# Choosing Courses for Grade 12 

## February 15, 2024

## Remember Timetable Changes?

- While it's fresh...
- Since March 2023, guidance counsellors made about 1000 timetable changes to both semester one and two classes
- Since January $25^{\text {th }}$, guidance counsellors made over 200 timetable changes...just for semester two!
- Many students requested multiple changes...and some asked us to reverse the change we already made!
- Remember how full classes were? E-Learning too?
- Please plan carefully for next year - this will help you and us!


## Please Choose Carefully

- Course choices are due in Xello by March $1^{\text {st }}$
- Your parents/guardians are asked to verify those choices in Parent Portal from March 11-22 and notify us of changes that are needed
- Starting March 23, the Board uses Xello data to decide exactly how many courses we can have at Ancaster High. This number won't change and so we can't change and so...you can't change!
- We always try our best to support students with a plan to help them graduate and pursue post-secondary (apprenticeship, college, university)
- Ask for help/advice: older siblings, teachers, coaches, guidance counsellors


## e-Learning Courses at HWDSB

- Nearly every course offered in-person at Ancaster High School is also offered via e-Learning
- e-Learning offers some unique options NOT offered here at Ancaster High, like NAC2O - First Nations, Métis, and Inuit in Canada
- For the full list, check:
- www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/course-information
- Xello has a category titled "e-Learning" with the full list too
- Be careful when choosing "regular" courses. Look for the "eL"


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e-Learning - Watch for the "eL"

## Xello can be tricky! Be careful!



- Remember - all e-Learning must be chosen by March $1^{\text {st }}$
- After March 22, 2024 (the end of Parent Portal course verification), we cannot guarantee e-Learning to anyone who asks to change a class from in-person to e-Learning
- Every e-Learning course is taught by a teacher in a high school somewhere in Ontario and has a class size maximum
- We cannot make more room in e-Learning
- So...if you want e-Learning in grade 11 - please choose it in Xello by March $1^{\text {st }}$ !


## e-Learning

e-Learning classes are NOT easier and are NOT self-paced

- The curriculum follows the same pace as regular classes
- There are due dates throughout the course
- Units will end and the curriculum will be locked
- There will be a culminating activity and/or exam although not proctored in a face-to-face setting
Please: if you want to take e-Learning next year, choose this in Xello by March $1^{\text {st }} 2024$


## What's Your Best?

- Grade 12 is the year to do your best in each course
- Will you be able to achieve the admission average to attend the school and program of your choice?
- Make sure that you are taking courses that allow you to succeed to the levels required for admission to your apprenticeship, college, or university program

| McMaster University Computer Science | Brock University Computer Science |
| :--- | :--- |
| Admission: minimum 90\%, hand selected | Admission: High 70's |

## Watch Until the End!

Super Special Announcement on the Last Slide


## Tracking Your Graduation Requirements

## Status Sheet

Distributed to your homeroom teacher


## 30 Credits Needed to Graduate

- 18 compulsory*
- 12 electives*
*The Ministry of Education asks that you take two of these via e-Learning or ask your parent/guardians to opt out in Parent Portal



## HWDSB

## Community Involvement \& Literacy

- Students require 40 hours of community involvement
- Students must pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (*The Literacy Course is available to some students)

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2020/01 1.00 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ontario Secondary School Diploma Diploma Date: |
| 2020/01 1.00 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ontario Scholar: No |
| - 2020/01 1.00 | 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ค00/01 1.00 | 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Other Information |
| 2020/06 l.um |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cohort: 2019 |
| 2020/06 1.00 | 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mature Student: No <br> Entered OSSD After Gr 9: No |
| 2020/06 1.00 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | OYAP Program: No |
| 2020/06 1.00 | 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Community Involvement Hours |
| 2021/02 1.00 | 9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $54.00$ |
| 2021/02 1.00 | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ontario School Literacy Req. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Successfully completed in |
| 2021/02 1.00 | 99 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | English |
| 2021/04 0.50 | 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Online Learning Grad. Req. Not applicable |
| 2021/06 1.00 | 16 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2021/06 0.50 | 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Awards/Student Programs |
| 2021/06 1.00 | 15 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Course Selection |
| 2021/06 1.00 | 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Course Credit |
| 2021/11 1.00 | 99 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Potential Credits: 0.00 |

