



COURSE PLANNING 2026-2027

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ADMINISTRATORS

- **Travis Bell– Principal**
(Grades 11 & 12 + Whitecaps Academy)
- **David Bach – Vice Principal**
(Grades 8 – 10)



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

COUNSELLORS 2025-2026

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HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- **Make sure you can get into your MyEd account!**

Instructions for resetting passwords and enabling disabled accounts can be found under “Families” on the UHill website.

- **Watch for information in the grade TEAMS**

- **Research sites:**

- MyBlueprint
- Educationplannerbc <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>



STUDENT PROCESS

- 1. Student assemblies and parent presentation through MS Teams
- 2. Students should bring home planning form to research and discuss with family
- 3. Students will enter course choices into MyEd for next year between **February 6th** and **February 20th**
- 4. Hand in **Course Selection forms** to the LLC by **February 20th**
 - **AP applications are due February 12th**

CHOOSE CAREFULLY

- Your choices determine what courses are offered next year.
- We will make every effort to get you the classes you choose now.
- **It is difficult to make changes later** because often classes are full and we can't get you in.

COURSE CHANGE POLICIES

- Course change requests will be accepted from **Sept 9th to Sept 18th 2025**
- Students will be able to submit one paper request form, no emails next year.
- **Please note course changes are not guaranteed due to class conflicts, full classes, etc.**
- After September 18th 2025 – a letter from a parent and administrator approval **will be required**
- Permission to change a course after the deadline will only be considered in exceptional cases (i.e. medical). A letter from parents will be required.
- Course changes after the deadline may receive a “W” on report card



KEY POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Current Graduation Requirements
- Personal Future Choices
- Post-Secondary Admission Requirements

UHILL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Grade 8 8 courses at UHill
- Grade 9 8 courses at UHill
- Grade 10 8 courses at UHill
- Grade 11 8 courses at UHill
- Grade 12 7 or 8 courses at UHill

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

(INCLUDE GRADE 10-12 COURSES)

Courses vs. Credits 1 Course = 4 Credits

Required credits	48	Credits
CLC + Capstone	4	Credits
Elective credits	<u>28</u>	Credits
Minimum to graduate =	80	Credits

Must include:

- minimum 4 Grade 12 level courses (including EN 12)
- minimum 4 credits of an Indigenous Focus course (Grade 10, 11 or 12)
- Assessments: Literacy 10, Numeracy 10, and Literacy 12

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>

GRADUATION ASSESSMENTS

- Numeracy Assessment (Grade 10)
- Literacy Assessment (Grade 10)
- Literacy Assessment (Grade 12)
(UBC is requiring a 3 or 4 on the Lit 12 assessment for admission)

These must all be completed in order to graduate (and you must graduate in order to go to University).

CORE GRADE 10 COURSES

- English 10 4 credits
 - English First Peoples Literature & Writing 10
 - Creative Writing & New Media 10
- Social Studies 10 4 credits
- Math 10 4 credits
 - Foundations and Precalculus 10 (University req)
 - Workplace Math 10 (graduation, college)
- Science 10 4 credits
- PHED 10 4 credits
- Career Life Education 10 4 credits
- Elective FA/AS (10-12) 4 credits
- **Second Language** 4 credits

*Not required for high school graduation or most Universities

CORE GRADE 11 COURSES

- English 11 4 credits
 - Focused Literary Studies 11
 - Creative Writing 11
- Social Studies 11 or 12 4 credits
- A Math 11 4 credits
 - Pre-calculus 11 (University Arts and Fine Arts)
 - Pre-calculus 11 & 12 (University Engineering, Science, Business)
 - *Foundations 11 & 12 (University Arts, Fine Arts) – **online only***
 - Apprenticeship & Workplace Math 11 (Some University Arts, Fine Arts, graduation, Apprenticeship programs)
- A Science 11 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) 4 credits
Chemistry & Physics 11 required for Engineering and most science programs
- Language 11* 4 credits
- 3 additional electives 12 credits

* Not required for high school graduation

CORE GRADE 12 COURSES

- English 12 4 credits
- 3 additional Grade 12 courses 12 credits
- Career Life Connections + Capstone 4 credits

Total Required Credits:	48
Plus Elective Credits:	28
CLC + Capstone:	<u>4</u>
Minimum credits	80

CAREER LIFE CONNECTIONS & CAPSTONE

CLC is a continuation of CLE 10 and looks at planning for life after high school. It is done through remote assignments on MS Teams with a teacher available to support the students in grade 12.

