

GRADE 12 COURSE SELECTIONS **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. How many electives do I get to choose in grade 12?

- Typically in Grade 12 the only compulsory course left to take is English 4E/4C/4U. However, each student has a different high school experience. Therefore, it is your responsibility to check under the heading **High School** in [myBlueprint](#) to see **exactly what YOU need to graduate**.
- If all compulsory credits are met, count the number of electives still needed. For an OSSD you need 18 compulsory courses and 12 elective courses, which equals 30.

2. What else do I need to check to make sure I graduate?

1. Students must submit their **40 Volunteer Hours** to a link found on the PHS Homepage called [Submit Volunteer Hours Here](#) **by the end of May** in the year they are graduating. March Break will be a perfect time to complete all required hours.
2. Complete the **Ontario Literacy Test**
3. Complete the **Online opt form** or complete **two online courses**.

3. How many credits can I take in high school?

- Students are allowed to take a **maximum of 34 credits** at their day school in order to complete an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).
- This means you can take 4 more credits after graduating - but **failed credits count** as any attempts are counted, not just completed credits.
- There is an exception for students using Special Education Services. Read the FAQ here: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/students/faqs.html>

4. 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.

5. 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).

6. I am in college courses at PHS, can I still go to university?

- Applying to University requires certain prerequisite courses that are different from 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

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

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

8. 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 course codes will show on your transcript no matter when you took the course. Completed gr 12 courses taken in gr 11 will be considered for your university application.

9. 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.

10. How can I check if I am on track to graduate? (Check if I have a Group 1, Group 2 and Group 3 credit)?

- The first place to look is in [myBlueprint](#). Check the **High School** tab. It lists how many of the 18 compulsory credits and 12 elective credits you have earned. It also identifies if you Completed the Literacy Test AND it tells you how many Volunteer Hours you have recorded.
- Secondly, you may always make an appointment with your guidance counsellor to ask if you are on track to graduate.

11. I don't know what I want to do in the future, how do I pick my courses?

- At this point you will have a general understanding of whether you have any future plans to go directly into the workforce, to attend a college or a university or to start an apprenticeship. Look up programs that interest you and their admission requirements.
- Book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor to explore your interests and possible post secondary programs.
- Revisit [myBlueprint](#) to complete the '**Who Am I**' interest surveys. A list of possible career choices will be generated. Then make an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor to discuss the results.

12. I am looking for work, where can I go for help?

The youth employment centers in Cambridge are:

- **Cambridge Career Connections** 40 Ainslie St S, Cambridge, ON N1R 3K1 (519) 622-0815
- **Lutherwood Youth Employment** 35 Dickson Street Cambridge, ON NIR 7A6 (519) 623-9380

13. If I want to take a 5th year in high school, how do I pick courses?

- During Course Selection time in February, complete and submit a course selection on [myBlueprint](#). That notifies Guidance that you plan to return.

14. I took a spare in Grade 11, can I take another spare in Grade 12?

- Yes you are eligible for 2 spares in total if you were successful in all of your course attempts in gr 9 and 10. You can use both spares in gr 12 if you didn't use a spare in gr 11.

15. How do I show I want a spare on my course selections?

- Choose only 6 courses (if you are taking 2 spares in Gr. 12) or only 7 courses (if you are taking 1 spare in Gr. 12), rather than taking 8 courses. This will be interpreted by the computer system that you are requesting a spare.

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

- If you are positive that you are registering for Summer School this summer, fill out this [Summer School Registration form](#). This form will also be active in the Grade Google classroom “PHS Class of 20XX”.
- You will hear reminder announcements on all Google Classrooms for each grade, as well as announcements over the PA, and notices on the PHS website to register for Summer School before the end of March.
- If you fail a course in June and want to register for Summer School, see your guidance counsellor who can tell you if there is room in the class for a late registration.
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17. If my plan is to go to Summer School, what do I put in for my course selections on myBlueprint?

- Choose “SUMSCH” as one of your **alternative courses** in myBlueprint. This will indicate that you have plans to go to Summer School.
- 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 based on the course you take in Summer School.
 - ie. If you take ENG4UI at Summer School, do not add ENG4UI in for next year’s courses on myBlueprint. You could take another elective course.

18. How many E-learning credits do I need to complete?

- You 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 opt out 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.
- If you are interested in taking E-Learning courses you must choose these at **Course Selection time** by clicking on the Discipline tab. All available E-learning courses will show