## Groups

## Group 1

- English - including the Ontario Literacy Course - OLC4O1 (Ex: EMS3O or EWC4C1)
- French (Ex: Any French after grade 9)
- Native Languages
- First Nations, Métis, and Inuit studies
- Classical studies and international languages (Ex: Spanish)
- Social sciences and the humanities (Ex: anything that starts with " $\mathrm{H}^{\prime \prime}$ like HFC3M1)
- Canadian and world studies (Ex: anything that starts with a "C" like CGG3O1)
- Guidance and career education (Ex: anything that starts with a "G" like GWL3O1)
- Co-op


## Groups

## Group 2

- Additional Art course (Starts with an "A" like AVI3O1)
- Additional Physical Education course (Starts with a "P" like PAL3O1)
- Additional French course like FSF2D1
- Any Business course (Starts with a "B" like BMI3C1)
- Co-op


## Groups

## Group 3

- Additional Science course from Grade 11 or 12 (Starts with an " S " like SVN3M1)
- Additional French course like FSF2D1
- Any Technology course (Starts with a "T" like TMJ3C1)
- Any Computer Studies/Computer Science course (Starts with an "I" like ICS3U1)
- Co-op


## HWDSB

## Course Options for 2024-2025

- Use this sheet to plan 8 courses for next year (9 if you take Repertoire Music)
- Please e-mail Ms. Mylie at mwylie@hwdsb.on.ca to sign up for Repertoire (NEW PROCESS THIS YEAR)
- Most courses are also offered via e-Learning (make your choices in Xello)



## Full Disclosure

- Applies to Grade 11 and 12 courses only
- Starting five days after mid-semester report cards, all courses in which a student is registered will be recorded on the transcript
- Courses that are dropped, failed, or repeated after this date will appear on your transcript
- Check post-secondary schools' policies summer school, correspondence or a private school?
- It is the student's responsibility to research this and consider this before dropping or repeating a course
- Usually, only universities consider this (not colleges)
- Most universities will consider only the attempt resulting in the highest grade
- We suggest reviewing University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and McMaster University's policies on repeated courses


## HWDSB

## Pathways to Post-Secondary

| A | C | U | W |
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| Apprenticeship | College | University | Workplace |

## Degree Programs (College \& University)

- Universities mostly offer three and four-year degree programs, most also offer diplomas/certificates as supplemental qualifications
- Please remember that "colleges" also offer degree programs

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## Pathway - University

- All Ontario universities require:
- Six Grade 12 University Pathway (4U) or Grade 12 University/CollegeLevel (4M) courses
- "6 4U/4M Courses"
- Most Ontario universities require that ENG4U1 is one of those six
- The "other five" requirements change from program to program and (less so) from university to university


## University Application Process

- Students start applying in September, 2024
- The due date is December 13,2024
- There are other deadlines for portfolios, supplemental information, and interviews in 2025
- In September, 2024 we will send the universities all Grade 11 marks and any completed Grade 12 marks from this year
- This includes any course taken in July, 2024. Please make sure we get your report card if you are taking courses outside of HWDSB


## University Application Process

- Some universities will extend an early offer of admission based on a combination of five $3 \mathrm{U} / 3 \mathrm{M}$ or $4 \mathrm{U} / 4 \mathrm{M}$ grades (if available) in required courses (i.e. English, Math, Physics, Chemistry, etc.)
- "Early" offers mean any time before May 2025!
- Final decisions arrive after Semester Two Mid-semester Grades
- Ultimately, decisions are based on final and mid-semester grades in six 4U/4M courses


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## McMaster University

## Repeated Courses

- We will use the highest grade reported in the calculation of the admission average.
- We may ask students who repeated more than 2 courses, or individual courses more than twice, to provide a letter detailing any extenuating circumstances that may have led to repeating multiple courses.


