

Next Year's Grade 10 Students Class of 2027

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Graduation Requirements in BC

- 80 Course Credits (*minimum*) are required to graduate
- Only courses in Grades 10, 11, & 12 are counted
- Every semestered course counts as 4 credits

(80 ÷ 4 = 20 courses over 3 years)

“The Dogwood Diploma”



**Most Windermere students graduate with 96 + credits
(at least 24 courses)**

“Required” vs. “Elective” Courses

- Each grade has its own unique set of required courses
- All Grade 10's must have 8 courses on timetable
- All students then round out their timetable with elective courses that they choose (or “elect”) to take.
- Anything not **required** is considered an **elective**.
- **Electives are just as important as required courses—they are “make or break” for post-secondary programs**

The Purpose of Electives

Electives give students opportunities to

- be creative
 - learn things in a hands-on way
 - build new skills
 - try new things and take risks
 - stretch their abilities
 - pursue an interest or a passion
 - pursue a subject area in depth
 - develop their individuality and talents
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- **Prepare for a major in post-secondary studies**



The Graduation Program

GRADE 10: 6 Required; 2 electives	GRADE 11 : 4 Required; 4 electives	GRADE 12: 2 Required; 6 electives
English Language Arts 10	English Language Arts 11 OR English First Peoples	English Studies 12 OR English First Peoples
Science 10	One Science 11	Career Life Connections 12
Math 10	One Math 11	Grade 12 Course
Socials 10	One Socials 11 or 12 (Indigenous Content Course)	Grade 12 Course
Physical & Health Ed. 10	Elective (often a language)	Grade 12 Course
Career Life Education 10	Elective	
Elective (often a language) 10	Elective	
Elective (an Applied Skills or Art) 10	Elective	
32 Credits	32 Credits	20 Credits
GRADE 10 GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS		GRADE 12 GRADUATION ASSESSMENT
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* New Graduation Requirement: grades 11 & 12 Indigenous Studies

All students must now take at least 1 course that is focused on Indigenous Studies.

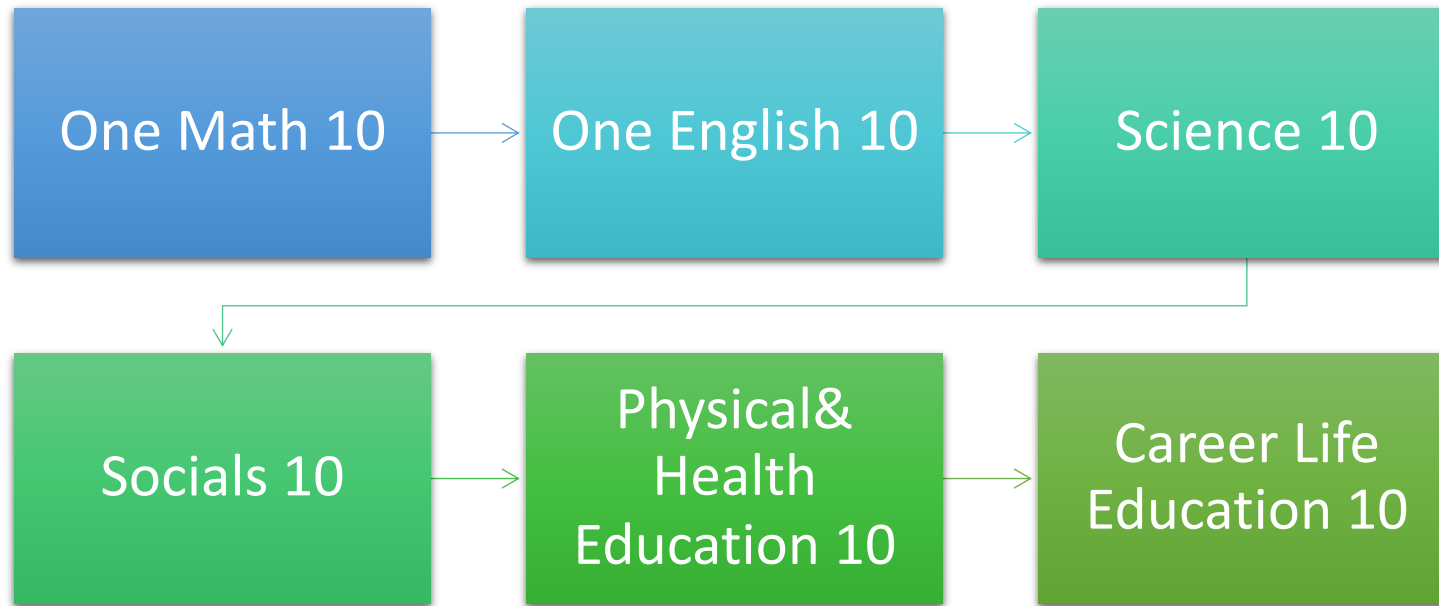
At Windermere, there are a 3 courses offered in Grades 11 and 12 that satisfy this requirement.

