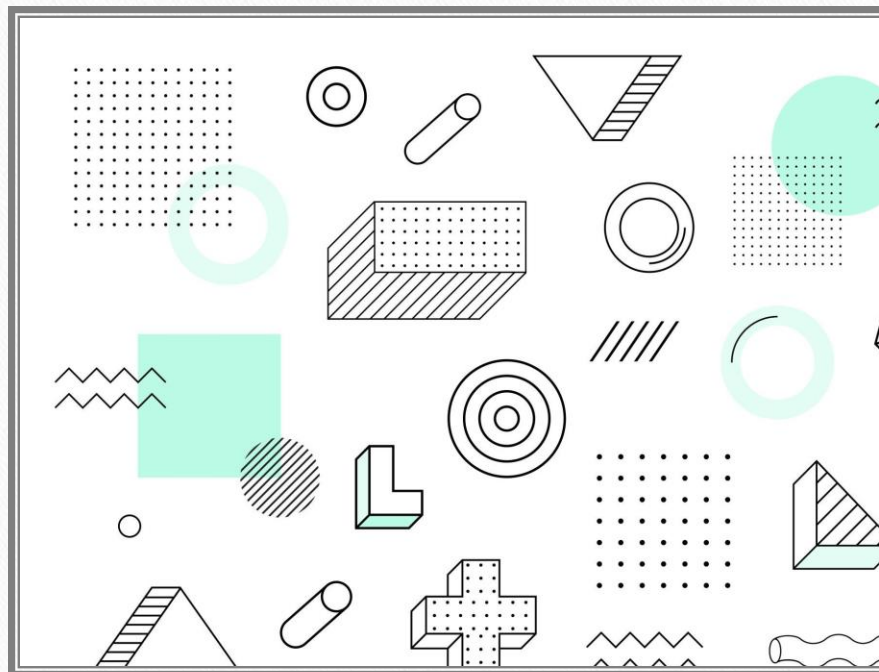# BC Graduation Program and Post-Secondary Guide

For New Grade 10-12 Students & Families

October 2023

Land Acknowledgement

On behalf of University Hill Secondary School, we acknowledge and are grateful to the Coast Salish Peoples of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh and Musqueam Nations on whose traditional lands and unceded territories we laugh, learn, and live on.

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Counsellors 2023/2024

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Ms. Hornby: Grade 8-12 (Last Names Kl-T)

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MultiCultural Workers

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Stephanie Angel-Garay (Spanish)

Niloofar Shafaeizadeh (Farsi)

Topics

BC Graduation Requirements

Personal Future Choices

Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

Graduation Requirements

- **Grade 10 to 12 courses only**

- **Courses vs. Credits   1 Course = 4 Credits**

- **Minimum to graduate = 80 Credits**

- Required credits   52   Credits
- Elective credits   28   Credits

- **(Grade 12 level   16 Credits)**
- https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca

5 Year Course Selection at a Glance

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Eng 8	Eng 9	Eng 10	Eng 11	Eng 12 *
SS 8	SS 9	SS 10	SS 11/12	Gr. 12
Ma 8	Ma 9	Ma 10	Ma 11	Gr. 12
Sc 8	Sc 9	Sc 10	Sc 11	Gr. 12
PE 8	PE 9	PE 10	Elective	Elective
Fr 8/ELC/Skills	Fr 9/ELC/Skills	Career Life Ed 10	Elective	Elective
AS 8	AS 9	Elective (Second Language)	Elective (Second Language)	Elective
FA 8	FA 9	Elective	Elective	Elective

Grade 10 Required Courses

English Language Arts 10 (bundled)**	4 credits
Social Studies 10	4 credits
Math 10**	4 credits
Science 10	4 credits
PE 10	4 credits
Career Life Education 10	4 credits
**Courses that have two options.	

Grade 11 & 12 Required Courses

An English Language Arts 11	4 credits
A Social Studies 11 or 12	4 credits
A Math 11 or 12	4 credits
A Science 11 or 12	4 credits
An English Language Arts 12	4 credits
An Applied Skills or Fine Arts (10-12)	**4 credits**
Career Life Connections & Capstone	4 credits

Total Required Credits: 52 (grade 10-12)

An Indigenous Focus Course (10-12) Required for Graduation

Elective Courses include

○ Applied Skills
- Business Education
- Home Economics
- Technology Education

○ Fine Arts
- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Music

○ Academics (beyond requirements)

Graduation Requirements
3 Provincial Assessments

1

Grade 10 Numeracy Assessment

2

Grade 10 Literacy Assessment

3

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment

Language Requirements

An additional language is not required for high school graduation.