The Capstone project is a passion project guided by a teacher and presented in the spring of Grade 12.

5 YEAR COURSE SELECTION AT A GLANCE

Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
EN 8	EN 9	EN10 choice	EN 11	EN 12
SS 8	SS 9	SS 10	SS 11 or 12	Gr 12 elective
MA 8	MA 9	MA 10	MA 11	Gr 12 elective
SC 8	SC 9	SC 10	SC 11 choice	Gr 12 elective
PHE 8	PHE 9	PHE 10	Elective	Elective
FR 8 (or ELC or Skills)	FR 9 (or ELC or Skills)	CLE 10	Elective	Elective
AS 8	AS 9 elective	Elective (Second Language)	Elective	Elective
FA 8	FA 9 elective	Elective	Elective	Elective
		Lit assessment 10 Num assessment 10		Lit assessment 12 CLC/Capstone

EXTERNAL CREDITS

- **Approved credits authorized by Ministry of Education (Ministry Approved Organizations)**
- Some examples include:
 - Languages (Grade 7+ in another country)
 - Music (RCM Grade 6 and above)
 - Dance exams
 - Speech & Drama exams
 - Sports: Athletics – Provincial Level Athletes
 - Youth Development: (Scouts, Guides)
 - Industrial Development: (Driver's Ed., Industrial First-aid)

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



ELECTIVE COURSES INCLUDE

- Applied Skills
 - Business Education
 - Home Economics
 - Technology Education
- Fine Arts
 - Visual Arts
 - Drama
 - Music
- Academics (beyond requirements)



ELL PROGRAM

- **ELL 1** **reception/beginner**
 - ELL English, Socials, Communication & Science

- **ELL 2** **intermediate**
 - ELL English, Socials, Communication & Science

- **Transitional**
 - Transitional English 10 & Socials 10 (regular credits)
 - English Learning Center (4 credits)



SEMESTERS

- Semesters **CANNOT** be used to accelerate
- Semesters **CAN** be used to catch up

AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM)

- Passion/interest
- Challenge and rigour
- AP exams may provide 1st year university credits
- Policies differ at some universities
- AP is recommended for US and UK applicants
- AP may enhance supplementary and scholarship opportunities

AP MYTHS AND TRUTHS

- Myth
 - You need to complete AP's in Grade 11.
- Truth
 - You do not need to finish AP's in Grade 11 if you are taking the course in school. The course mark will show on your school transcript.
- Myth
 - AP courses are needed to get into Canadian Universities.
- Truth
 - Most Canadian Universities treat AP courses the same as Grade 12 courses so a lower mark in an AP course will not be helpful.
 - Students can request University credits for AP courses at some Universities if they get a good score on the exam.
 - AP courses can help get into US and UK Universities.

AP COURSES FOR 2026/2027

- **AP Biology 12**
 - Pre-Requisite: Biology 11 Pre AP
- **AP Calculus AB 12**
 - Pre-Requisite or co-requisite: Pre-Calculus 12
- **AP Chemistry 12**
 - Pre-Requisite: Chemistry 11 Pre AP
- **AP Economics-Microeconomics 12**
 - Pre-Requisite: none, open to all in Gr 11 &12
- **AP European History**
 - Pre-requisite: Socials 11 or 12
- **AP English Literature and Composition 12**
 - Pre-requisite: English 11 taken at UHill
- **AP Physics 1**
 - Pre-Requisite Course Required: Pre-Calculus 11 (or to be taken concurrently)
- **AP Physics 2**
 - Pre-Requisite Course Required: AP Physics 1
- **AP Statistics 12**
 - Pre-requisite: Pre-calculus 11 and cannot be taken concurrently with AP Calculus

AP GUIDELINES

- Students may take up to a **maximum of 4 AP courses** at UHill per year
- **Students taking AP courses are expected to carry a full course load at UHill as it is an enrichment program for students looking for additional academic challenge.**
- Students are automatically registered for the AP exam in September and are expected to pay for it even if you might not write it in the spring.
- There is no reason not to write the exam. The exam scores are not part of your course mark and are not reported on your BC transcript. Universities only see the exam score if you ask college board to send the score to them.