The courses are in the English and Social Studies Departments.

- This requirement demonstrates the importance of and our collective commitment to reconciliation, and to learning about the various Indigenous cultures that have stewarded this land since time immemorial.

- **ENGLISH** First Peoples 11 or 12
- **SOCIALS** BC First Peoples 12
- **SOCIALS** Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12

Courses All Grade 10's Must Select



How many electives must you take in Grade 10?



English 10 CHOICES

Choose **one combo** for English 10 credit

1. **Literary Studies 10 + New Media 10**

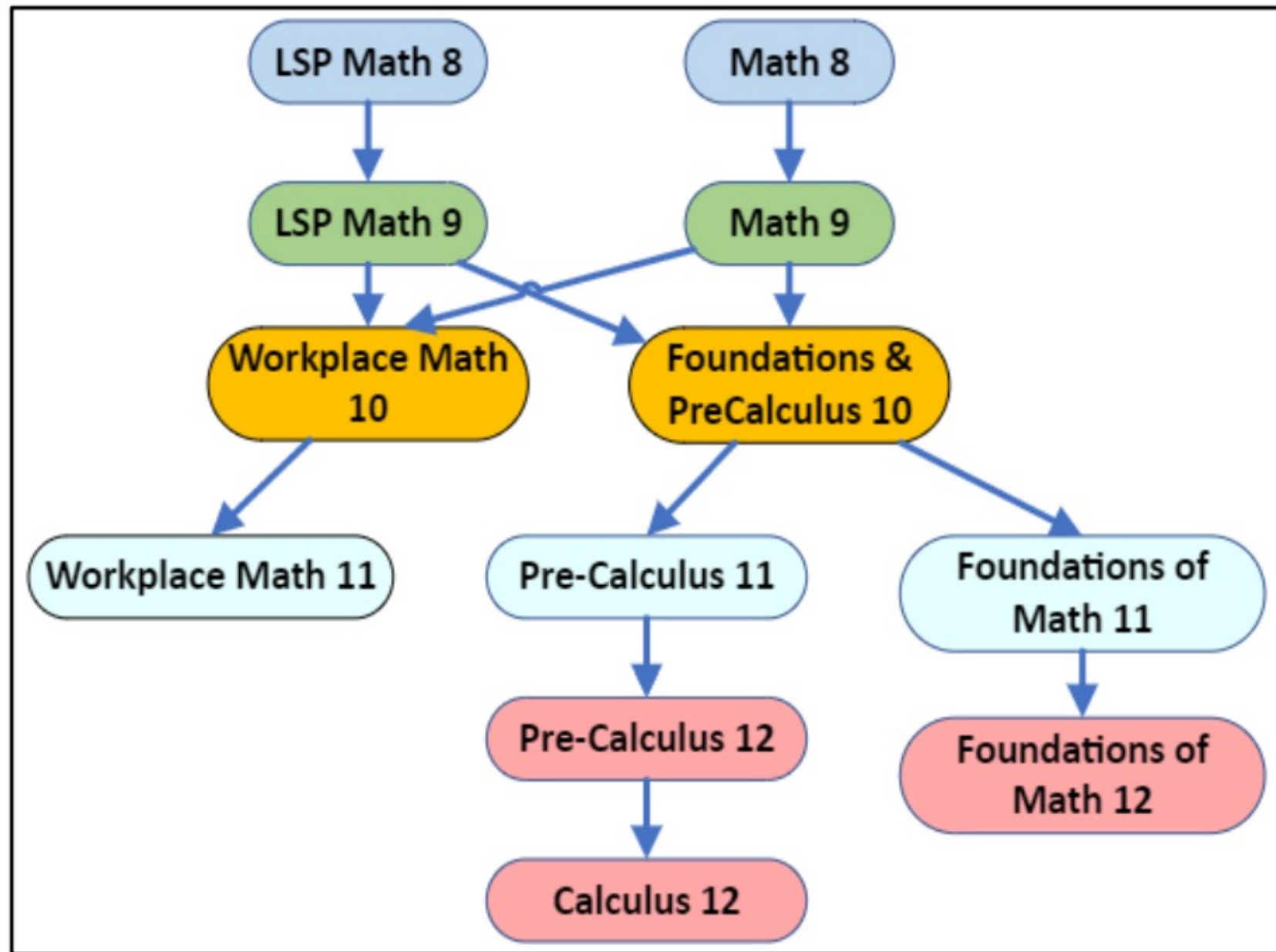
- The study of literature, combined with topics and assignments related to digital media.