## Special Consideration

- Students with extenuating circumstances may submit a request for a special consideration form. https://admissions.mcmaster.ca/manage/login
- We evaluate extenuating circumstances on a case-by-case basis.


## Summer/Night School, Virtual/e-Learning, Private School and Correspondence Courses

- We accept all Ministry-inspected and -approved courses.
- Students may not use summer school courses taken in 2024 to meet the conditions of an offer of admission for September 2024 because the course work is completed after the June 30, 2024, deadline.


## Grade 11 Grades

- All programs will make offers of admission using Grade 12 grades only.
- Midwifery may review Grade 11 English, Biology and Chemistry grades for applicants to the Midwifery program if the mandatory Grade 12 prerequisite courses are in progress at the time of application.

Fall Offer of Admission

- First Round: Late February to early March. Based on 4U/M grades available as of the end of February. Students must present a minimum of 3 courses with final grades and registration in any remaining required courses (for a minimum of 6 enrolled courses), or 6 interim grades including all required courses, to be completed by June 30, 2024. Note: Some by-selection programs will not make offers during this round.
- Second Round: Late April to early May. Based on six 4U/M courses, including all required courses available as of early May. Where students are unable to present grades for six 4U/M courses, we will assess them on the available grades provided they are registered in any outstanding courses with a completion date of June 30, 2024


## University Application Process

- Start researching universities now
- Start looking at samples of non-academic requirements like essays, portfolios, interviews, etc.
- Visit this website often: www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
- Go to the Ontario Universities' Fair in September (details TBD)


## Our Most Popular Universities

156 students accepted an offer to university in 2022. McMaster University was Ancaster High's most popular university that year with 33 confirmed offers for September 2022

| McMaster | 34 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Guelph | 33 |
| Western | 20 |
| Waterloo | 13 |
| Brock | 12 |
| Laurier | 12 |
| Toronto | 10 |
| Queen's | 7 |

## Pathways - College

- Colleges offer some degrees (same requirements as a university - 6 4U/4M courses)
- B.Sc.N. degrees are very popular
- Colleges mostly offer:

- one year certificates
- two-year diploma programs
- three-year advanced diploma programs (these can lead to degrees)
- All diplomas require Grade 12 College Preparation English (ENG4C1) or Grade 12 University Preparation English (ENG4U1)


## Pathways - College

- Students apply in November 2024
- Colleges use Grade 11 OR Grade 12 marks for admission
- If your Grade 12 English (ENG4C1/ENG4U1) isn't until Semester

Two next year, colleges will use your final grade in Grade 11

## English!

- Offers of admission begin as soon as you pay for your application, OR in February 2025 and continue until all spaces are full
- Some programs are HIGHLY competitive
- High grades in college preparation courses are better than lower grades in university preparation courses


## Our Top Colleges

- 60 students accepted an offer to an Ontario college in 2022 for a diploma or degree
- 33 of those students went to Mohawk in September 2022
- Others went to places like Conestoga, Humber, and Sheridan


## Pathways - Apprenticeship

- Apprentices must graduate high school
- Apprenticeships can only be acquired through sponsorship or employment by a person or company from the related trade
- High school co-op can lead to an apprenticeship
- Dual Credit opportunities at college can also lead to apprenticeship


## The One Course All Grade 12's Must Take

- All Grade 12 students require a fourth English credit
- If you have failed a compulsory Semester One class, please re-take this in Grade 12 (English or Math)
- Please choose this even if you plan to attend summer school. Xello will not allow you to submit your courses
- Students should choose any remaining Group 1, 2, or 3 compulsory credit


## Electives

- Must have a Grade 11 Arts credit to take a Grade 12 Arts (Visual Arts or Dramatic Arts)
- Must have a Grade 11 Music credit to take Grade 12 Music (Instrumental or Repertoire)
- Must have Grade 11 French to take this in Grade 12
- All Grade 12 Technology courses require a pre-requisite from Grade 11