Selection Criteria For AP

Students must complete an application with an AP letter of intent for any AP course they are hoping to take.

Due by February 12th Students **MUST** have completed the necessary pre-requisite courses as indicated in the AP course description(s) in the course planning guide and must have these pre-requisites approved by the AP selection committee.

Students will be ranked and priority will be given to students who have achieved a minimum of 86% in the pre-requisite course(s) with no course mark below 60% and a minimum average of 86% in the best 6 of 7 **courses at U Hill**.

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See Course Planning Guide



AP Applications can be picked up from and returned to the following teachers:

All Math and Science courses Mr. Wilke or Mr. Low

Micro-economics Ms. Sodhi

English Literature Mr. Cutting

European History Mr. Alves

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 & post-secondary)
- [Career Programs \(vsb.bc.ca\)](http://vsb.bc.ca)

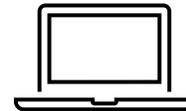
CAREER PROGRAMS

- Some of the career programs available through vsb are:

Aircraft maintenance
Auto collision refinishing
Auto service technician
Baking and pastry art
Carpentry
Cook
Electrical trades
Hairdressing
Heavy duty mechanic
Plumbing
Painting



Healthcare assistant
Youth WORK in trades
IT and CISCO Networking
Enhanced Trades (Killarney)





GRADE 11 POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

- **For direct entry to Sciences and Engineering**
- Precalc 11
- Physics 11
- Chemistry 11

POST SECONDARY

FINDING THE BEST FIT

- 1. What subjects are you best at?
- 2. What subjects and activities do you enjoy?
- 3. Do you want to be part of a large university with lots of research and professional programs or would you like to be part of a small community focused on students and learning?
- 4. Do you want or need to stay at home (half the cost of going away) or do you want to go away?
- 5. Do you want to live in a big city or perhaps be in a smaller town that focuses on the university?

UNIVERSITY PROGRAM RESEARCH

- 1. Consider your interests, strengths and passions
- 2. Research programs
 - MyBlueprint
 - Educationplannerbc
 - Post-secondary websites
 - School counsellor
 - **University recruiter visits (dates on grade teams & student bulletin)**
 - UHill counselling website for virtual information sessions
<https://uhillcounselling.weebly.com/>
- **ASK – do I have the admission requirements?**

BEST INFORMATION ABOUT UNIVERSITIES

- **University presentations**
- Ms. Chen will organize a wide selection of University information sessions throughout the fall during FIT and lunchtimes.
- Watch your grade Team, check the bulletin!
- Come and listen to and ask questions from many of the top Universities directly.

RECOMMENDED COURSES FOR ADMISSIONS TO CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES

Based on Current Available Information – January 2026

General requirements for competitive Canadian universities:

- Graduation from high school
- Minimum of 70% in English 11 or 12
- 5 or 6 academic Grade 12 courses

English Language Admission Standard (ELAS)

- Four consecutive years of study at an English speaking school in an English speaking country
- Achieve competence standard on one of the approved tests of English Proficiency



<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/canadian-high-schools#british-columbia>

<https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/requirements/canadian-high-school-canadian-university-and-college/>

<https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/canadian-highschool/bc-yukon.html>

<https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/admission-requirements>

Vancouver

Okanagan

Vancouver campus

Your location:

British Columbia

British Columbia



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English language requirement

English is the language of instruction at UBC. All prospective students must demonstrate English-language competency prior to admission. There are nine different ways to meet the [English Language Admission Standard](#).

