

Bay View High School Course descriptions 2022-23

ENGLISH COURSES

English Language Arts courses are skill-based programs of study that focus on three main areas of development: speaking and listening, reading and viewing, and writing and representing. Throughout the high school years, students will develop an awareness of how language works in a wide range of genres and will develop flexibility in using language.

English 10 (Academic)

This course seeks to provide a balance of learning experiences for all students. Teachers provide choice and individual support in order to accommodate the variety of learning styles and levels of English 10 students.

Literature focuses on reading and informed response to selections. A variety of titles, genres, and levels of difficulty will be provided. Students will contribute to decisions about the literature they study in their independent reading and in other ways.

Writing is viewed not only as a creative act, but also as a learning process to clarify, organize, and express complex ideas. Writing and creative skills are developed through writing workshops where multi-genre writing will be practiced.

Students are encouraged to have goals related to course outcomes. Students are encouraged to assume responsibility for their learning, to take risks, and to reflect on their growth.

Students with strong language arts skills will have the opportunity to show greater individual initiative, critical judgement, independence, and to select more challenging materials and projects. All students will practice employing creative, logical, and critical thinking skills.

Assessment of learning will take place to identify areas for growth and will be measured through continuous opportunities for students to demonstrate ability to meet English Language Arts outcomes.

A compulsory provincial exam serves as the final summative assessment in the course.

English 10 O2 (Academic)

This course is designed for O2 students. Like English 10, it seeks to provide a balance of learning experiences for all students.

The study of literature focuses on reading and informed response to the selections. A variety of titles, genres, and levels of difficulty will be provided. Students will contribute to decisions about the literature they study in their independent reading and in other ways.

Writing is viewed not only as a creative act, but also as a learning process to clarify, organize, and express complex ideas. Writing and creative skills are developed through writing workshops where multi-genre writing will be practiced.

Students are encouraged to have goals related to the course outcomes. Students are encouraged to assume

responsibility for their learning, to take risks, and to reflect on their growth.

Students with strong language arts skills will have the opportunity to show greater individual initiative, critical judgement, and independence, to select more challenging materials and projects. All students will practice employing creative, logical, and critical thinking skills.

Assessment of learning will take place to identify areas for growth and will be measured through continuous opportunities for students to demonstrate ability to meet English Language Arts outcomes.

A compulsory provincial exam serves as the final summative assessment in the course.

English 11 (Academic)

This course is designed for students whose future plans may include university study. In this course, students extend and refine the communication skills acquired in English 10. Students examine, on a critical level, a variety of literary and media forms. Literary forms from a variety of periods and writing for many purposes will be examined and responded to in discussion, presentation, and written assignments. Students will develop writing skills and speaking skills for several purposes, including creative self-expression, expression of opinion, formal communication of information and ideas.

Vocabulary and usage skills will be developed through continued writing workshops and group activities. Students will explore and develop a critical understanding of media and its influence on our complex society. Individual study and research will be balanced with group activities.

Advanced English 11 (Advanced)

Advanced English 11 is designed to meet the needs of learners who excelled in English 10 and are interested in an in depth study of English Language Arts. This course is based on a challenging and enriched curriculum and is appropriate for self-motivated students with a passion for language and literature. It is designed to deepen and broaden knowledge in English Language Arts, as well as foster initiative, risk taking, independence, and responsibility.

Advanced English is characterized by additional content and outcomes that extend and expand learning. Experiences include in-depth treatment of selected topics, independent learning and reflection, extended research projects and collaborative learning activities. It is characterized by a broad range of learning activities including performance, fiction writing, independent and collaborative reading, cultural and critical literacy, and other enriched activities.

Students are expected to be avid readers, display intellectual curiosity, demonstrate a focused and determined work ethic, set high standards for achievement, and have a willingness to work independently and collaboratively.

English Communications 11 (Graduation)

This course is designed for students whose immediate future plans do not include university study. This course encourages students to further develop their reading, writing and speaking skills. This course is designed to appeal to the needs of students who prefer a practical exploration of English-related skills. A focus on the purpose and

usefulness of improving communications skills is maintained and emphasized throughout learning activities.

Writing and creative skills will continue to be developed through writing workshops. Students will enhance their communication skills and recognize the relevance of success in school to success in the workplace. Students are expected to develop an appreciation for the diverse uses of their language, building on the skills acquired in English 10.

Students may opt to continue their study of English Language Arts in the academic stream upon successful completion of an English Communications credit.

English 12 (Academic)

This course is designed for students whose future plans may include university study. English 12 is designed to continue the study of literature and the close reading of texts, as well as the development of a student's own writing, speaking and listening skills. Students are expected to achieve proficiency in the analysis and appreciation of various genres and in understanding the possibility of multiple readings of any particular text. Students are given increased opportunities to demonstrate their ability as thoughtful, critical reader/viewers of literary and other texts.

English Communications 12 (Graduation)

This course is designed for students whose immediate future plans do not include university study. Students will build on the skills developed in ECM 11. This course stresses practical skills in written and spoken English as well as strongly emphasizing the ability of the individual to evaluate their relationship to our information environment.

Topics of study throughout the course include media, business documents such as brochures, reports, applications, and resumes, and a variety of literary forms. Students will be given opportunities to use writing to inform, to persuade, to explain, and to entertain.

This course is intended for students who plan to go either immediately into the workforce or to pursue vocational/technical training at a community college. Therefore, a portion of the course will be career/job skill oriented.

If a student changes course after or during completion of English Communications 12 and wishes to pursue university or other postsecondary study for which academic English 12 is required, several options remain open to students to fulfill such a requirement.

Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature 12 (Advanced)

AP English Literature is designed for university-bound students who seek the opportunity to gain a university credit as well as a grade 12 English credit. AP English Literature is designed to be a challenging, engaging exploration of literature as art. There is a focus on analyzing literature from the point of view of the writer as well as the reader to determine potential intent and effects of literature. Through critical reading, discussion, and written analysis of plays, novels, and poetry from various literary periods and perspectives, students will develop the reading, thinking, and

composition skills necessary for success in university coursework and on the AP examination in English Literature.

Literature is “measured” against the history of philosophy to understand how literature fits into its own time as well as in all time. The qualities of the great works of literature are examined with a focus on what is necessary for these pieces to stand the test of time. Literary analysis focuses on style and structure, a writer's diction, imagery, use of detail, language and syntax. The study of time-specific vocabulary is also important.

Learning to write well about literature is a key component of the class. Students carry considerable intellectual responsibility for course preparation. This is a joint venture between the students and the teacher; student participation is essential to understanding, growth and refinement of ideas.

Advanced English 12 (Advanced)

Advanced English 12 is designed to meet the needs of learners who excel in English Language Arts and are interested in an in-depth study of the subject area by providing a challenging curriculum to self-motivated students with a passion for language and literature. The course is designed to deepen and broaden knowledge in English Language Arts, as well as foster initiative, risk taking, independence, and responsibility.

This course is similar in focus to Advanced English 11, although a student does not need to have taken Advanced English 11 to be successful in this course. For students choosing between English 12 AP and Advanced English 12, you should note that the focus of Advanced English 12 allows greater opportunity to create original literary works such as short fiction, poetry, screenplays, and other texts, than English 12 AP, which focuses more on literary analysis than creation.

Advanced English is characterized by additional content and outcomes that extend and expand learning. Experiences include in-depth treatment of selected topics, independent learning and reflection, extended research projects and collaborative learning activities. It is characterized by a broad range of learning activities including performance, fiction writing, independent and collaborative reading, cultural and critical literacy, and other enriched activities.

Students are expected to be avid readers, display intellectual curiosity, demonstrate a focused and determined work ethic, set high standards for achievement, and have a willingness to work independently and collaboratively.

English 12: African Heritage (Academic)

This course is designed for students whose future plans may include university study. This course will engage students in a critical and analytical response to numerous literary texts, with a major focus on African Heritage, including: short fiction, the novel, poetry, spoken word, and various elements of African oral traditions. English 12 African Heritage provides opportunities for students to experience a wide range of literature from the African consciousness and to explore and reflect upon the cultural diversity represented.

Students are given increased opportunities to demonstrate their ability as thoughtful, critical readers/viewers of literary and other texts. Students will continue to develop written and oral fluency through a wide variety of assignments, which will enable them to communicate confidently and effectively.

This course meets the Grade 12 English Language Arts requirement for graduation

MATH COURSES

The Nova Scotia mathematics curriculum provides students the knowledge, skills, and understandings for post-secondary programs or direct entry into the workforce. High school mathematics courses are organized into four pathways: Academic, Pre-calculus, Mathematics at Work and Mathematics Essentials with each pathway being organized to provide specific mathematical contexts, concepts and skills. When choosing a pathway, students should choose a pathway that best fits their interests and plans after high school. For students entering Grade 10, Mathematics 10 provides the most flexibility for future courses.