## Choosing Electives

- Talk to your Grade 11 teachers about other courses they teach
- Talk to your guidance counsellor about courses that you should take for your future career
- Use Xello for detailed course information
- https://educator.xello.world/course-guide/7f991033-9744-461f-8630-7e85ace5ee18
- This link can be found on the Ancaster High School Student Services website for easier navigation


## HWDSB

## Pre-Requisites for Grade 12

Many Grade 12 courses have only general prerequisites

| Grade 12 Course | Pre-requisite in Grade 11 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Social Science/Humanities | - Grade 11 English |
| Canadian \& World Studies | - Any Grade 11 Social Science/Humanities |
|  <br> Health, Economics | Examples: American History, Food \& Culture, <br> Intro. to Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology |

## HWDSB

## Pre-Requisites for Grade 12

Some grade 12 courses have "specific" prerequisites

|  | REQUIRES |
| :--- | :--- |
| Grade 12 University Science | Grade 11 University Science |
| Grade 12 Accounting | Grade 11 Accounting |
| Grade 12 Technology/Art/Language | Grade 11 Technology/Art/Language |
| Grade 12 Computer Science | Grade 11 Computer Science |

## Math

Choosing the correct level of Math in Grade 12


# Some Degrees Require and Some Recommend "Any" Grade 12 University-Preparation Math 

| Area of Study at University | Grade 12 Math Required | Grade 11 Pre-requisite |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Nursing | Only one 4U Math which | Functions \& Relations <br> (MCF3M1) <br> - Education (Primary be: <br> Grades) |
| - Some Kinesiology <br> - Management (not <br> "Business") | Data Management <br> (MDM4U1) |  |

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## Universities Might Require One or Two Specific Grade 12 University-Level Math

| Area of Study at University | Grade 12 Math Required | Grade 11 Pre-requisite |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| - Engineering | Calculus \& Vectors <br> $($ MCV4U1*) | Functions (MCR3U1) |
| - Science | Computer Science | and/or |
| - Business (Accounting, |  |  |
| Marketing, Finance, <br> etc.) | Advanced Functions <br> (MHF4U1) |  |
| Some Kinesiology | (M) |  |

*MHF4U1 is the pre-requisite for MCV4U1

## Colleges Might Require One Grade 12 Math

| Area of Study at College | Grade 12 Math Required | Grade 11 Pre-requisite |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - Engineering Technology <br> - Veterinary Technology | MCT4C1 (Math for College <br> Technology) <br> or <br> High grades in MAP4C1 <br> (Foundations for College) | Functions and Relations (MCF3M1) or MBF3C1 (Foundations for College) |
| - Non technical programs | High grades in MAP4C1 (Foundations for College) | MBF3C1 (Foundations for College) |

## Math and Apprenticeship/Workplace

- Any Grade 10 Math course is okay for an apprenticeship
- Grade 10 Applied (MFM2P1) is recommended
- For future Electricians...more Math is better!
- www.skilledtradesontario.ca


## Planning for Year 5

- Most students plan to graduate in four years
- We support five-year graduation plans
- Students who wish to return for a fifth year of high school are asked to submit a plan to the principal/vice-principal team at Ancaster High
- Return with a PLAN!
- Do your best in grade 12!


## Special Programs at

 Ancaster High School(Started in September 2023, Still Time to Register!)

We have five Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)

- Students take a two-credit co-op in Grade 11, 12, or summer
- Students take a special bundle of five courses (see back of option sheet for the complete list)
Students can choose one specialist high skills major from these areas:
- Arts \& Culture
- Information \& Communication Technology
- Health \& Wellness
- Hospitality \& Tourism
- Manufacturing

Everyone in Grade 12 IB takes the same 8 courses:
ENG4U1B, ETS4U1B, HZT4U1B, MCV4U1B, SBI4U1B, PSK4U1B, SCH4U1B, SNC4M1B

IB French Students Can Choose ONE OSSD elective!
NOTE: there is a high chance of conflict with your one OSSD elective

Ab initio Spanish Students Take LWSDU1B

## Special Board-Wide Programs

## HWDSB

## HWDSB <br> Dual Credit Programs <br> 2024-2025

## HWDSB What are Dual Credit Programs?

## Dual Credit students:

- Spend half the day at Mohawk College and half the day at their home school
- Earn 2 college credits and 2 high school credits
- Are taught by Mohawk College instructors
- Are supported and monitored by a HWDSB Teacher
- Become ready for a successful transition to college

TRY COLLEGE FOR FREE! -- No cost for transportation, textbooks, or course materials.

