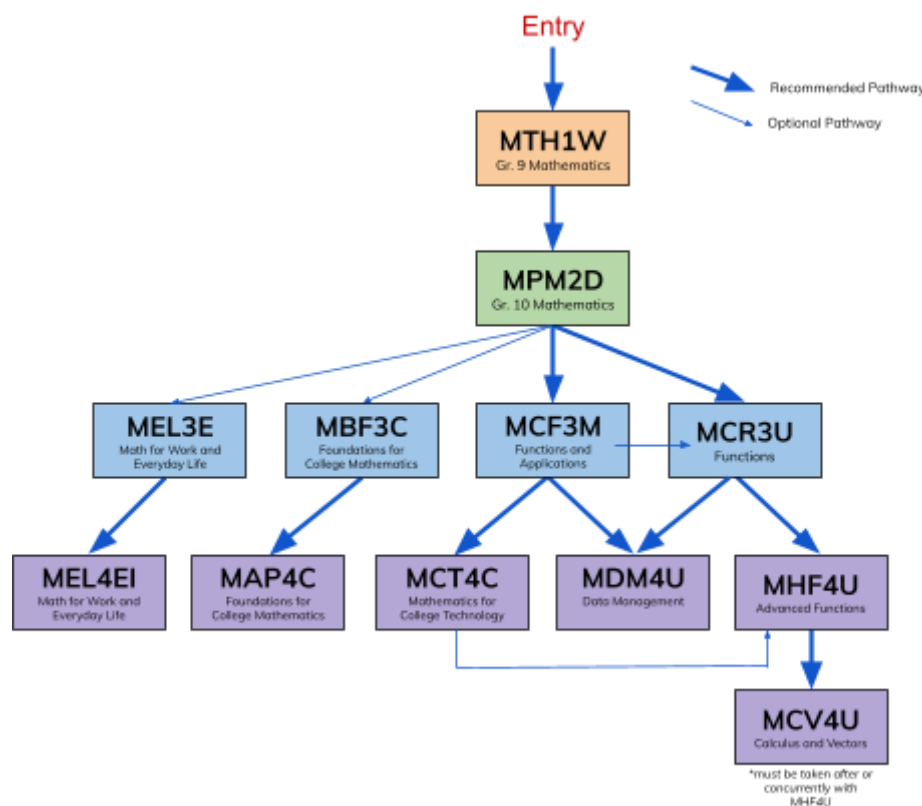


# GRADE 11 COURSE SELECTION TIPS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. Math Math Math!!! Which math is the best one to take?

- Please have a conversation with your math teacher and your parents about which course may suit you best. If you are taking math in semester 2 this year, you will still have time to change your math course selection for next year.
- Not all post-secondary programs require math as part of the admission requirements. However, when they do require math they specifically list which math they will accept.
- We suggest you determine a few programs that you may be interested in and look up requirements for all of them.



Here are the Math pathways available at PHS:

The chart below shows the Math courses available at the grade 11 level, and notes the grade 10 prerequisite for each:

Grade	Course	Type	Prerequisite	Course Details
11	MCR3UI Functions	University	MPM2DI or MPM2DW	<p>MCR3U is a prerequisite course for any of MCT4C (Mathematics for College Technology), MDM4U (Data Management), and MHF4U (Advanced Functions).</p> <p>MCR3U is a course that extends quickly from grade 10 math concepts and introduces students to a range of functions. This course is important for giving students access to STEM-related fields in post-secondary school.</p> <p>Students whose goal it is to take MCR3U but who do not yet feel that they have acquired the necessary prerequisite skills might consider taking MCF3M prior to MCR3U.</p>
11	MCR3UW	Enhanced	MPM 2DW	Same as above
11	MCF3MI Functions and Applications	University/ College	MPM2DI or MFM2PI	<p>MCF3M is a prerequisite course for MCT4C (Mathematics for College Technology) and MDM4U (Data Management).</p> <p>MCF3M is a course that revisits and builds on grade 10 math concepts and introduces the idea of a function. This course gives students access to a wide range of post-secondary school options.</p>

11	MBF3CI Foundations for College Math	College	MFM2PI or MPM2DI	MBF3C is a prerequisite for MAP4C (Foundations for College Mathematics).  MBF3C is a course that revisits grade 10 math concepts and also includes additional topics such as financial literacy and understanding data. This course limits students' access to certain post-secondary school options. Students choosing MBF3C should verify that it will meet the needs of their chosen post-secondary school pathway.
11	MEL3EI Math for Work and Everyday Life	Workplace	MTH1WI or MFM1PI or MFM2PI or MPM2DI	MEL3E is a prerequisite for MEL4E (Mathematics for Work and Everyday Life)  MEL3E offers an opportunity to focus on financial literacy and the math needed in work and everyday life. Students should carefully consider the prerequisite math courses needed for their chosen post-secondary school, apprenticeship or career pathway before selecting MEL3E.