However, some universities/colleges may require an additional language for admissions

Some BC universities (ie: UBC and SFU)

US universities/colleges (may wish to see at least 3-4 years)

Specific programs (ie: international relations/languages)

Language Challenge Exams (grades 10 and up)
- **Delta School District**
- **Must see counsellor about this (in the fall)**

External Credits

- Approved credits authorized by Ministry of Education (Ministry Approved Organizations) - Examples include:

  - Languages (Grade 7+ in another country)

  - Music (RCM Grade 6 and above)

  - Sports: Athletics

  - Youth Development: (Scouts, Guides)

  - Industrial Development: (Driver's Ed., Industrial First-aid)

  Please contact your counsellor to see if you meet criteria

- https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials

Programs

ELL Program - Three levels

- **1. ELL1 English, ELL1 Socials, ELL1 Communications, ELL Science**

- **2. ELL2 English, ELL2 Socials, ELL2 Communications, ELL Science**

- **3. English Transitional Composition & Spoken Word 10, Transitional Socials Studies 10, English Language Center (ELC)/Academic Strategies 10, Science 10 ***

*The transitional 10 courses all count as regular credits

ELL Course Selections

- **<u>Teachers</u>** (**not Counsellors**) recommend students to the next level of ELL or into regular classes

- ELL teachers will meet in the spring to discuss ELL course placement and support for next year

- Placements based on teachers' collective decisions on student performance in respective classes (ie: English proficiency, academic performance, work habits, etc.)

- When counsellors receive notification of movements from the ELL teachers – Counsellors will move ELL students into appropriate level classes

- Further testing was done in September 2023 to ensure accuracy of course placements/course adjustments

AP (Advanced Placement Program) - for senior students

Passion/interest

Challenge and rigour

AP exams **may** provide 1st year university credits

AP is recommended for US and UK applicants

AP courses at school considered over self-study/online

At UHill – **AP** courses have an application

Course booklet (pages **6-10**)

VSB DISTRICT CAREER PROGRAMS

- Opportunities for career awareness and exploration

- Opportunity to start working while still in school (ex. BCIT, VCC, Etc.)

- Different industry training careers to choose from

- Possible paid work experience

- Dual credits (high school graduation)

- https://www.vsb.bc.ca/career-programs

CAREER Programs

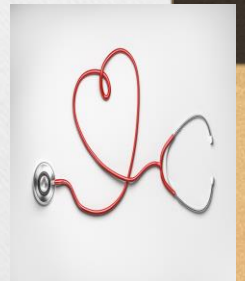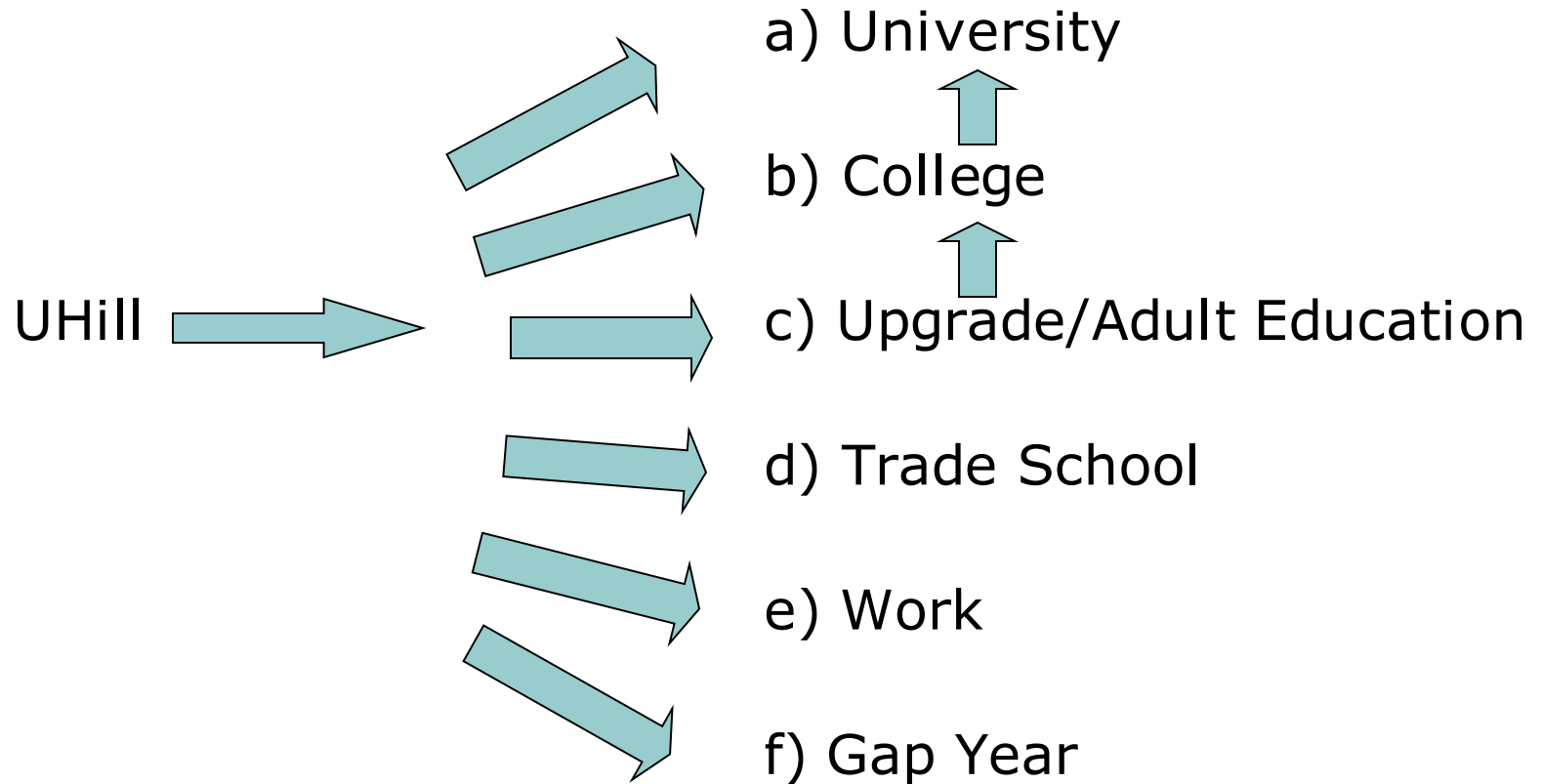|				
Aircraft Maintenance Engineer	Automotive Collision & Refinishing	Auto Service Technician	Baking & Pastry Arts	Carpentry
CISCO & IT Networking	Electrical	Hairstylist	Hamber Fashion Design & Technology	Health Care Assistant
Heavy Mechanical Trades	Killarney Enhanced Trades	Metal Fabricator	Millwright	Motorcycle Mechanic & Power Equipment
Painting & Decorating	Plumbing	Professional Cook 1	Trades Sampler BCIT	Tupper Tech Explore Trades Sampler

