a student's choices because it is not a regularly occurring block.

English Studies 12 is mandatory for graduation. Every university uses this grade to calculate a student's Admissions GPA.

MATH OPTIONS

Mathematics

(must take 1 at the grade 11 level)

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

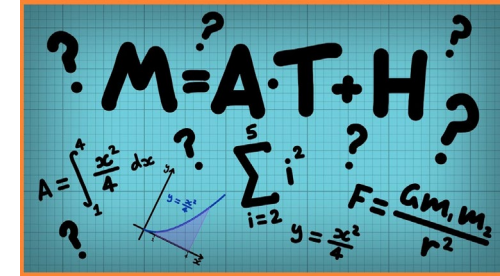
- Foundations of Mathematics 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Calculus 12
- Computer Science 12

This year Grade 11 students chose 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.**

Math Courses: Grade 12 Options

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



1. MATH FOUNDATIONS 12 Students who took **Foundations 11** should take this option if they are heading to post-secondary in the ARTS.

If a student had difficulties in **Pre-Calc 11 (Below 75%)**, they 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 of post-secondary studies.

Some grade 12 students start in Pre-Calc 12 and realize it is not a good fit. Students can change to Foundations but they must do it before Thanksgiving.

Grade 12 MATH OPTIONS

2. PRE-CALCULUS 12 Keeps the most options open. It is intended for **university** or college bound students headed into **Arts/Business, Engineering or Sciences**.

It is a challenging course. A 60% -70% in this class does not help a lot if university is your goal. 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 30 days after the first class of the year.**

This switch can alleviate a lot of stress and fit the student's needs better.

3. 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 used to add to a student's Math related marks for GPA Purposes.

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

Grade 12 MATH OPTIONS

4. CALCULUS 12 This very challenging course is designed to be taken at the same time as Pre-Calc 12.

It is a **HIGHLY, HIGHLY** recommended course for students going into sciences at university. (Almost mandatory)

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)

***FACT!!! First year Calculus at university has a 50% failure rate!
It is a good idea if you are heading to science or business to see it in high school!***

SCIENCE OPTIONS

Science

(must take at least 1 at the grade 11 or 12 level)

- Environmental Science 11
- Life Sciences 11
- Chemistry 11
- Physics 11

- Anatomy & Physiology 12
- Chemistry 12
- Physics 12

Students only need one science 11 to Graduate. Although **Environmental Science** is not considered a core science, it can count as a science needed to graduate. You do not need a Science 12 to graduate.

Many Grade 11 students chose Chem 11 and Physics 11 to keep options open. **Now they have a decision to make.**

If a student is a possible **Arts Major** may not have to take a science 12 at some institutions. But if you are a possible Arts major and you can handle it, it is a good idea to take a Science 12 or Geography 12 or Math Foundations 12 (SFU). Well rounded student.

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

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 fields should consider Chem and Anatomy Pysiology 12.

Science Students who want to be prepared would want to have exposure to all 3 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. You want to be prepared and you love it.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN IT COMES TO COURSE SELECTION

Minimum Requirements Competitive GPA Retention and Preparation

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 a science degree 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.

Remember if you are thinking of pursuing sciences at SFU, you must have an **average of at least 86% in the Science/Math 12 courses.**

If you are thinking of pursuing sciences at UBC, you must have an average of at **least 92% in the Science/Math 12 courses.**

Therefore you must be prepared to look at ALL post-secondary options.
(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 schools back east! Find the right fit.

More info later on!

Socials Option

**You need a Socials 11 or 12 to graduate! At STMC we only offer Socials 12 classes.
Even if you took the course in Grade 11, it counts as a grade 12.**

<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 (Take place in one block but count as 8 credits.
Social Justice/Genocide 12 (8 Credits) Economics/Economics Theory 12 (8 credits)**

**Economics 12 counts as an academic course at most Universities and as an Applied
Skills course for graduation.**

**As a potential Arts Major it is a good idea to have a strong Socials elective
back ground. More than 4 credits.**

Arts Education and Applied Design, Skills and Technologies

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>(<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"/> <i>Chamber Choir 11* (by audition)</i><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jazz Band 11* (by audition)</i><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Vocal Jazz 11* (by audition)</i>	<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"/> <i>Chamber Choir 12* (by audition)</i><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Jazz Band 12* (by audition)</i><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Vocal Jazz 12* (by audition)</i>
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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))

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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 (Mechtronics 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 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) This **Applied Skills** course is basically an introduction to programming and development of JS/ES concepts in a multitude of environments. It is a good lead in to the much more challenging Computer Science 12 course.

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 Mathematic 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 CHANGE LAST YEAR**

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). Why6
- 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.-

Should a student still 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 necessarily a course that all post-secondary schools will use when calculating your admission GPA. 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 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 online assignments. Students can request this course as an option using an **online form** during course selection on PowerSchool. This course provides 4 credits toward graduation, but **the grade will not be used by post-secondary institutions to calculate an admission GPA**.

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 12 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.

A LITTLE EXTRA DETAILED RANDOM 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>



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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](#)

How parents can help?

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. It is about finding the best fit! Console them!

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!

ALL GRADE 12'S ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE BACK UP OPTIONS!



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			

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!

QUESTIONS CONCERNING ONLINE/SUMMER COURSES, SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MR. SHOEMAKER

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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Thank You,
Questions?