This would be a good choice for students unsure of their post-secondary plans. Students, parents, and educators are encouraged to research the admission requirements for post-secondary programs of study as they vary by institution and by year.

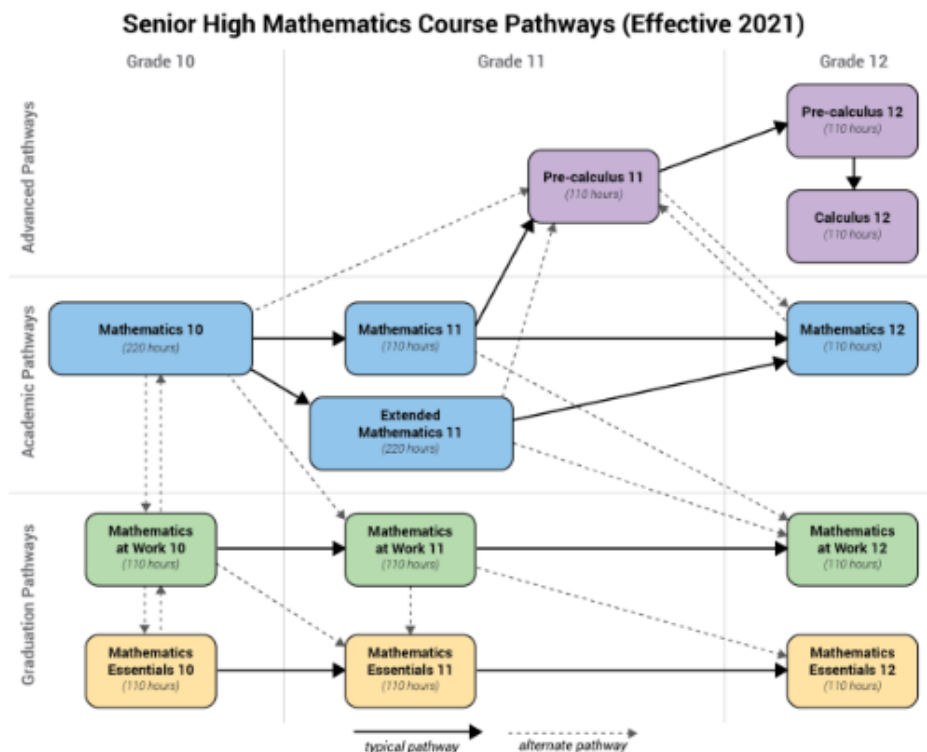
There are four main pathways for mathematics in Nova Scotia:

Academic pathway (academic credit type): Courses in this pathway prepare students to enter post-secondary academic programs that do not require calculus. *Courses: Mathematics 10, Mathematics 11 (or Extended Mathematics 11) and Mathematics 12*

Pre-calculus pathway (advanced credit type): Courses in this pathway prepare students to enter post-secondary academic programs that require calculus. This pathway branches off of the academic pathway. *Courses: Pre-calculus 11 and Pre-calculus 12, Calculus 12*

Mathematics at Work pathway (graduation credit type): Courses in this pathway prepare students to enter post-secondary programs that do not require academic mathematics or who plan to enter the workforce directly after high school. *Courses: Mathematics at Work 10, Mathematics at Work 11, and Mathematics at Work 12*

Mathematics Essentials pathway (graduation credit type): Courses in this pathway prepare students to enter directly into the workforce after graduation and not pursue future post secondary studies. *Courses: Mathematics Essentials 10, Mathematics Essentials 11, and Mathematics Essentials 12*



Grade 10 Mathematics Course Descriptions

Three mathematics courses are available at the grade 10 level:

- **Mathematics 10: (220 hours), 2 academic credits**
- **Mathematics at Work 10: (110 hours), 1 graduation credit**
- **Mathematics Essentials 10: (110 hours), 1 graduation credit**

Mathematics 10 (Academic credit type, 2 credits: 1 math and 1 technology, 220-hour course)

Mathematics 10 is an academic credit type high school mathematics course. Upon successful completion students will receive 2 academic credits; one in Mathematics 10 and another in math, science or technology.

It is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics 11 or Mathematics Extended 11 upon completion of Mathematics 10. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics 11 or Extended Mathematics 11. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Mathematics 10 will explore the following topics: measurement systems, surface area and volume, right triangle trigonometry, exponents and radicals, polynomials, linear relations and functions, linear equations and graphs, solving systems of equations, and financial mathematics.

Mathématiques 10 (Académique et 2 crédits: 1 math + 1 technologie, 220-hour course)

Same as Mathematics 10.

Students who successfully complete this course will receive 2 French Immersion credits.

Mathematics At Work 10 (Graduation credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics at Work 10 is a graduation credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics at Work 11 upon completion of Mathematics at Work 10. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics at Work 11. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Mathematics at Work 10 will explore the following topics: measurement systems, surface area, Pythagorean theorem, right triangle trigonometry, similar polygons, angles, perpendicular and parallel lines, unit pricing, currency exchange, income, and basic algebra.

Mathematics Essentials 10 (Graduation credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics Essentials 10 is an introductory, graduation credit type high school mathematics course designed for students who do not intend to pursue post-secondary study.

It is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics Essentials 11 upon completion of Mathematics Essentials 10. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics Essentials 11. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Mathematics Essentials 10 will explore the following topics: Mental math, working and earning, deductions and expenses, paying taxes, making purchases, buying decisions, probability, measuring and estimating, transformation and design, and buying a car.

Grade 11 Mathematics Course Descriptions

The following mathematics courses are available at the grade 11 level:

- **Mathematics 11: 110 hours, 1 academic credit**
- **Extended Mathematics 11: 220 hours, 2 academic credits**
- **Pre-calculus 11: 110 hours, 1 advanced credit**
- **Mathematics at Work 11: 110 hours, 1 graduation credit**
- **Mathematics Essentials 11: 110 hours, 1 graduation credit**

Mathematics 11 (Academic credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics 11 is an **academic** credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics 10 prior to enrolling in this course.

Upon completion of Mathematics 11 it is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics 12 or Pre-calculus 11. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics 12 or Pre-calculus 11. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Mathematics 11 will explore the following topics: applications of rates, scale diagrams and factors, inductive and deductive reasoning, an introduction to proof, cosine law, sine law, spatial reasoning, statistics, systems of linear inequalities, and quadratic functions.

Extended Mathematics 11 (Academic credit type, 2 credits, 220-hour course)

It is an **academic** credit type high school mathematics course. Extended Mathematics 11 is designed to allow students to complete the Mathematics 11 course over a full year. Upon successful completion students will receive 2 academic credits; one grade 11 academic mathematics credit and one grade 11 technology credit.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics 10 prior to enrolling in this course.

Upon completion of Extended Mathematics 11 it is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics 12. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics 12. Students should make this decision

following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Extended Mathematics 11 will explore the following topics: applications of rates, scale diagrams and factors, inductive and deductive reasoning, an introduction to proof, cosine law, sine law, spatial reasoning, statistics, systems of linear inequalities, and quadratic functions. Students will also analyze, interpret and draw conclusions from one and two variable data using numerical, graphical and algebraic summaries, and identify patterns, extract useful information and meaning from professionally collected data sets.

Pre-Calculus 11 (Advanced credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Pre-calculus 11 is an **advanced** credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics 11 prior to enrolling in this course.

Upon completion of Pre-calculus 11 it is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics 12 or Pre-calculus 12. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics 12 or Pre-calculus 12. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Pre-calculus 11 will explore the following topics: absolute value, radical expressions and equations, rational expressions and equations, angles in standard position, analyze and solve quadratic equations, linear and quadratic equations and inequalities in two variables, arithmetic and geometric sequences, and reciprocals of linear and quadratic functions.

Mathematics at Work 11 (Graduation credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics at Work 11 is a **graduation** credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics at Work 10 prior to enrolling in this course.

Upon completion of Mathematics at Work 11 it is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics at Work 12. In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics at Work 12. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Mathematics at Work 11 will explore the following topics: measurement systems, surface area, volume, 2-D and 3-D geometry, scale, exploded diagrams, numerical reasoning, personal budgets, compound interest, financial institution services, data management, and formula manipulation for various contexts.

Mathematics Essentials 11 (Graduation credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics Essentials 11 is a **graduation** credit type high school mathematics course designed for students who do not intend to pursue post-secondary study.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics Essentials 10 prior to enrolling in this course.