Post UHill Options…

UHill →

a) University

b) College

c) Upgrade/Adult Education

d) Trade School

e) Work

f) Gap Year

Post-Secondary Planning

- As a result, the information you have about post-secondary in BC/Canada may be:

  - Incomplete

  - Misleading

  - Inaccurate

  - Not applicable to you

Post-Secondary Planning

- Students and parents need information that is:
  - Accurate and honest
  - Relevant to their situation
  - Understandable and complete
  - Available when they need it

  - So, let's get started...

Public post Secondary System in BC is Highly Integrated

- Post-Secondary Systems differ in each province

- The B.C. system is highly integrated:

  - Well-established transfer agreements between public post-secondary institutions (ie: Langara/UBC)

  - Universities, colleges & institutes meet the same standards and offer the same credentials

  - Different types of institutions offer a range of education & training options to students

University Transfer

- Moving from one institution to another to complete a credential

- **Most Common "UT" Pathway:**
  - 2 Years at Institution A (ie: Langara College)
  - +2 Years at Institution B (ie: UBC)
  - **= Bachelor's Degree** (from Institution B) (ie: UBC)

Choosing an Academic Pathway

- Don't have to know it all on Day One
- Post-Secondary is about exploring:
  - What you like
  - What you're good at
  - Where this can lead you

  - Many students change their mind
  - Patience and flexibility are key

Post-Secondary Planning – Finding the Best fit

The decision making process …

1. **Faculty / Program**

2. School / Location

3. Activities / Sports / Lifestyle

4. Financial Planning

General Admissions Requirements

Canadian universities typically look grade 11 and 12 academic coursework pertaining to the program

(ie: Engineering – English, Physics, Chemistry, Pre-Calculus/Calculus)

Grade 12 Academic Courses for Canadian Universities

Supplemental Applications & Personal Profiles

- Be aware that Supplemental Applications and Personal Profiles may be required

- School/Community/Extra-curricular Involvement

- Broad Based Applications –"whole" individual

  - Queens – PSE (Personal Statement of Experience)

  - Waterloo – AIF(Admission Information Form)

  - UBC - personal profile

- Specific Faculty/Program

  Business (Supplementary)

  Fine Arts (Portfolio, Audition)

- In some programs/schools, interview may be required

- English Language Proficiency (ie: TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)

Fundamentals for Post-Secondary Success

Think, Read, Write & Speak

Clearly, concisely, critically, creatively, & convincingly

US Admissions

- Overall average – grade 9 to 12
- SAT / ACT scores (depending on school)
  - many are test-optional now
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation
- Extra-Curricular Involvement
- Common Application

Post-Secondary & Counselling Resources

- https://uhillcounselling.weebly.com/
- Education Planner
- Post-Secondary BC
- Individual Institution websites
- Post secondary presentations both in person and online

Thank You!