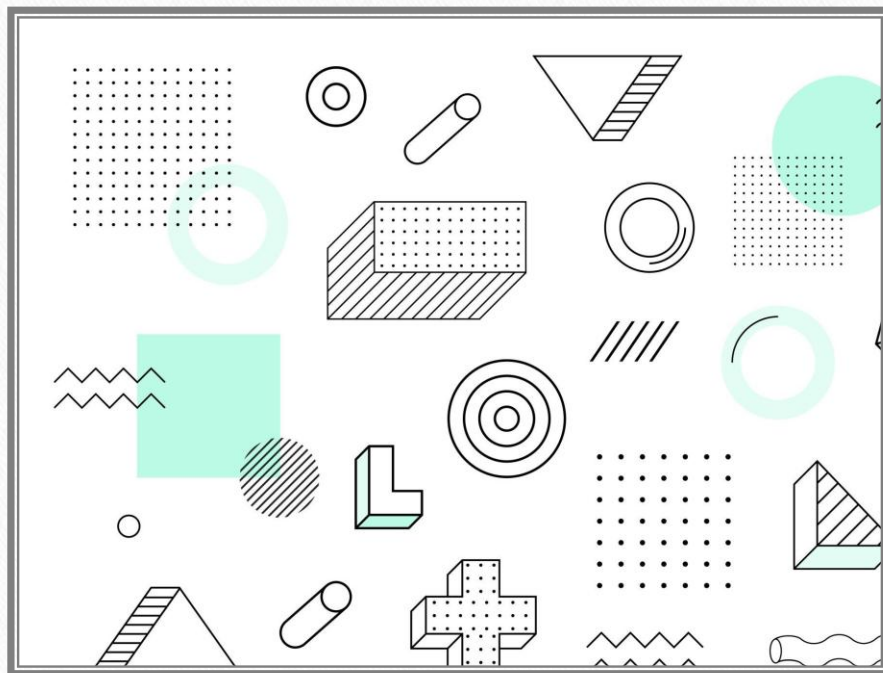


BC Graduation Program and Post-Secondary Guide

*For New Grade 10-12 Students
& Families*

October 2025





LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wə́yəm (Musqueam), S_kwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).



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(Musqueam)



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(Tsleil-Waututh Nation)

Administrators



Travis Bell –
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Topics



BC Graduation
Requirements



Personal Future
Choices



Post-Secondary
Admission
Requirements



BC Graduation Requirements

- Grade 10 to 12 courses only
- Courses vs. Credits 1 Course = 4 Credits
- Minimum to graduate = 80 Credits
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| 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/ Learning Strategies	Fr 9/ELC/Learning Strategies	Career Life Ed 10	Elective	Elective
AS 8	AS 9	Elective	Elective	Elective
FA 8	FA 9	Elective	Elective	Elective

Grade 10 Required Courses

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

Grade 11 & 12 Required Courses

An English Language Arts 11	4 credits
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A Social Studies 11 or 12	4 credits
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A Math 11 or 12	4 credits
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A Science 11 or 12	4 credits
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An English Language Arts 12	4 credits
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An Applied Skills or Fine Arts (10-12)	4 credits
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Career Life Connections & Capstone	4 credits
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Total Required Credits: 52 (grade 10-12)	
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An Indigenous Focus Course (10-12) Required for Graduation	
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Elective Courses include

○ Applied Skills

- Business Education
- Home Economics
- Technology Education

○ Fine Arts

- Visual Arts
- Drama
- Music

○ Academics (beyond graduation requirements)

Graduation Requirements

3 Provincial Assessments

1

Grade 10
Numeracy Assessment

2

Grade 10 Literacy
Assessment

3

***Grade 12 Literacy
Assessment***

Second Language



****An additional language is not required for high school graduation.****

US universities/colleges
(may wish to see at least 2-3 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)

Language Challenge Exams

Students who are fluent in an additional language may write a Language Challenge Exam (**please see counsellor about this**)

Please note some universities do not accept language challenge marks as part of admissions (ie: UBC, etc.)

