

Frequently Asked Questions: Gr12 Course Selection, Summer School & Post Secondary

Am I allowed a spare in grade 12?

Yes, provided you have enough credits to graduate, you will be allowed to take one spare each semester. Speak with your Guidance Counsellor to determine whether you have enough credits to qualify for a spare next year.

Do Colleges/Universities accept Summer School credits?

Generally speaking, every single University and College will view summer school credits the same as day school credits. However, there are a few University programs that would like to see you take the required courses during day school. But there are very few programs like that, so speak to your guidance counsellor when considering doing a required course at summer school.

Do Colleges/Universities look at my grade 11 marks?

Universities do look at grade 11 marks, and they use these marks to determine early acceptance in grade 12. However, it is important to keep in mind that while universities do make early considerations based off of grade 11 marks, any offer they make is conditional on completion of grade 12 with the same average.

Colleges will look to grade 11 marks if the course that they require for your program requires a grade 11 course. For example, Practical Nursing requires you to have SBI3C1 (gr11 College Biology), therefore they will look at the average for this course when determining acceptance for that program. Therefore, whether you are planning on going to University or College, please be aware that your gr11 marks matter.

How many Mixed and University Courses should I take in grade 12?

If you are planning on applying to University, you must take a minimum of six grade 12 University/Mixed courses, including pre-requisite courses. If you do not take this minimum amount, you will not be eligible to apply to University. We recommend taking one additional University/Mixed level course in case you need to drop a course in grade 12, or in case you do not do well in one of your six. If you are applying to College, there is no minimum amount of Mixed/University courses you have to take; however, you should do your research because requirements for College are very program specific, so some programs might require specific courses be taken.

Can I go to University without University level Math?

Yes, you can—provided that you do not want to go to university for a program that requires Math. That is why it is important to do a bit of research now to determine if any of the future programs you are considering require math. But generally speaking, if you want to go to university for a program that does not require Math, you do not need to choose Math at the university level.

How do I apply to College and University?

In October 2021, Guidance will have assemblies about how to apply to College and University. For now, please ensure that you have included in your course selection for next year the courses you will need for the program you are considering for post secondary. To research programs and their requirements, please visit: ontariocolleges.ca and ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

What do I need to Graduate?

30 Credits—18 compulsory; 12 elective

Successful completion of OSSLT

40 Community Service hours

*Please discuss any questions or concerns you have around graduation requirements with your Guidance Counsellor