OR

2. **Composition 10 + New Media 10**

- Improve your written communication while also exploring topics related to new media.

Math Options for Grade 10



Modern Languages Electives

Options

- Not required for graduation
- Needed for some post-secondary programs (UBC, SFU)
- Always a good choice
- **French 10:** you must have taken French 9
- **Spanish 10:** must have taken Spanish 10
- **Mandarin 10:** must have taken Mandarin 9

Language Challenge Exam

- Language Challenge Exam: 4 language credits earned by taking a 1-day exam
- You must be able to read, write, and speak the language at a very proficient level
- Apply in October: there is an application fee \$\$
- Complete the exam on a Saturday in late January in Delta BC
- Recommended that students be at least in Grade 10

Grad Requirement: Grade 10 & 12 Provincial Assessments

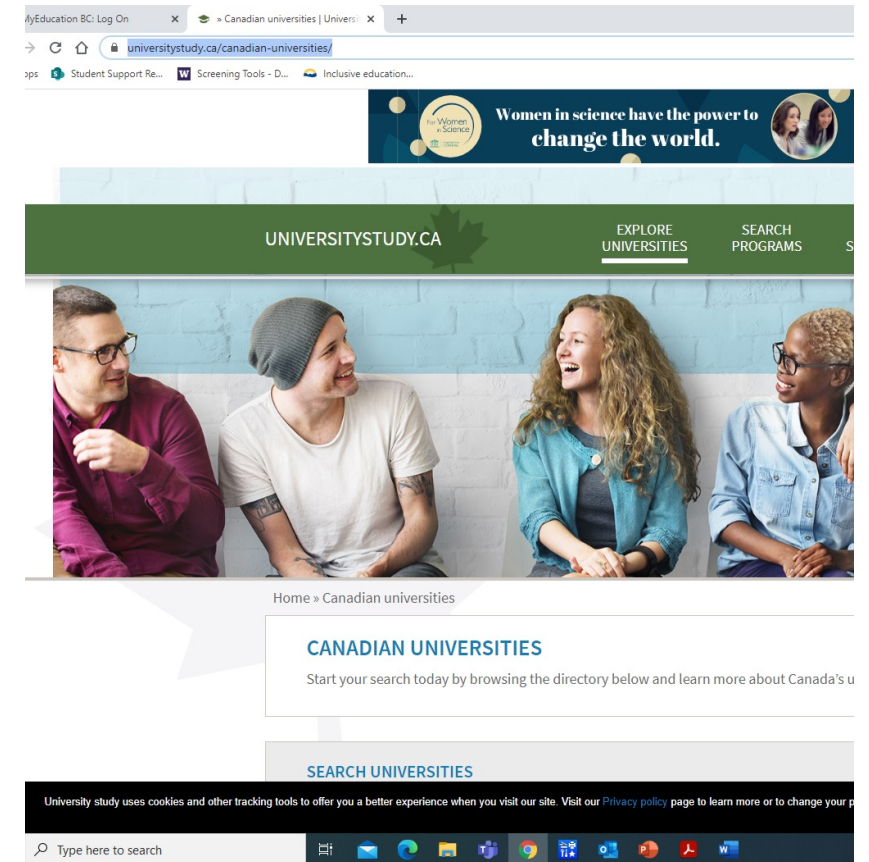
- All Grade 10's must take 2 Provincial Assessments in order to graduate:

- *Numeracy 10*
- *Literacy 10*

- All Grade 12's must take the Grade 12 *Literacy Assessment 12*

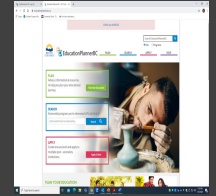
Learn more here:

<https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial/assessment>



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What if I am not Proficient a Grade 9 course?



I recommend.....Summer School !

Repeat

If you do obtain a Proficient in a required class? Take the course again at Summer School. Courses that you repeat at summer school are called REMEDIAL courses

Or Get Ahead

If you plan to accelerate by taking a Grade 10 course during Summer School, sign up for COMPLETION courses to earn the credit.

Register

Summer School Registration starts in late April/early May; online school can begin at any time

You can Earn Credits Outside of School

- **External Credits:** credits for experiences outside of school:

Examples:

- Provincial-level sports, Drivers' Ed, Cadets, Swimming (Bronze Cross, etc), music studies, Dance, courses completed in other provinces or countries

- **Accelerated Learning:** credits for courses above your grade level through Summer School COMPLETION courses or online



Next Steps

1. **Discuss with parents/guardians**

1. **Read the Course Booklet together**
2. **We will select courses together in the Library**

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Questions or Concerns?

Please make an appointment with me in person