## 2. Am I allowed to reach ahead to a Grade 12 class?

- Students can put both a Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses into their course selections, provided they have the necessary prerequisites.
- If the courses are in the same subject, the Grade 11 course will be scheduled in Semester 1 and the Grade 12 course will be scheduled in Semester 2 (SBI3UI + SBI4UI) if the timetable can accommodate this request.

## 3. I never had the chance to take \_\_\_\_\_. Am I allowed to take a Grade 10 class?

- Yes, many Grade 10, 11 and 12 classes are now mixed grades in one classroom. Grade 11 students can choose a grade 10 course code on their course selection when it is a prerequisite to a Grade 11 course.
- Look at the **prerequisite information** on [myBlueprint](#) for details

## 4. If I take the Specialist High Skills Major in Sport or Manufacturing at PHS what courses should I consider taking in Grade 11?

Recommended Courses for Grade 11 for the SPORT SHSM:

1. PLF4MI – although this is a grade 12 course, it is best to take it in grade 11 because the mandatory certifications for SHSM are done in this course.
2. Other physical education credits
3. Cooperative Education – best to do in Grade 11 when there is more flexibility in your schedule. The COOP placement would relate to a Sports field, based on your interest area.

Recommended Courses for Grade 11 for the MANUFACTURING SHSM:

1. TMJ3CI or TMJ3EI - one of these courses could be taken in Gr 11 or in Gr 12
2. Other Tech credits
3. Cooperative Education – best to do in Grade 11 when there is more flexibility in your schedule. The COOP placement would relate to a Manufacturing field, based on your interest area.

## 5. I don't know what I want to do in the future. How do I pick my courses?

- Future career plan discussions happen at all grade levels. If you come upon your interest area later in high school, a pathway plan to get to your destination is always possible!
- The best thing to do is to read the PHS [course descriptions found in myBlueprint](#) and to pick courses that interest you!
- Visit [myBlueprint.ca/wrdsb](http://myBlueprint.ca/wrdsb) and complete the *Who am I* interest surveys to help you discover your interests. Then make an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor to discuss the results.
- **All students should see their Guidance Counsellor at least once a year to talk about possible future options** (especially if you don't know what you want to do)!

## 6. Do I have to know what courses I need for grade 12 to pick my grade 11 courses?

- Yes, remember that you created a course plan in Careers class. At this time it is best to plan your courses for both grade 11 and grade 12 because some courses, particularly in the science area, have prerequisite requirements.
- If you are unsure what you will need in grade 12 talk to your Guidance Counsellor. Go to [myBlueprint](http://myBlueprint) to use the Educational Planner.

## 7. Am I eligible to take a spare?

- If you are successful in all Grade 9 and 10 credits, you are eligible for a spare. You must have earned 16 credits first.
- You would have a total of 2 spares in high school to be used to support your academic plan. Some students take one in gr 11 and one in gr 12 while others take 2 spares in grade 12. You do not have to take a spare at all.

## 8. What are Group 1, 2, and 3 courses? What do I need to know for my Grade 11 Course Selections?

- To graduate, you must plan to take 1 course within each grouping. Pay particular attention in Grade 11 to make plans for what course you will take to meet this graduation requirement.
- You can check in *myBlueprint* to see if you have already earned a group 1, 2, or 3 credit in your Grade 9 or 10 year.
- Refer to the [PHS Course Selection Worksheet](#) which lists courses that qualify in each grouping.

## 9. I want to go to Summer School. How do I sign up?

- Summer School registration happens in April. Listen to morning announcements and watch your grade google classroom.
- As part of your course selections in myBlueprint, select the course code for **Summer School** "SUMSCH" (found under *Unlisted Courses*) and add it as an alternate course. This will tell your Guidance Counsellor that you are planning to take a course in summer school.