## Grade 11 and 12 Students are eligible to participate if:

- They have not yet graduated (*post-graduates are not eligible)
- Completed most, or all, of their compulsory credits
- Have had some success in college preparation courses
- Could benefit from a college pathway experience
- Has the potential to succeed and is ready to focus on reaching their full academic potential

Please see your guidance counsellor to determine eligibility

Semester 1: September - December 2024 (Fennell Campus)
AM Mohawk Bridge: Developmental Psychology \& Health and Wellness AM ESL Bridge: College 101 \& The Canadian Job Market

PM Mohawk Bridge: Positive Psychology \& Movies, Identity and Culture PM Graphic Design: Graphic Design Layout 1 \& Animation

## HWDSB 2024-2025 Tentative Programs

## Semester 2: February - June 2025 (Fennell Campus)

AM Mohawk Bridge: Positive Psychology \& Movies, Identity and Culture
AM Community Services: Intro to Social Service Worker \& Recreation Therapy PM Mohawk Bridge: Developmental Psychology \& Health and Wellness
PM Computer Technology: HTML and CSS \& Computer Hardware and Software
Semester 2: February - June 2025 (Stoney Creek Campus)
AM Welding: Introduction to Welding \& Trade Calculations (Math Techniques)

# Online Application: HWDSB Dual Credit Website https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/dual-credit/ 

## Apply Today for 2024-2025 <br> Dual Credit Programs!



## OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

- In high school, any co-op in an apprenticeship-able trade is OYAP
- Some special areas offer ACCELERATED OYAP. This means students leave high school with LEVEL 1 training!
- Some of the accelerated fields include:
- Child Development Practitioner
- Child and Youth Worker
- General Carpenter
- Construction Craft Worker
- Automotive Service Technician
- Assistant Cook
- Hairstyling


## Special Co-op

- Centralized placements require an interview (competing with students from other school boards)
- City of Hamilton, Hamilton Police Services, Hamilton Health Sciences
- Sheraton Hotel, St. Joseph's Healthcare, etc.
- Competitive co-op opportunities through HWDSB:
- ArtSmart/Musical Theatre
- Canadian Armed Forces Co-op
- Building Careers from the Ground Up
- Limeridge Mall
- Healthcare Support


## Summer School **NEW**

- Students now register for summer school in Xello

- If you are taking a compulsory course in the summer (ENG4C1, etc), Xello will force you so still choose this for Grade 12 in the regular Xello slot
- Use the EXTRA CREDITS slot to register for summer school
- Use the ALTERNATE COURSES slot to pick your new elective that you have made space for by taking a compulsory course in summer

Xello will force you to put your compulsory course here (English in this example)


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Genocide and Crimes Against H ..
CHG381 |lectives 11
Afmerican History, Grade 11 , Univ..
CHABU1 | lective 11
Financlal Accounting Fundamen.
BAF3M1 | Electives 11
Year-Independent Requirements 0

## $+\underset{10 .}{\text { Add Arts }}$



Biology, Grade 11, College

Ready to Submit

Extra Credits ©
Summer School ONLINE 2024.

Summer school goes in the Extra Credit slot



## HWDSB

Type "Summer School 2024"



## IMPORTANT - you can choose only:

ONE Summer Co-op Course - recommended for SHSM and OYAP students OR ONE Summer School FULL/1 credit course OR Civics ( .5 credit) AND/OR Careers ( .5 credit)

## Due Date - March 1

- Log into Xello and submit your course choices by March 1 at 3 p.m.
- Your parents/guardians will be asked to approve your choices via Parent Portal from March 11-22
- Technical trouble with Xello? E-mail your guidance counsellor
- A-F
- G-M
- N-Z

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## Questions?