Upon completion of Mathematics Essentials 11 It is recommended that students proceed to Mathematics Essentials 12 . In some cases students may choose a course other than Mathematics Essentials 12. Students should make this decision following discussions with their family and school staff.

Students in Mathematics Essentials 11 will explore the following topics: mental mathematics, data management, borrowing money, renting or buying, household budgets, investing money, measurement, 2-D and 3-D design, mathematics in content areas such as science and social studies.

Grade 12 Mathematics Course Descriptions

The following mathematics courses are available at the grade 12 level:

- **Mathematics 12: 110 hours, 1 academic credit**
- **Pre-calculus 12: 110 hours, 1 advanced credit**
- **Calculus 12: 110 hours, 1 advanced credit**
- **Mathematics at Work 12: 110 hours, 1 graduation credit**
- **Mathematics Essentials 12: 110 hours, 1 graduation credit**

Mathematics 12 (Academic credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics 12 is an **academic** credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics 11 or Extended Mathematics 11 prior to enrolling in this course.

Students in Mathematics 12 will explore the following topics: borrowing money, investing money, set theory, logical reasoning, counting methods, probability, polynomial functions, exponential functions, logarithmic functions, and sinusoidal functions.

Pre-Calculus 12 (Advanced credit type , 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Pre-calculus 12 is an **advanced** credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Pre-calculus 11 prior to enrolling in this course.

Upon completion of Pre-calculus 12 students may choose to enroll in Calculus 12.

Students in Pre-calculus 12 will explore the following topics: transformations, radical functions, polynomial functions, trigonometry, exponential functions, logarithmic functions, rational functions, function operations, permutations, combinations, and the binomial theorem.

Calculus 12 (Advanced credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Calculus 12 is an **advanced** credit type high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Pre-calculus 12 prior to enrolling in this course.

Students in Calculus 12 will explore the following topics: the concept of a limit, simple derivatives, properties of derivatives, derivatives of trigonometric, exponential and logarithmic functions, applications of derivatives - tangents, rates of change, motion, curve sketching, anti-derivatives, differential equations and applications of anti-derivatives.

Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus 12 (Advanced credit type, 1 credit)

This course is designed for the students who have shown above average aptitude, ability and interest in mathematics. It is assumed that most students in this course will be planning to study mathematics beyond secondary school. Therefore, this course is designed to provide students with the understanding of the integrated structure of mathematics and to provide a solid background for future work in this field. In addition to developing the mathematical content, which is outlined below, this course should also develop in the student a sound attitude toward mathematics. Students should be stimulated to think mathematically and should be encouraged to develop their ability to investigate real life applications. They should be encouraged to develop and use their intuition, to transfer relationships to new situations, and to communicate their thoughts and feelings. More specifically, this course is designed to:

Help recognize and assess analytically one's environments in both physical and symbolic forms.

Help identify problems in one's environment according to one's needs; interpret them as a mathematical model and develop strategies to solve them.

Appreciate mathematics not only for its practical values but for its cultural and intrinsic values as well.

Topics include: combination, permutations, binomial theorem, limits, derivatives and integration.

AP Calculus is equivalent to a typical first semester College Calculus course. Students do best when they have an

understanding of the conceptual underpinnings of calculus. Rather than making the course a long laundry list of skills that students have to memorize, we stress the "why" behind the major ideas. If students can grasp the reasons for an idea or theorem, they can usually figure out how to apply it to the problem at hand. High achievement on the Advanced Placement Exam may give the student a university level credit.

Math at Work 12 (Graduation credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour credit)

Mathematics at Work 12 is a graduation credit type level high school mathematics course.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics at Work 11 prior to enrolling in this course.

Students in Mathematics at Work 12 will explore the following topics: measurement, probability, measures of central tendency, scatterplots, linear relationships, owning and operating a vehicle, properties of polygons, transformations, trigonometry.

Mathematics Essentials 12 (Graduation credit type, 1 credit, 110-hour course)

Mathematics Essentials 12 is a **graduation** credit type level high school mathematics course designed for students who do not intend to pursue post-secondary study.

It is recommended that students have successfully completed Mathematics Essentials 11 prior to enrolling in this course.

Students in Mathematics Essentials 12 will explore the following topics: measurement, ratio, rate, proportion, mathematics and career exploration, mathematics preparation for the workplace

LANGUAGES COURSES

Français immersion 10 (Académique)

This course seeks to enable students to increase their ability to function in French, both orally and in the written format. Class activities will offer students the opportunity to further develop their expression and comprehension skills, as well as their communication strategies, empowering them to function both personally and socially. Participants will have the occasion to take part in conversations, present skits and dialogues, and give oral presentations (alone or with a partner). Through these activities, students will enrich their vocabulary, their fluency and learn to express opinions, feelings and concepts in French.

These activities will also assist students in developing their organisational and research skills. At the written level, students will be introduced to French Canadian authors through the reading of short stories, poetry, magazine articles and a novel, thus developing an appreciation of the French culture in Canada. Finally, participants will have the opportunity to communicate in the written format. Students will use the writing process to ameliorate their grammar, sentence structure, punctuation and written vocabulary. To function well in this course, participants have to be ready to take responsibility for their learning, to actively participate in class activities, both orally and in writing, and to use French as the language of communication.

Français immersion 11 (Academic)

This course further develops concepts introduced in FLA 10. The emphasis will be placed on both oral and written comprehension and expression. The course is based on the communicative approach and requires students to take responsibility for their learning and to choose every opportunity available to expend their knowledge.

Themes and units presented will permit students to express opinions, preferences and feelings, as well as learn strategies to communicate in everyday life. Students will work with a variety of texts. Students will also be introduced to French culture through novels and stories.

Students are expected to take an active part in all oral activities and will be expected to give presentations to the class.

Français immersion 12 (Academic)

This course further develops concepts introduced in FLA 10 and FLA 11. The emphasis will continue to be placed on both oral and written comprehension and expression. The course is based on the communicative approach and requires students to take responsibility for their learning and to choose every opportunity available to expend their knowledge.

Themes and units presented will permit students to function in everyday life in a French environment. Students will work with a variety of texts and will explore French culture through a variety of videos, songs and research.

Students are expected to take an active part in all oral activities and will be expected to give presentations to the class.

SCIENCES COURSES

Science 10 or Sciences 10 immersion (Academic)

Science 10 is a course that sets the stage for further studies in science. All students are expected to have taken this course. The course is organized into 4 equal sections that together encompass the fundamentals of physics (students investigate the science of motion), chemistry (students investigate the science of chemical reactions), biology (students investigate the science of ecological sustainability) and earth science (students investigate what causes weather). Through individual and group assignments, projects and lab work students gain insight into ways of presenting and interpreting scientific writing and practice making predictions based on data or other types of information.

Biology 11 or Biologie 11 immersion (Academic)

Biology is the study of life and Biology 11 explores what it means to be a living thing. How are living things organized? What do living things need to do to stay alive? What do living things need to do to obtain energy to live? How are living things related to each other? How do living things live with each other? How do living things affect one another? These are all questions that students will investigate in this course through individual and group assignments, projects and lab work. This course sets the stage for further biology study at the grade 12 level.

Biology 11 advanced (Advanced)

The biology 11 advanced course is designed to set the stage for further study at the Advanced Placement (AP) level in grade 12. The fundamental questions asked by this course are the same as academic biology 11 but the student is expected to be able to work more independently and be willing to delve deeper into the questions.

The material is enriched with some topics and lab activities from the Advanced Placement program that is offered at the grade 12 level. Students who take this course will receive an excellent foundation for the AP Biology 12 course but can opt to enroll in academic biology 12 if they wish.

Chemistry 11 (Academic)

Chemistry is the study of how matter (the "stuff" of the universe) is organized and how it can change. What is matter made of? How is matter organized? What types of matter are there and how do they differ from one another? How is the periodic table helpful in organizing matter? How can you predict the outcome of a chemical reaction in terms of what you will get and how much? What is organic chemistry? These are all questions students will investigate through group and individual assignments, projects and lab work. There is a fair emphasis on mathematical concepts in this course and success in math 10 would be an asset.

Chemistry 11 advanced (Advanced)

This course is designed to set the stage for further advanced study in the Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry 12 course. The fundamental questions asked by this course are the same as academic chemistry 11 but the student is expected to be able to work more independently and be willing to delve deeper into the questions. Confidence in utilizing mathematics to model situations and calculate results is a real asset in this course.

The material is enriched with some topics and lab activities from the Advanced Placement program that is offered at the grade 12 level. Students who take this course will receive an excellent foundation for the AP Chemistry 12 course but can opt to enroll in academic chemistry 12 if they wish.