General admission requirements

- Graduation from high school
- Minimum of 70% in Grade 11 or Grade 12 English (or their equivalents)
- At least six academic/non-academic Grade 12 courses (recommended, but not required)

LANGUAGE CHALLENGE

- Available for: Mandarin 11/12, Korean 11/12, Japanese 11/12, French 11/12, Spanish 11/12, Farsi 11/12 and Punjabi 11/12
- If you are fluent in another language and do not have credit for the courses, you can write a challenge exam for each level, 11 and 12, you will get 4 credits for each exam passed and the mark will go on your transcript
- The exams are offered once a year in January or February (in Delta)
- Registration is in **October**.
- **Students must meet with their counsellor to determine eligibility**
- (Many Universities **will not** use language challenge 12 marks for admission calculations)

GRADE 12 ACADEMIC COURSES OFFERED AT UHILL

English 12 (required)
AP Literature and Composition 12
Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
20th Century History 12
AP European History
AP Human Geography
Physical Geography 12
Law Studies 12

Economics 12
MicroEconomics 12/AP

ICT:Computer Programming 12

French 12
Spanish 12

Anatomy & Physiology 12/Biology AP
Chemistry 12/AP
Physics 12/AP

Pre-calculus 12
Calculus 12/AP
AP Statistics 12

COURSE OPTIONS

English

English 11

- Creative Writing 11 (enriched course)
- Focused Literary Studies 11

Math

Pre-calculus 11

Workplace Math 11 (for grad and college)

Pre-calculus 12 (Prec11 prerequisite)

Calculus 12 (Prec12 pre-requisite or co-requisite)

AP Calculus AB (see course book, application required)

AP Statistics 12 (see course book, application required)

Science

Life Sciences 11/pre AP

Anatomy and Physiology 12

AP Biology 12 (see course book, application required)

Chemistry 11/pre-AP

Chemistry 12

AP Chemistry 12 (see course book, application required)

Physics 11

Physics 12

AP Physics 1 (see course book, application required)

AP Physics 2 (see course book, application required)

COURSE OPTIONS

Social Studies

Explorations in Social Studies 11
Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
20th Century World History 12
Law Studies 12
Physical Geography 12
AP European History 12 (pre-req and appl'n)
AP Human Geography 12 (pre-req & appl'n)

Other

Psychology 11

Modern Languages

French 11/12 (pre-requisite)
Spanish 11/12 (pre-requisite)

Fine Arts

Visual Arts

Drawing & Painting 11/12
Ceramics & Sculpture 11/12
Photography 11/12
Annual Design 11/12

Drama

Acting 11/12
Theatre Company 11/12
Film & Television 11/12
Stagecraft 11/12

COURSE OPTIONS

Fine Arts

Music

Choir 11/12

Chamber Choir 11/12 (audition required)

Senior Orchestra 11/12 (audition required)

Junior Concert Band 11/12

Senior Concert Band 11/12 (audition required)

Applied Skills

Business

Accounting 11

Accounting 12

Entrepreneurship 12

Economics 12

AP Microeconomics 12 (see course book, application required)

Information Technology

Computer Information Systems 11

Computer Information Systems 12

Computer Programming 12

Home Economics

Food Studies 11/12

Technical Studies

Drafting 11/12

Engineering 11/12

COURSE OPTIONS

Physical Education

Active Living 11/12

Warrior Fitness & Conditioning 11/12

Yoga for Life 12

PE Leadership 10/11/12

Other offerings

Community Service 11

Library Services 11

Peer Tutoring 12

Leadership 10/11/12 School Spirit

District offerings

History of African Descent in BC 12

Queer and Trans History of BC

Final notes

Most Science programs and all Engineering programs require Chemistry and Physics 11 plus two Grade 12 sciences.

Sciences, Engineering, and Business programs all require Precalculus 11 and 12. Ontario Universities require Calculus 12 for these programs as well.

Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences and Fine Arts only require Precalculus 11 and one Science 11 course.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATIONS & PERSONAL PROFILES

- **Be aware that Supplemental Applications and Personal Profiles may be required**
 - They are looking for 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 profile/video interview)
 - Fine Arts (Portfolio, Audition)

BC COLLEGES AND SMALL UNIVERSITIES

- Academic & Career Programs
 - Arts Degree versus IT Technician
- Flexible entrance criteria
 - Lower GPA, rolling admissions, language exemptions, etc.
- Upgrading courses
- Smaller classes
- Focus on instruction
- Lower cost/tuition
- Ladder programs – Certificate>Diploma>Associate Degree>Degree
 - Langara – Certificate/Diploma>Business Degree
- **University Transfer Options**
 - BC Universities expect a certain percentage of students to start at college and transfer to university after one or two years.
 - Langara/Capilano – 1 or 2 year transfer, enter into second or third year at a large University

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- **Langara college** - Apply October 1st !