## 10. If I am going to Summer School, what do I put in for my course selections on myBlueprint?

- For your course selection requests, assume that you are going to Summer School and that you are going to pass the course you take there. For next year's courses, choose the next course to take.
  - ie. If you take SBI3UI at Summer School, you can choose SBI4UI for next year's courses on myBlueprint. Or you could also choose to take an elective course or a spare in your next year's plan.
- As part of your course selections in myBlueprint, select the course code for **Summer School** (found under *Unlisted Courses*) and add it as an alternate course. This will tell your Guidance Counsellor that you are planning to take a course in summer school.

## 11. What are the admission requirements for a college program?

- **COLLEGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
  - ☐ OSSD (ENG 4CI + any additional prerequisites)
  - ☐ many programs have specific prerequisites
  - ☐ additional requirements for admission to some programs (i.e. portfolio, audition)

Go to <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en> click on Find a Program. Type a keyword to search or explore by category. Click on the "website" button to look for Admission Requirements for a specific program.

## 12. What are the admission requirements for a university program?

- **UNIVERSITY ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
  - ☐ six 4U/M courses (minimum admission requirements) (ENG4UI will be required)
  - ☐ many programs have specific prerequisites which are included in admission average
  - ☐ additional requirements for admission to some programs (i.e. portfolio)

Go to <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/> and click on *Find a Program*. Type a keyword to search. Click on the title of a program to find out the admission requirements (The grade 12 courses you need to get into that program). You will also find the minimum average that a student needs to get into that university program. You can also type "video" into the search bar to find a "How to use OUIInfo" tutorial (7 minutes long).

## 13. If I am in university courses at PHS, can I apply to college?

- Yes you can. If you are looking for a degree at college go to [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) and type "degree" into the keyword search to find out what Bachelor Degrees are offered by Ontario colleges.

#### **14. I am in college courses at PHS, can I still go to university?**

- Applying to University requires certain prerequisite courses that are different than College stream courses. You will need to see your Guidance Counsellor to plan and make changes. Please note that some course pathways are more difficult to change than others.
- You are also able to begin a 2-3 year college program and then transfer into a university program at various stages. There are many articulation agreements between colleges and universities. Check [www.ONTransfer.ca](http://www.ONTransfer.ca)

#### **15. If I take a Grade 12 4C/4U/4M course during my Grade 11 year, will the mark go to the college or university I apply to?**

- Yes, all Grade 12 course codes will show on your transcript, no matter when you took the course.

#### **16. Are there other things I can do to prepare for college or university while I am in Grade 11?**

- **Yes!**
  - a. Research schools on either <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/> or <https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en>
  - b. Book a Campus Tour! Once you find some schools that interest you, book a tour of the campus. Contact the specific institution to book a campus tour virtually or in person. This information can be found on the websites listed above.

#### **17. VOLUNTEER HOURS - you need them to graduate!**

- We recommend that PHS students complete all 40 hours by the end of Grade 10
- Please go to the PHS homepage and click on the Submit Volunteer Hours here or click on [this link](#) to complete the form. This will ensure your hours are entered correctly
- We recommend you get a signature on the tracking form and keep it for use on your resume, listing dates and activities done
- Volunteer hours will show as “Completed” on [myBlueprint](#) when the information gets uploaded. Your hours will not be visible immediately on [myBlueprint](#).

#### **18. I want to be on the Student Activities Council (SAC), is it a requirement to take the Leadership Course, IDC3OX?**

- It is a **required course** for students who have earned a position on PHS SAC. Listen for announcements to know when applications are due.
- All PHS students can take the IDC3OX leadership course if you want to learn about leadership and be involved in your school community.
- The prerequisite course for IDC4UX is either IDC3OX or PLF4MI.

#### **19. How many E-learning credits do I need to complete?**

- You only need to complete 2 E-Learning credits
- You are allowed to opt-out of this course if you and family think this does not suit your learning style. Please fill out the green form and return it to Guidance.
- E-Learning classes are run **asynchronously**. This means that you will need to be able to complete the work on your own with minimal teacher direction. You need to reflect on your learning style to ensure this is the right choice for you. Students doing an E-learning course will have a blank in their timetable where you would be expected to be in the cafeteria or library to work on your course.