Human Biology 11 (Graduation)

This course offers an alternative second science credit in the life sciences. This course examines the systems of the human body in a way that allows the student to gain a personal understanding of his or her own body through study of the major systems involving circulation, digestion, the nervous system, the skeleton and reproduction. Topics such as nutrition, fitness and common diseases of the body will also be explored. Emphasis is on in-class work and hand-on assignments which can include opportunities to model or use other representations to demonstrate their learning.

Oceans 11 (Academic)

Oceans 11 offer students the opportunity to explore aspects of global and local oceanography and current ocean related issues. Students will probe for the answers to such questions as; how are the World's Oceans connected to me as an individual? What Global issues affect us as a province, country and citizen of the World? Is there a career for me if I want to work in and around the Oceans? There is NO textbook for this course, therefore a fair amount of information that will be delivered so it will be very important that students keep a binder very well organized. Marks consist of in class TASK's, major assignments, labs and test and quizzes plus a formal exam at semester's end. If you are interested in the workings, plus the care and management of our biggest resource and have the self motivation to work independently and in group settings, this is the course for you.

Physics 11 (Academic)

Physics is the study of energy and how it transforms. What are the fundamental forms of energy? How can the motion of an object be predicted? What is a force and how do forces of various types affect motion? What is momentum and how can it be predicted? How can energy be represented as a wave? What is meant by doing work? How is power related to work? These are all questions that students will investigate through group and individual assignments, projects and lab work. The ideas of physics are best expressed through the language of mathematics and there is a significant emphasis on calculation and use of formulas in this course. Success in Math 10 Academic is highly recommended.

Physics 11 advanced (Advanced)

The content topics of Advanced Physics 11 parallel those taught in Physics 11, but in much greater depth. Emphasis is placed on laboratory work, and students will be expected to work at a higher level of problem solving. Advanced Physics 11 takes an investigative approach to studying physics and includes an independent study / experiment.

Physics 12 (Academic)

This course is a continuation of the study of PHY 11. Students will investigate the properties of projectile motion and will continue their study of the effect of forces on motion. They will also investigate the properties of electricity and electrical circuits, the effect of gravity on objects and will explore the nature of electrical forces and charges. The relationship between electricity and magnetism will be explored and students will investigate topics in “modern physics” concerning the nature of radiation and organization of the atom. The ideas of physics are best expressed through the language of mathematics so there is considerable emphasis on the use of formulas and algebra.

Physics 12 advanced (Advanced)

The content topics of Advanced Physics 12 parallel those taught in Physics 12, but in much greater depth. Emphasis is placed on laboratory work, and students will be expected to work at a higher level of problem solving. Advanced Physics 11 takes an investigative approach to studying physics and includes an independent study / experiment.

Biology 12 (Academic)

Biology 12 focuses on questions such as what are the chemical components of living things? How does a living thing cope with changes in the external environment? How do the nervous and endocrine system work together to help a living thing cope with these changes? How do living things reproduce, develop and grow? How are traits passed from one generation to another? What is DNA and what does it do? How is DNA the “genetic code”? What are some key examples of DNA technology? How do living things evolve according to the theory of natural selection? These are all questions that students will investigate through group and individual assignments, projects and lab work. There is some emphasis on chemical concepts in this course and completion of chemistry 11 is considered as asset but is not mandatory. Successful completion of biology 11 is recommended.

Advanced Placement (AP) Biology 12 (Advanced)

The AP Biology program is designed to provide high school students with a first year university level course experience. The course has been extensively redesigned and features an emphasis on essential knowledge and scientific skill development associated with 4 “big ideas” in biology: Evolution and Diversity, Energy Flow in Biological Systems, Interactions Within and Between Biological Systems and Information Storage and Retrieval in Biological Systems. This new holistic approach will mean more emphasis on independent and group research as students work out the various relationships inherent in these ideas. There is a significant lab component to the course to complement in class activities. The course will appeal to those who wish to go deeper into the subject to explore the various relationships pertinent to the survival of life on earth. Students will be eligible to write the international AP

biology exam which takes place in May of each year. Success in this exam can lead to an exemption of a first level university course in biology. Completion of Biology 11 Advanced and Chemistry 11 is recommended.

Chemistry 12 (Academic)

The chemistry 12 course investigates questions such as how is heat transferred in a chemical reaction? What are the properties of a solution and how does a solution form? What reactions can take place in a solution? What is the significance of chemical equilibrium? How can equilibrium be manipulated? What does it mean for a substance to be an acid or a base? How do acids and bases behave? What is an oxidation reduction reaction? How can you make a battery? Students will investigate these topics through group and individual assignments, projects and lab work. There is a significant emphasis on calculation and use of formulas in this course. Successful completion of chemistry 11 is recommended.

Advanced Placement (AP) Chemistry 12 (Advanced)

This course is designed to offer the experience of a first level university course in chemistry. The course has been extensively redesigned and is focused around 6 big ideas concerning chemical bonding and reactions. The course is designed to work as a continuum with Advanced Chemistry 11 so that students will have a chance to investigate all of the topics mandated by the Advanced Placement organization. The specific topics investigated in this course include heat transfer in chemical reactions, behaviour of matter in the solid, liquid and gas state, how chemical reactions occur and what affects their rates, what is meant by the concept of chemical equilibrium, how chemical reactions are affected by the laws of thermodynamics, what is meant to be an acid or a base in chemistry and how these substances can react and finally an investigation of what is meant by oxidation and reduction reactions and their applications in technology. . There is a significant emphasis on calculation and use of formulas in this course. Students will be eligible to write the international AP chemistry exam which takes place in May of each year. Success in this course can lead to an exemption in a first level university chemistry course.

Food Science 12 (Academic)

This course satisfies the second science credit requirement for high school graduation. It is important to note that Food Science 12 has been designed to meet the needs of a wide range of learners. Students will investigate ideas concerning food preparation, preservation and packaging and will also investigate what makes food nutritious and how prepared food is produced and marketed. Students will investigate these ideas by actually preparing food in a kitchen environment and analysing some of the scientific aspects of food in a lab environment. Students will complete individual and group assignments and lab activities.

SOCIAL STUDIES COURSES

History 10 (Academic)

This Ancient History course is an introduction to the study of history in high school. There are two overall goals: (1) to examine and understand these events and outcomes which are considered to be "foundation stones" of Western civilization, and (2) to explore with students why the story of human experience should lead all people to respect and appreciate others, regardless of location, culture, religion, race or gender.

Topics include archaeology, human evolution, and the impact of technological progress on early human development, Cradles of Civilization, religion, Classical Greece and Rome, Sub-Saharan African Kingdoms, among others. Particular emphasis will be placed on student presentations, group activities, debates and historical research techniques.

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This course is offered in French.

Mikmaw Studies 11 (Academic)

Mi'kmaw Studies 11 is a course that serves not only to highlight the Mi'kmaw experience, but also to provide opportunities for learners to gain an understanding how they are connected to the history and culture of the First Peoples of the Maritimes. The course incorporates an inquiry-based approach and examines broad concepts such as governance, culture, justice, spirituality, and education. Students will analyse historical and contemporary Mi'kmaw issues, which enables them to achieve a greater understanding of, and respect for, both Mi'kmaw society and Mi'kmaw contributions to Canadian society.

This course fulfills the Canadian History requirement for students.

African Canadian Studies 11 (Academic)

African Canadian Studies 11 presents the history and cultures of people of African descent in Canada from a mainly afrocentric perspective.

The course investigates the importance of understanding one's culture and respecting the culture of others. The course begins by examining the history and cultures of pre-European contact African civilizations. It progresses through transcontinental slavery and the migration of people of African descent, through to the pursuit of equality, political and economic empowerment. The course culminates in modern issues and events such as the relocation of the residents of Africville. A common thread throughout the course is the constant, undefeatable spirit of people of African descent.

Students should expect to participate in a highly interactive course with assessments that favour project - based learning, but also include traditional papers and assignments, performance-based activities, and other non traditional methods of assessment. There is also an independent project that addresses some of the positive contributions of African Canadians.

This course fulfills the Canadian History requirement for students.

Histoire du Canada 11 Immersion (Academic)

Canadian History 11 is organized around five continuing or persistent questions in Canada's history. These are questions of current concerns that have deep historical roots that previous generations of Canadians have had to address. Their efforts have shaped the development of Canada and its identity. These questions form the basis for five of the six units in the course: Globalization, Development, Sovereignty, Governance and Justice. The sixth unit, Independent Study, engages students in a specific piece of historical research.

Historiography and the historical method are central to this course in its examination of Canada's history from the first peoples in North America to the present. Key topics studied through these approaches include, but are not limited to: First Nations, Colonialism, Confederation, the World Wars, Free Trade, Constitutional Issues, Canada's Role in the Global Community, Industrialization, Human Rights Issues, and Immigration/Migration.

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This course fulfills the Canadian History requirement for students.