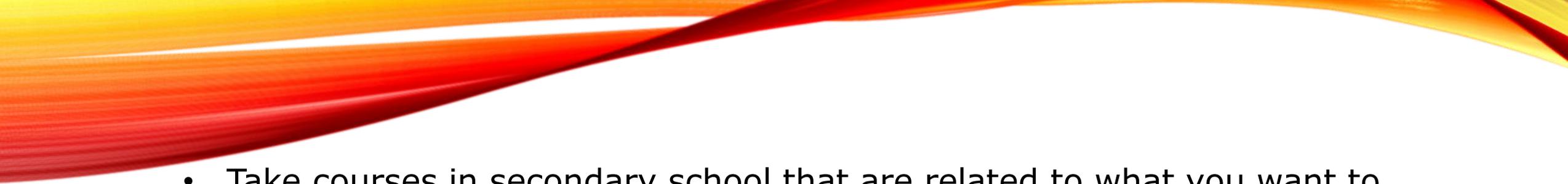
This is a great back up for all

- **Corpus Christi college**

- This college is on the UBC campus and students have access to the UBC facilities like the sports facilities and the libraries

UBC ADMISSIONS

- **Overall average** – grade 11 and 12 academic marks with the exception of the lowest grade (marks in applied design, skills and technology, PE, and career and personal planning will be excluded)
- **Core average** – set of courses that are relevant to the program you are applying to
- Submit a minimum of six grade 12 marks for the overall average and four grade 12 marks for the core average
- **Personal Profile** – short answer questions about a student, extra curricular involvement,

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- Take courses in secondary school that are related to what you want to study at UBC.
 - UBC will look at your grades in nearly ALL your academic grade 11 and 12 courses.
 - When they look at your overall grades, they will **drop your lowest** grade 11 or 12 course; so it is safe to experiment.
 - They will pay particular attention to courses related to what you want to study at UBC. If you have the course at both the grade 11 and 12 level, more emphasis will be placed on the grade 12 grade.
 - Challenging yourself by taking more courses or more rigorous courses can also be beneficial.

US ADMISSIONS

- Overall average – grade 9 to 12
- SAT / ACT scores (Many US schools requiring this again)
- Essays
- Letters of Recommendation*
- Extra Curricular Involvement
- Common Application

- **Start EARLY** (now if you are in Grade 11!)
 - Be aware of deadlines
 - Give referees at least **three weeks** to write letters of recommendation

AWARDS AND REFERENCE LETTERS EXPECTATIONS – GRADE 12

- **7 classes in the building plus CLC-Capstone**
- **English 12 in the building**
- Students who do not meet these expectations will not be considered for academic school awards at graduation.
- One of the major grad awards goes to a student who continues studying a second language through Grade 12 (French or Spanish)

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- **Grade 11 expectations include 8 courses in the building and core courses taken in the building.**
 - Students who do not meet these expectations in grades 11 & 12 may not be suitable for reference letters (Common App, scholarships etc.)
 - US Universities ask us about how rigorous your school course load is. If you are taking academic courses online or at small private schools who give high marks, we will not be able to say you are taking a rigorous course load.
 - References focus on character, perseverance and resilience, your marks are on your transcript.

SUMMER SCHOOL NOTES

- It can be a good way to repeat a failed course or to bring up a mark.
- It **does not** give a good foundation for the next level course when trying to accelerate (it is too fast).
- **Tell your counsellor what your plans are and update us if your plans change!!!**
- We want to make sure we have room for you in the right course next year!

COURSE PLANNING BOOKLET 2026-2027

- Course Booklet & Course Planning Presentation can be downloaded at:
 - <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/university-hill/page/4557/course-planning>
- Please refer to Course Booklet to choose courses
- Counsellor contacts
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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Feb 12th** AP applications due to AP teachers
- **Feb 6th-20th** Course choices forms due in LLC drop off box
- please include alternate choices so we don't have to choose for you!
- **Feb 6th-20th** Course entry into MyEd