Languages not offered at Uhill could be completed online (ie: VLN)

For students in **grade 10** and up

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



- 1. ELL English, ELL Social Studies, ELL Communications, ELL Science (Classes combine beginner/intermediate)
- 2. 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 Courses

- Teachers (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 school 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 (space dependent).
- Further testing was done in **September 2025** to ensure accuracy of course placements/course adjustments

AP
(Advanced
Placement
Program) -
for senior
students
(grade 11
& 12 only)

Passion/interest

Challenge and rigour

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

AP is recommended for US and UK
applicants

**AP courses taken at school considered over self-
study/online (Post-Secondary Preference)**

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

Course booklet (pages **5-10**)



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)
- Canadian citizen/permanent resident status
- <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/career-programs>

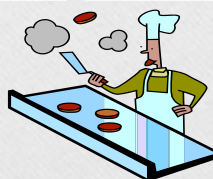
**GRADE 10 Assembly – Tuesday, Oct. 21st at FIT time
(Grade 11s are welcome to attend)**



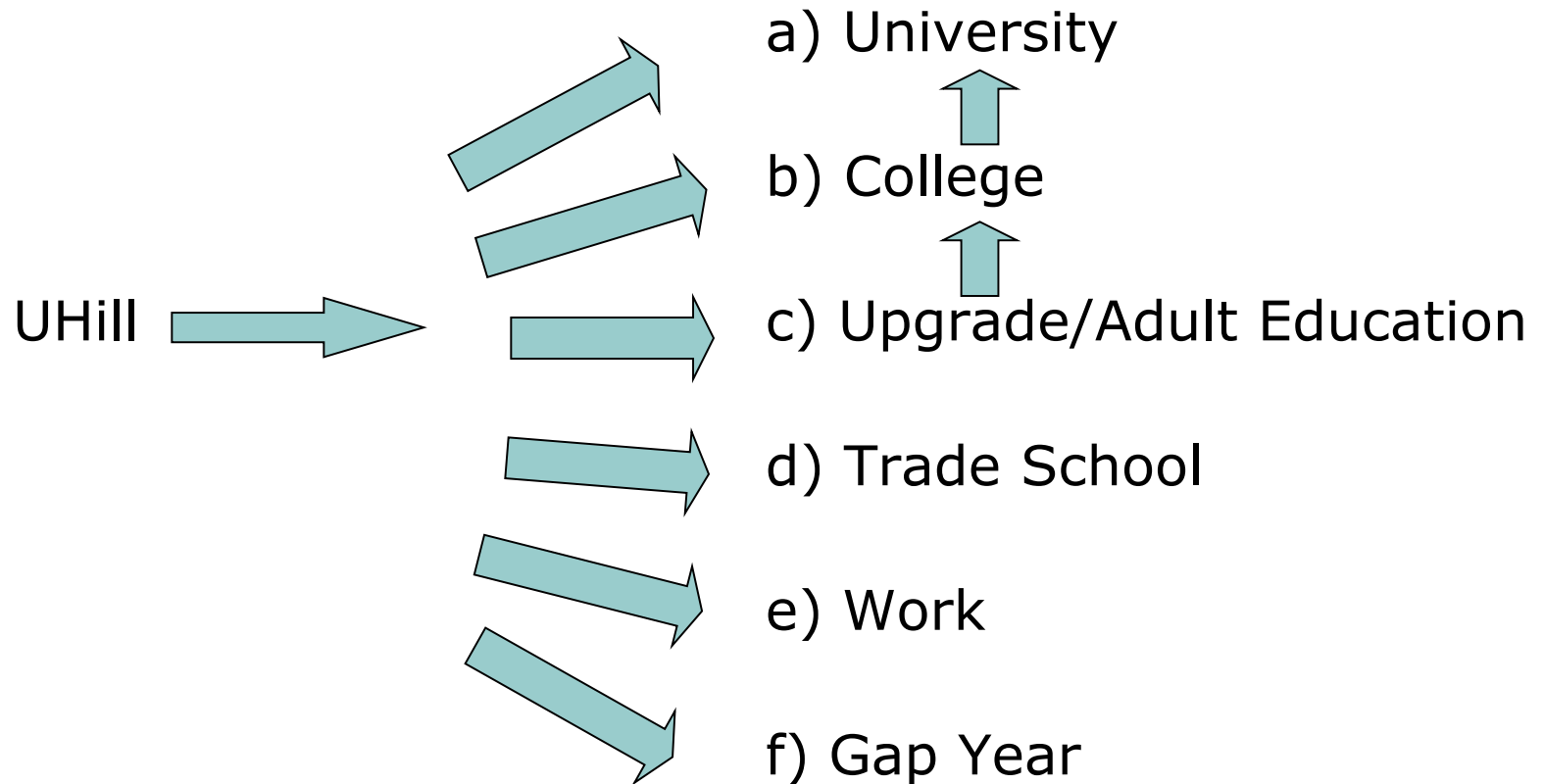
CAREER PROGRAMS



Aircraft Maintenance Engineer	Architectural CADD & Graphics Technician	Automotive Collision & Refinishing	Auto Service Technician	Baking & Pastry Arts
Bricklayer	Carpentry	CISCO & IT Networking	Early Childhood Educator	Electrical
Emergency Medical Responder	Hairstylist	Headstart-in-Art	Health Care Assistant	Heavy Mechanical Trades
Industrial Mechanic (Millwright)	Medical Laboratory Assistant	Metal Fabrication	Motorcycle Technician	Painting & Decorating
Pharmacy Technician	Plumbing	Professional Cook 1	Youth Explore Trades Sampler	



Post UHill Options...



Post-Secondary Planning

- Students often receive good quality information in school, but:
 - This info may not get to parents
 - Some info gets "lost in translation"
 - Parents may turn to other sources

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

3 Kinds of Public Institutions in BC

- Universities
- Colleges
- Institutes



Universities

- **Traditional ("Research Intensive")**
 - **Credentials:** Professional programs, undergraduate and graduate degrees
 - **Examples:** UBC, SFU, University of Victoria
- **Comprehensive ("Teaching Intensive")**