Global Geography 12 (Academic)

Global Geography satisfies the Global Studies requirement for successful completion of the high school program. It features five compulsory units based upon the standard themes and skills of the discipline of geography: The Global Geographer; The Planet Earth; Population; Resources and Commodities; Urbanization. All units explore the current state of the planet. Many current global issues are explored in this class.

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Global History 12 (Academic)

This course may be used to satisfy the Global Studies requirement for successful completion of the senior high school program. It is comprised of five compulsory units each of which focuses upon an historical construct of the post World War II era. The study of these units is based upon the historical method and employs political, economic, and social perspectives. The units are as follows: East-West: the Role of Super Power in Post-World War II era; North South: Origins and Consequences and Global Economic Disparity; The pursuit of Justice; Societal and Technological Change; Acknowledging Global Independence: the Legacy of the 20th Century?

The study required by each unit will contribute to an understanding of major historical developments following 1945. The question which unifies the studies, and towards which each must contribute, is "Has humanity emerged into a world whose actions are governed more by interdependence at the global level than by dependence or independence at the national or international level?" The concept of power and the role it has played in the social, economic, and political history of the period is foundational to studying this question.

Consistent attention to the varied requirements of this comprehensive and cohesive historical study will enable students to propose reasonable answers to the questions upon which Nova Scotia's Global Studies courses are built: "How did the world arrive at its current state at the close of the 20th century?"

Global Politics 12 (Academic)

This course may be used to satisfy the Global Studies requirement for successful completion of the senior high school program. Global politics 12 examines national and international political issues from a variety of perspectives. Students will learn about the responsibilities of individuals, groups and nations within the international community; analyze the way Canada conducts its relations and handles its disputes with other nations and evaluate the role nationalist and internationalist ideologies play in shaping relations among nations.

The course centers around five compulsory units central to the study of political science- 1.Concept of politics and political philosophy 2.Political systems, ideologies and values 3.Canadian political decision making institutions 4.International relations, globalization and conflict resolution 5.Global citizens- participation by individuals and groups in the national and international community.

Students should be prepared to be active participants in class discussions, debates and presentations.

Histoire planétaire 12 Immersion (Academic)

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Health and Human Services 12 (Academic, not accepted as academic in all universities)

This course is of interest to students who might be considering post-secondary education/employment in health fields or human services including psychology/social work, continuing care, nursing, addictions counseling, youth and child studies, correctional services, educational support, gerontology, recreation & leisure, education.

The course provides students with skills and knowledge in human development, ethics, helping process, interpersonal and personal development, wellness, written and verbal communications and computer applications. Students will explore skills and knowledge specific to defined occupations.

Group work, case studies, community projects and agency interaction are some of the learning strategies used to ensure practical application of the theory studied. Community Based Education (volunteerism) is a component of Health and Human Services 12.

Law 12 (Academic)

This course explores elements of Canadian law and the role of law in social, political and global contexts. Students will learn about the connections between the historical and philosophical sources of law and issues in contemporary society. They will also learn to analyze legal issues, conduct independent research and communicate the results of their inquiries in a variety of ways.

Students should be prepared to be active participants in class discussions, debates and presentations.

Philosophy 12 (Academic)

Philosophy is the study of life's big ideas including what is truth, justice, beauty, ethics and morality, and the meaning of life. As such it is the critical and rational examination of the most fundamental assumptions that underlie our lives. In this course we will examine a wide range of topics common to Western and Eastern thought: 1. Metaphysics—the question of reality including the nature of the meaning of life and human freedom. 2. Epistemology—deals with questions about knowledge, logic, and critical thinking. 3. Ethics—the study of values and moral decision-making and how they relate to our social and political institutions. 4. Aesthetics—the nature of art. As well, we will examine the philosophy of religion, science and education. The goal of the course is to help students become more aware of their beliefs and encourage them to reason and think critically about contemporary issues.

Sociology 12 (Academic)

Sociology is the study of human relations and how individuals are influenced by the society in which they live. This course will cover such areas as sociological theory, research methods, socialization, human behavior, mass media, culture, deviance, social control and current social issues. Discussion of the issues covered in this course requires a mature and respectful approach. Students will be expected to apply the knowledge they gain to real life situations. As well, students will conduct at least one major research project focusing on Canadian sociological issues. Examples

include but are not limited to topics such as poverty, minority groups, family, women in society, prejudice & discrimination, crime & punishment, human rights etc.

Students will be expected to take part in both independent study and various forms of group work. Student evaluation will consist of assignments, essays tests, class discussion, seminars, research projects/presentations and a final examination. This course is of particular interest to students who enjoy reading, writing and discussion. Grade 11 students interested in taking Sociology 12 should be aware that class is a grade 12 academic course. Discussion with your guidance counsellor before selecting this course is recommended.

TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Service Trades 10 (academic)

Service Trades 10 is a prerequisite for Culinary Trades 11. Service Trades 10 engages and exposes students to the service sector. Learners will explore the service trades in a state of the art industrial kitchen, and dining room setting. This hands on course will help learners see the impact service trades have on society, and investigate career paths for skilled service tradespeople. In addition to developing basic food preparation skills, learners will have the opportunity to be food safe certified, and be encouraged to learn additional skills needed to be successful in the service sector. *Service trades 10 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.*

Skilled Trades 10 (Academic)

Skilled Trades 10 models the realities of working in skilled trades professions. The traditional classroom is replaced by a Skilled Trades Centre where students get an opportunity to experience the daily challenges of apprentices. The course provides a unique mixture of classroom and simulated workplace activities. Working with hand tools used by professional trades people, students complete real construction tasks and building projects. The course is divided into 4 main areas: Safety, Skilled Trades Living, Measurement and Calculation, and Tools and Materials.

Skilled Trades 10 is a limited enrolment course and may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Business technology 11 (Academic)

Business Technology 11 introduces students to the foundation of applied practical technology skills. Developing technology life skills including touch keying (a lifelong skill), proper desktop management (creating, setting up and organizing files), professional presentation of digital work, and how to use material responsibility.

Business Technology 11 introduces students to a range of business productivity software tools and their application.

Software will include:

- Document processing (WORD),
- Spreadsheets (EXCEL)
- Desktop publishing (POWERPOINT & PUBLISHER).

In this course, students develop a basic proficiency in touch keyboarding, integrate touch keyboarding skills with skills in document processing and design, create spreadsheets to manage data, apply the principles and practices of desktop publishing to design and produce documents.

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have grown up in the Technology Era. The skills learned in BTEC11, from keyboarding, desktop management, digital responsibility, principles of design, professional document production and presentations; will be applied to all other course throughout their academic career and into their professions.

Business Technology 11 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Communication technology 11 (Academic)

Communications Technology is one of the biggest influences affecting our daily lives. The power to communicate intelligently and precisely is an asset personally and professionally CMT 11 is an introductory course that exposes students to a wide range of technical tools, processes, and applications related to traditional and new media. This course will begin with an orientation to Communication Technology unit. Then through a hands-on approach, students will become involved with a wide range of technical concepts including: Digital Photography, Graphic Design, Web Publishing, and Animation. See this video for more information: <https://youtu.be/4ifaO3Cmd0c>

CMT11 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Construction Trades 11 (Academic)

Construction Trades 11 is a continuation of Skilled Trades 10. Students will continue to focus on skills developed in Skilled Trades 10 and will define them in a construction environment. Trades that will be examined comprise: carpenters, plumbers, electricians, painters-decorators, floor installers. Working in groups, students will develop skills necessary to work on a construction site. Based around a capstone project, each student will actively use the skills specific to each of the trades required to complete the project. Each student will frame, wire, plumb and finish a section of the project. Emphasis will be placed on communications, job-site safety, and professional trade practices. *Constructions trades 11 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.*

***Successful completion of Skilled Trades 10 is a prerequisite for taking Construction Trades 11.*

Culinary Trades 11 (academic)

Prerequisite – Successful completion of Service Trades 10

Culinary Trades 11 continues to focus on the skills developed in Service Trades 10, in a commercial kitchen setting. Students will develop cooking, baking, food preparation and service skills needed to launch a career in the food service industry. Emphasis will be placed on career paths, communication, safety, and professional food preparation and service practices.

Culinary Trades 11 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Design 11 (Academic)

Design is a branch of Visual Art. Art and Design share common techniques, processes and cultural evolution. Thus, having ART 10 is recommended however, students with a genuine interest in a career in the Visual Arts will be successful in Design 11 if they bring an open and positive attitude to the course.

Design is the practical application of visual art skills to meet specific client needs. While Design 11 involves students in using communications and information technologies to develop the necessary visual art skills to solve design

problems, Design 11 is not strictly a computer course. Students conduct inquiries into design issues using a variety of traditional art media as well as computer software. Students work independently and as part of Design Teams to better reflect the world of the designer today.

