

## COURSES IN GRADES 11 AND 12

Courses in Grades 11 and 12 are intended to allow students to focus on their individual interests and to equip them with the knowledge and skills they will need to meet their initial post-secondary goals, including the independent research and learning skills.

Each type of course:

- prepares students for further studies or the workplace;
- is based on rigorous provincial curriculum expectations; and
- was developed in collaboration with community partners (college, trade association, university, and workplace representatives) to ensure that they are relevant and that they adequately prepare students for their first post-secondary destination.

In Grades 11 and 12, courses are organized by “destination”. In alphabetical order, they are:

COURSE TYPE	DESCRIPTION
<b>College-Preparation Courses “C”</b>	<p><i>College preparation courses</i> equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for most college programs and for admission to many apprenticeship and other training programs. They provide teaching and learning experiences that emphasize concrete applications of the theoretical material covered in the course, and also emphasize the development of critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.</p> <p>These courses are coded with a “C” in the fifth character (for example, English, Grade 11, College Preparation is coded ENG3C).</p>
<b>University-Preparation Courses “U”</b>	<p><i>University preparation courses</i> equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for university programs and prepare for related careers. They provide teaching and learning experiences that emphasize theoretical aspects of the course content, but also include some concrete applications.</p> <p>These courses are coded with a “U” in the fifth character (for example, Canada: History, Identity, and Culture, Grade 12, University Preparation is coded CHI4U).</p>
<b>University/College Preparation Courses “M”</b>	<p><i>University/college preparation courses</i> include content that is relevant for both university and college programs. These courses equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for specific university and college programs and prepare for related careers. They provide teaching and learning experiences that emphasize both theoretical aspects and related concrete applications of the course content.</p> <p>These courses are coded with an “M” in the fifth character (for example, Functions, Grade 11, University/College Preparation is coded MCF3M).</p>
<b>Workplace-Preparation Courses “E”</b>	<p><i>Workplace preparation courses</i> equip students with the knowledge and skills they need for direct entry into the workplace and for admission to many apprenticeship and other training programs. They provide teaching and learning experiences that emphasize workplace applications of the</p>

	<p>course content and explore the theoretical material that underlies these practical applications.</p> <p>These courses are coded with an “E” in the fifth character (for example, Transportation Technology, Grade 12, Workplace Preparation is coded TTJ4E).</p>
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The program in Grades 11 and 12 also offers “Open Courses”,

<p><b>Open Courses “O”</b></p>	<p><i>Open courses</i> in the senior grades give students the opportunity to broaden their knowledge and skills in a particular subject that may or may not be directly related to their post-secondary goals. <i>These courses are appropriate for all students regardless of post-secondary destination.</i> They provide students with a broad educational base in order to prepare them for further study, and to equip them for active participation in society.</p> <p>These courses are coded with an “O” in the fifth character (for example, The Enterprising Person, Grade 11, Open is coded BDP3O).</p>
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## PRE-REQUISITES FOR COURSES IN GRADES 11 AND 12

Many courses in Grades 11 and 12 have “pre-requisites”. A prerequisite is a course considered essential for the successful understanding and completion of a subsequent course. Some Grade 11 courses (e.g., those in business studies, health and physical education, social sciences and humanities, and broad-based technological education) do not have prerequisites, while others do (e.g., those in arts, Canadian and world studies, guidance and career education, mathematics, Native studies, science, and all but one course in English). The vast majority of Grade 12 courses have prerequisites.

See *The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 9 to 12: Course Descriptions and Prerequisites (2010)* for descriptions of every course and a list of applicable prerequisites. [LINK](#)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/curricul/secondary/descript/descri9e.pdf>

*For more information on Grade 9 and 10 courses, speak to a Vice Principal  
or Guidance Counsellor at Catholic high school in your community  
or visit the Ministry of Education website at*

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/curricul/secondary/oss/oss.pdf>

[Link to Ministry](#)