 - **Credentials:** Trades & Upgrading; Certificates & Diplomas; Undergraduate & Graduate Degrees
 - **Examples:** Capilano University, Kwantlen University
- **Specialty ("Special Purpose")**
 - **Credentials:** Bachelor's and Master's Degrees
 - **Examples:** Emily Carr University of Art & Design

Colleges

- Same: Courses, credits & credentials
- Different: Class size, cost, admissions
- Credentials: Bachelor's degrees; certificates & diplomas; trades & upgrading
- Examples: Douglas College, Langara College, Vancouver Community College

Institutes

- Focus: Technical & Trades Programs
- Credentials: Bachelor's & Master's Degrees; Certificates & Diplomas
- Examples: BCIT, Justice Institute of BC

University Transfer

- Moving from one institution to another to complete a credential
- **Most Common "UT" Pathway:**
 - 2 Years at Institution A (ie: Langara College, Corpus Christi)
 - +2 Years at Institution B (ie: UBC)
 - = **Bachelor's Degree** (from Institution B) (ie: UBC)

University Transfer



Advantages:

- Access, choice and flexibility
- Lower total cost for program
- Smaller class size
- Strong academic outcomes



Challenge:

- Requires more planning

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

Modern Academic Pathways

- Earning multiple credentials is becoming more common:
- Examples:
 - Diploma + Degree
 - Degree + Graduate Degree
 - Trade + Diploma/Degree

Post-Secondary Planning – Finding the Best fit

The decision making process ...

1. **Faculty / Program**
2. School / Location
3. Activities / Sports / Lifestyle
4. Financial Planning

How to find a program?

Consider interests, strengths, passion

Post-secondary programs

- Counselling website (post-secondary search)

University Representatives/Post-secondary events

Post-secondary websites

Information interviews

Your school counsellor

- Consider other factors:
- Co-op/Internship opportunities
- Exchange Opportunities
- Research Opportunities

ASK – Do I have the admission requirements?

Choosing a Faculty



Faculty of Arts –
(Social
Sciences/Humanities)



Faculty of Science



Faculty of Applied
Science (Engineering,
Computer Science)



Faculty of Business –
(Commerce)



Faculty of Fine Arts



Faculty of Education



Faculty of Nursing



Faculty of Agriculture
(Forestry)

General Admissions Requirements



Canadian universities typically look at 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)
- 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

Questions?

Thank You!