Design 11 is an excellent foundation for anyone considering post-secondary study for a career in Graphic Design, Web Design, Film and Animation, Interior Design, Fashion, Industrial Design, etc. course units include: Elements & Principles of Design, Front Desk, Product & Packaging Design and Architecture.

NOTE: This credit may be used as a Fine Art or a Technology credit.

Electrotechnologies 11 (Academic)

Electrotechnologies 11 enables students to gain an understanding of digital electronic systems as well as electrical power systems and discover how these technologies can be used to control mechanical systems (Automation). Through hands on challenges, students will learn about systems design, structures, materials, fabrication, control, power and energy, electric motors, and automation.

Energy, Power & Transportation 11 (Open)

Uses a project based approach to develop an understanding of energy production and use, power systems, and transportation technology. Students will explore the function of energy, power, and transportation in historical contexts and modern society as well as the basic technology system and its application in energy, power, and transportation. They will analyze, critique, and evaluate the application and outputs of a variety of methods used in energy, power, and transportation technology and the design process in satisfying needs and wants. And they will explore careers in energy, power, and transportation

Production technology 11 (Open)

PDT 11 is an activity based, hands on course that will allow students to solve design problems by identifying a need, brainstorming, research, planning, writing a design brief, fabrication and induction.

The students will develop safe work habits; demonstrate respect for equipment, tools and peers and plan and organize effective procedures for solving problems.

PDT11 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Communication Technology 12 (Academic)

You are encouraged but not required to complete CMT11 before enrolling in CMT12. The course will begin with an orientation to Communications Technology unit. Then, continuing with a similar emphasis as CMT11, this course will provide opportunities for students to become involved in a wider range of communications technology. Applications include Database Management, Electronic Communication, Video Production, Image Manipulation and various integrated projects.

CMT12 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Computer programming 12 (Academic)

In Computer Programming 12 students learn how to create their own software. Using the Visual Basic.NET programming language, students create graphical computer programs for personal use or distribution over the Internet. Through the creation of games, puzzles, ciphers and RPGs, students exercise their logical thought processes and problem-solving skills. At the end of the course, each student creates a larger, more sophisticated program of their choice that demonstrates the programming skills they have acquired.

Computer programming 12 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

Construction Technology 12 (Academic)

Construction Technology 12 introduces students to building materials, processes, and tools typical of the construction industry, while providing opportunities for critical thinking and skill development through designing and building various construction projects. The course offers a broad range of opportunities for students to experience hands-on learning including residential framing, interpreting construction drawings, electrical and plumbing systems, safety training, construction practices related to energy efficiency, and career pathways exploration.

Students may work towards a technology credit in Construction technology 12.

Film and Video Production 12 (Academic)

Film and Video Production 12 involves students in the production of several short videos.

Students work independently and as part of production teams to explore the film industry, develop skills required in the video production process and develop a critical awareness of historical and cultural aspects of film. Students work through the process of producing videos from original script development, storyboarding, to final edit.

Modules for this course include Fundamentals, Production Team Skills, Film Industry Disciplines and Careers, and Film Development and Production.

Students may work towards a technology credit in Film and Video Production 12.

Production technology 12 (Open)

PDT 12 is an activity based course that will enable students to cycle through the construction of a model home from the design process through to the completion. The students will develop safe working habits in the lab, develop manipulation skills, and demonstrate understanding of the professional, technical and trade occupations in the industrial sectors.

PDT12 may be used to meet one of the compulsory technology credit requirements.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSES

Physical education 10 (Open)

This course will provide students with a variety of fitness and sport experiences to enhance their understanding of personal fitness and growth.

Physical Education 10 includes some theory components, coupled with predominantly active experiences whereby students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor fitness, sport, and recreational experiences. The emphasis of this curriculum is to provide students with experiences that require them to take and reflect on their personal responsibility for active, healthy living now and throughout life.

The course is divided into four (4) modules: Outdoor Pursuits, Exercise Science, Personal Fitness, and Leadership.

Physically Active Living 11 (Open)

This full credit course is designed to engage students in a wide range of physically active experiences, with an overall theme of exploring options and opportunities for being active for life, both in school and in their community.

Physically Active Living 11 encompasses both an activity component and a theory component, with an emphasis on engagement in physical activity. The activity component of the course is designed to provide opportunities for students in active experiences that engage youth in traditional and non-traditional forms of physical activity.

The theory component of the course will enhance student understanding of healthy eating, injury prevention, mental and emotional health, and additional prevention highlighting the connection between healthy living and being physically active.

Yoga 11 (Academic)

Yoga 11 introduces students to the physical practice of Ashtanga yoga. This course helps students learn how to create balance in their lives through physical practice and mindful discussions on health and wellness. The physical practice of yoga will include learning, developing, and practicing skills that involve strength, flexibility, endurance, balance, poise, regulation of energy, and mental focus, all of which can be applied to other aspects of students' daily life. The theory component of the course educates students about the relationship between nutrition and fitness, the history and philosophy of yoga including values of non-violence, ethics, honesty, and respect. This course meets the requirements for a physical education credit.

Student comments after completing the course:

“Yoga is ... the place where I can go to let everything just roll off my shoulders and not worry about it.”

“I can now manage my emotions better through yoga.”

“Yoga is more than just exercise – it is a lifestyle.”

“I’m actually a happier person because of yoga.”

“I was skeptical at first... (but) I began to feel good for the first time in a long time!”

This course meets the requirements for a physical education credit. There is no pre-requisite.

Physical Education 11 (Open)

Physical Education 11 is an activity-based course designed to provide students with dynamic, physical interactions in a sport and fitness environment.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to demonstrate a cognitive and physical understanding of basic skills, rules and principles of the course activities. Students will exhibit knowledge and proficiency in the area of personal fitness.

PHE11 students will demonstrate an awareness and understanding of theory topics and concepts related to sport and physical activity.

Physical Education 12 (Open)

Physical Education 12 is a course designed to further develop students who are and will continue to be active as participants in a wide variety of physical activities.

This course is designed for those students who have successfully completed Physical Education 11 in order to build on the skills and lessons that have already been introduced. Mature, responsible, consistent participation will be required of all students in this course. Students enrolled in Physical Education 12 should have a keen interest in participating in sport, fitness, and lifetime activities. Students will be provided many opportunities to demonstrate teaching and leadership skills throughout this course.

BUSINESS COURSES

Business 10 (Open)

This is an entry-level course which develops an understanding of basic business concepts. Students will have the opportunity to apply the basics of business education and develop and apply problem solving techniques and critical thinking skills. Students will communicate and work cooperatively to use the strategies and processes involved in problem solving. Students will apply the skills learned in running their own business during the annual business fair!

This course is designed to introduce you to the fascinating world of business and to expose you to the many ways that business is connected to various aspects of your day-to-day personal experiences in life, your local community and in the global market. Students taking this course will explore the theory and processes of entrepreneurship and marketing and other areas. Students will familiarize themselves with the basics of business education and develop and apply problem-solving techniques and critical thinking skills. They will understand the impact of contemporary issues regarding business ethics.

This course allows students to become aware of how they are influenced by business and how they can affect changes in their own lives by understanding the way business works, and by acquiring the skills they need to be successful in their future endeavours.

This course is designed to propel students into taking Accounting 11, Entrepreneurship 12, Business Management 12, and Investment and finance 12 to foster an interest in the business world. Students will recognize the globalization of the marketplace and the positive aspect it has for Nova Scotia businesses. They will understand the impact of trade agreements and business technology on a business ability to develop markets. Contemporary issues regarding business ethics will be a component.

- ❖ Big Ideas and Questions in Business 10:
- ❖ What career opportunities are available in business?
- ❖ How do we communicate and in what ways?
- ❖ How has the business world developed and changed throughout the ages?
- ❖ Why is a business plan important?
- ❖ What marketing techniques do companies use?
- ❖ How does accounting help a business and why is it important?

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Business Management 12 (Academic)

Business Management 12 focuses on active, experimental learning through which students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes they need to succeed in a business environment. Although the focus is on management, this course seeks to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will be useful for everyone in today's economy. A wide variety of scenarios and management decisions are developed by examining business issues (mainly Canadian based business) and the managers’ role in a variety of companies.

As our society is changing around us, there is a greater demand on employees and managers to have a greater understanding and working knowledge of management skills. BMT 12 is designed to help students learn to utilize and understand managerial skills as they enter the workplace. Throughout the course students will have the opportunity to use these skills to think critically, manage, and evaluate information, identify and analyze opportunities, and explore, and respond to the roles of management in business and personal life.

Big Ideas & Questions:

- Who are managers and what do they do?
- Identify and explain different areas and responsibilities of management.
- What career opportunities are available in management and where?
- How do we communicate and in what ways?
- How has the business world developed and changed throughout the ages?
- What is included in an electronic portfolio?
- What is Human Resource Management?

Economics 12 (Academic)

Economics 12 is a course in national and international economics. It provides a deep study of selected economics issues as well as consideration of certain theories. The unit on microeconomics considers such topics as demand and supply, product differentiation, production, and markets. Macroeconomics considers national accounts; economic

indicators and government policy; money, banking, and finance; and economic growth. There are also three optional units: History of Economic Ideas; International Economy; and Comparative Economics.

Entrepreneurship 12 (Academic)

The purpose of this course is to develop the values, skills and attitudes of entrepreneurs and to learn the specific knowledge associated with entrepreneurship - starting a business.

This course aims to produce students who are independent thinkers, who are successful problem solvers, and who believe in themselves. Entrepreneurship education requires students to be active in their learning. This course will provide students with the opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills and attitudes and apply them to personal, school, business and community-service opportunities, and an out-of-school business venture consisting of at least 60 hours will be required. The venture may consist of one main business or several smaller ventures throughout the semester.

Although this is an academic grade 12 level course, students applying for university should verify with the university if they accept this course for admission.

Investment and Finance 12 (academic)

This course will give students the opportunity to become financially literate citizens who will learn to understand and deal with money as a life skill. Students will learn to set financial goals, to understand the Canadian banking system, to understand how to make wise decisions when investing, and to know that they can influence their own financial future. Students will accomplish the above understanding through independent research, team projects and technology presentations. Students will be able to comprehend a very broad range of investment options, which are available in the market place. They will be able to apply their knowledge in order to make sound financial decisions. They will develop and apply lifetime financial skills, which they can utilize repeatedly. Math 10 and Math 11 are required.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Career Development 10 (Open)

Career Development 10 is designed to help young people to understand how to manage their personal lives and resources (including financial resources), and to develop the ability to organize and shape their careers. Students in Career Development 10 will develop their abilities to communicate, think, and deal with their feelings. They will explore realistic personal goals, assess their own abilities, and realize how these actions will affect their learning and decision-making processes. They will develop awareness of their place in the community and the value to their personal growth of giving service to the community.

The development of their abilities to think and communicate effectively and to deal with their feelings will provide students with a basis for building self-management skills and improving relationships with others. They will learn to develop their understanding of how relationships, health, careers, and resources affect their lives. Through an increased awareness of themselves, students will be able to contribute more positively to the wellbeing of others. Career Development 10 has five modules that are closely related. Module 1: Personal Development, Module 2: Career Awareness, Module 3: Workplace Readiness, Module 4: Financial Management, and Module 5: LifeWork Portfolio

Food in Society (Open) (1/2 Credit)

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Energy, growth and health are affected by healthy food choices. In Food for Healthy Living 10, students plan and prepare meals that complement healthy life choices. The course explores how life choices and food availability affect diet. Students will learn to identify nutrition issues that require dietary modifications. The impact of food marketing and advertising on peoples food choices is addressed.

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Child Studies 11 (Open)

This course is designed to help students become aware of proper and adequate prenatal care in every aspect of pregnancy.

Topics such as fetal development, nutrition, medical care, drugs, and labour and delivery are discussed. During the second half, focus will be on the infant, the toddler, and the pre-schooler with emphasis on nutrition, growth and development, play, toys, safety and discipline.

Co-op 12 Part 1 or 2 (Academic, not accepted as academic in all universities)

Co-operative Education is an academic credit course designed to meet the needs of students in this ever changing world. An in class component will focus on what knowledge, skills and attitudes are required for success, what choices are available to you, and how these choices connect to your skill, knowledge, abilities interests and personality. This is followed by a career exploration placement in a career pathway of your choice. This placement will help you to make informed decisions about post-secondary education and the workplace and help you to acquire relevant knowledge and skills in a career that you are interested in. In this way, transitions from school to further education and work are made more successfully.

Here's what SJA students are saying about co-op:

- This experience was life changing and I could not be happier with what it has helped me decide for my future.
- I would recommend Co-op to any student who is unsure of their career path, even those who are sure, because your idea of doing a job and actually doing it can be completely different.
- I have learned so many interesting things and I feel very fortunate to have been able to participate in this learning experience.
- This experience exceeded my expectations. I learned so much more than I thought I would. Because this experience was so much more than I expected, I decided to take Co-op again next year to explore another career. I want to make sure I am choosing the right profession when I begin my post-grad education.
- During my Co-op course I have learned so many new things. As my placement requires me to interact with many different people, both clients and co-workers, I feel that I have grown as an individual as well as a team player. I loved every minute.

So What's Involved?

Co-op is a method of learning that involves the co-op teacher, the student and a community placement host in a relationship where each shares responsibility for the students learning experience. Students earn a high school credit by combining a 25 hour in-class component and a 100 hour placement in a career of choice. Co-op is very flexible. It can be taken in one semester or over the full year. It can even be taken in the summer.

Co-op consists of 3 components: Pre-placement and orientation, Community Placement, and Reflective Learning Experiences

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The Co-op Coordinator monitors the work placement through conferences with the student and the students supervisor, through visits to the workplace and through student journal writing.

Reflective Learning: Weekly journals, a reflective essay, an employability skills/career portfolio and reflective learning sessions provide students with an opportunity to make connections between their community placement and their schooling and to demonstrate growth in personal management skills, attitudes and behaviours that are needed to contribute productively in a team environment and future career pathways.

Co-op 12 is open to grade 11 and 12 students who are 16 years of age or older. In order to qualify for Co-op 12, students must complete an application form and go through an interview process.

Missing classes in other subjects can sometimes be an issue for Co-op students enrolled in certain courses such as Pre Calculus Math. Co-op is set up at SJA so each student is in the workplace a maximum of one day each week. Students must maintain excellent attendance and good work habits in all courses while in the co-op program.

***Applications are available in Student Services (School counselling office) and have a due date. For further information contact Ms. Bainbridge

Food and Hospitality 12 (Open)

This course is designed to explore food studies through a hospitality perspective. Topics to be covered include: Food safety including Food Handler Training; Basic food preparation skills; Meal/menu planning including costing, marketing; Recipe writing and development; Food presentation techniques; Food related careers in the hospitality industry and Food service skill development.

Tourism 12 (Graduation)

With over 1.67 million people employed in tourism-related occupations in Canada, tourism offers a hospitable gateway to the world of work.

Students will be expected to demonstrate a detailed understanding of industry structures, components and interrelationships among components; demonstrate an understanding of the issues and challenges facing the industry; examine a range of trends in the industry evaluate the economic and social impact of trends on the industry; investigate significant features of major Nova Scotia tourism markets; students will explore the various trends and branding techniques in the tourism industry including Taste of Nova Scotia campaign, with emphasis on Adventures in Taste; students will create an I Love Nova Scotia short video; students will gain an understanding of various cultures throughout Nova Scotia.

Tourism 12 is a module-based course with emphasis on the tourism industry, accommodation, food and beverage, events and conferences, adventure tourism, eco-tourism and tours and charters. The final evaluation will be in the form of a process exam.

FINE ARTS COURSES

Drama 10 (Academic)

This Developmental Drama course is open to all students entering grade 10.

Developmental Drama as an elective credit course does not fulfill the mandatory English requirement, however, it will fulfill a fine arts requirement. This introduction to drama includes the development of the physical, intellectual and emotional skills used in the theatre. Content includes movement, voice, mime and improvisation. Co-operative activities are the basis of the program, although some individual activities are included. Participation in group activities is essential.

Developmental Drama is a forum both for developing skills and for creative self-expression. This course satisfies the Fine Arts credit requirement.

Art Dramatique 10 (Académique)

This Developmental Drama course is open to all students entering grade 10. Developmental Drama as an elective credit course does not fulfill the mandatory English requirement; however, it will fulfill a fine arts requirement. This introduction to drama includes the development of the physical, intellectual and emotional skills used in the theatre. Content includes movement, voice, mime and improvisation. Co operative activities are the basis of the program, although some individual activities are included. Participation in group activities is essential. Developmental Drama is a forum both for developing skills and for creative self expression.

This course satisfies the Fine Arts credit requirement and is offered in French.

Music 10 Instrumental (Academic)

It is strongly recommended that each student have at least 3 years experience on a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. Students continue to study the elements of music through individual development on their instruments. Technical skills are refined through scales and rhythmic exercises; musical skills through Etude Studies. Each music student must be a member of the Concert Band. This course satisfies the Fine Arts credit requirement.

Theory: The composition process is examined through basic rudiments of notation; major and minor scales; rhythm; and intervals. Ear training is begun.

History: An overview study of the musical periods throughout history, with specific focus on the Baroque period, both literary and listening study.

PLEASE NOTE: Students in Grade 10 may not participate in Concert Band unless they take MUS 10.

Visual Arts 10 (Academic)

Previous experience in art is not required. This is a general introductory studio course designed to give students a solid foundation in the basic skills of visual representation through the exploration of a wide range of techniques and materials. The perception of value tones, contrasts, colour and form is developed through diverse assignments that offer opportunity for personal expression. The major topics covered are: observational drawing, painting techniques and the illusions of depth, 2D compositional designing and an introduction to 3D sculptural approaches. Art history and art theory accompany each unit of activity in a complimentary fashion.

NOTE: This course is also recommended for Grade 11 and 12 students with no previous Art experience.

Drama 11 (Academic)

This Theatre Arts course is open to all students in grades 11 and 12.

Theatre Arts as an elective credit course does not fulfill the mandatory English requirement. This advanced level drama course builds upon the physical, emotional and intellectual skills developed in DRA 10. Content includes advanced movement, voice, mime and improvisation, interpretation of scripts, evaluation of performance, technical and aesthetic aspects of production. Although some topics are approached through independent projects, most topics are dealt with in co-operative groups: active participation is essential - students will be expected to perform in front of others.

Students are required to take an active part in a school production.

Music 11 (Academic)

Performance: A continuation of improving individual instrumental proficiency, through advanced technique of scales and studies, and individual performance of solo repertoire. Each music student must be a member of the Concert Band. Theory: The composition process is examined through intervals and harmonic analysis; melodic transposition and composition; ear training continues. History: Study of the Classical Period through literature and listening.

Visual Arts 11 (Academic)

Due to the sequential nature of skills acquired, students with little or no art experience will have difficulty at this level. ART 11 is similar to the ART 10, but more advanced techniques and processes, such as ceramics are introduced. There is more in-depth analysis of art making and the investigation of art historical concerns.

In Art 11 there is a higher demand for independent thinking in all projects as this course places more emphasis on the imaginative resolution of art problems. The group critique process is explored. Students are expected to learn to give and take constructive feedback on peer artwork. Students gain an appreciation for the contribution of art and artists in society by studying art production in the public realm vs. art making as a private pursuit.

Drama 12 Theatre Arts (Academic)

This Theatre Arts course is open to all students in grade 12. DRA 12 will not fulfill the mandatory English requirement for grade 12. Students will extend the skills developed in DRA 11 and will also participate in a major theatrical production.

A significant part of the program will be an independent project involving research, script development and performance.

Music 12 (Academic)

Performance: The development of an individual performance ability of a high standard technically and musically. Each student must participate in the Concert Band. Theory: The composition process is examined through harmonic, melodic and musical form analysis; student composition; transposition and orchestration; ear training continues. History: Study of the Romantic Period through literature and listening.

Visual Arts 12 (Academic)

A previous study of art is strongly recommended. ART 12 is an advanced level studio course designed to encourage students to carry on their study of art history, theory and practice in a more self-directed manner in preparation for a career in a visual art field.

Students take responsibility for the research and presentation of art issues, thereby developing a critical attitude. Students gain an increased understanding of cultural traditions and examine ways to contextualize contemporary art products. Students will experience freedom to choose from materials and styles of expression while engaged in the art-making process.

Topics to be covered in depth include figure painting and drawing, 19th century art movements, contemporary installation art, ceramics, and portfolio development.

OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES 2 (O2) COURSES

Career Development 10 O2(Open)

Career Development 10 is designed to help young people to understand and manage themselves, to manage their personal lives and resources (including financial resources), and to develop the ability to organize and shape their careers.

Students in Career Development 10 will develop their abilities to communicate, think, and deal with their feelings. They will explore realistic personal goals, assess their own abilities, and realize how these actions will affect their learning and decision-making processes. They will develop awareness of their place in the community and the value to their personal growth of giving service to the community.

The development of their abilities to think and communicate effectively and to deal with their feelings will provide students with a basis for building self-management skills and improving relationships with others. They will learn to develop their understanding of how relationships, health, careers, and resources affect their lives. Through an increased awareness of themselves, students will be able to contribute more positively to the wellbeing of others.

Career Development 10 has five modules that are closely related. Module 1: Personal Development, Module 2: Career Awareness, Module 3: Workplace Readiness, Module 4: Financial Management, and Module 5: LifeWork Portfolio

Community Based Learning 10 (Open)

Community-Based Learning 10 (CBL 10) is a full credit course designed for grade 10 Options and Opportunities (O2) students. Students explore the opportunities that businesses and organizations in their community offer and experience through the increased understanding of their own employability skills, their personal growth opportunities, and their connection with the community. CBL 10 expands opportunities for students to learn in the community and workplace, providing credit for learning through a range of community based activities that focus on leadership, mentoring, employability skills, and personal growth.

Whereas Career Development 10 and Career Development 11 provide students with more in-depth preparation for a variety of aspects of life after high school, CBL 10 provides students with hands-on practical experiences to help them meet the readiness criteria required by Co-operative Education courses (see Community-Based Learning: A Resource for Schools). Community-Based Learning 10 clarifies students understanding of community settings, their employment and life-skills strengths and interests, as well as their learning needs. All forms of experiential learning are a valuable complement to students academic experience and preparation for the future, and Community-Based Learning 10 offers students a powerful career development tool.

Career Development 11 O2 (Open)

In Career Development 11, students continue their exploration of career preparation and refine their understanding of their readiness for the world of work and personal finance.

Career Development 11 has four modules that are closely related. Module 1: Career Awareness, Module 2: Work Cultures, Module 3: Financial Management, and Module 4: LifeWork Portfolio

Co-op 11 O2 (Academic, not accepted as academic in all universities)

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The community placement is supported by a learning and evaluation plan developed jointly by the student, the Co op Teacher and the community host. The student, parent and community host enter a contract outlining the general responsibilities of all parties. This agreement also confirms the provision of risk insurance by the school board. The student also signs a declaration of confidentiality. Transportation to and from the workplace is the students responsibility.

The Co-op Teacher monitors the work placement through conferences with the student and the students supervisor, through visits to the workplace and through student journal writing.

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Reflective Learning: Weekly journals, a reflective essay, an employability skills/career portfolio and reflective learning sessions provide students with an opportunity to make connections between their community placement and their schooling and to demonstrate growth in personal management skills, attitudes and behaviours that are needed to contribute productively in a team environment and future career pathways.

Co-op 12-1 O2 (Academic, not accepted as academic in all universities)

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The community placement is supported by a learning and evaluation plan developed jointly by the student, the Co op Teacher and the community host. The student, parent and community host enter a contract outlining the general

responsibilities of all parties. This agreement also confirms the provision of risk insurance by the school board. The student also signs a declaration of confidentiality. Transportation to and from the workplace is the students responsibility.

The Co-op Teacher monitors the work placement through conferences with the student and the students supervisor, through visits to the workplace and through student journal writing.

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Reflective Learning: Weekly journals, a reflective essay, an employability skills/career portfolio and reflective learning sessions provide students with an opportunity to make connections between their community placement and their schooling and to demonstrate growth in personal management skills, attitudes and behaviours that are needed to contribute productively in a team environment and future career pathways.

Co-op 12-2 O2 (Academic)

Nova Scotia Virtual School (NSVS)

The Nova Scotia Virtual School provides online high school courses to students enrolled in and attending public high schools in Nova Scotia. Students register for NSVS courses through their school as a part of their course timetable, typically through a guidance counselor. NSVS online courses use the Nova Scotia Public School Program (PSP) with curriculum and learning outcomes that are identical to those used for in-person classes.

Courses are taught by Nova Scotia certified teachers using both video conferencing or echat and independent learning. NSVS teachers have office hours when students can communicate with them in real time. They can also instant message or email their NSVS teacher at any time. In addition to their NSVS teacher, students have an NSVS contact in their school building who can help them find the resources and space they need to complete their NSVS work, and to whom parents can reach out with questions.

The majority of NSVS online courses are semestered, starting in September and in February. NSVS IB courses are non-semestered courses which run from September to May. Students are expected to sign in to their course every school day from their school building to complete course activities and assignments and to interact with their teacher and fellow students.

NSVS grades and comments are reported on the report card at mid-semester and the end of the semester, but are not fully integrated with the PowerSchool Parent Portal. However, each student has a record of their marks in the NSVS online Gradebook and parents can view that information with their child. Due to varied timing in different Regions, there is no single scheduled parent-teacher interview date for NSVS courses. Parents can contact their school's NSVS contact or the NSVS course teacher as needed for updates on their child's progress.

Visit <https://nsvs.ednet.ns.ca> for more information.