

Choosing Courses for Grade 11

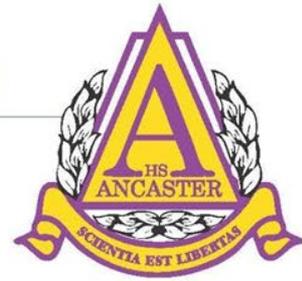
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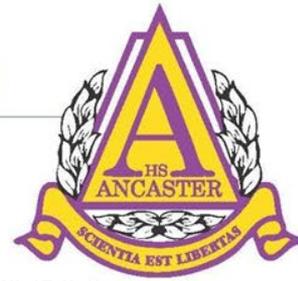
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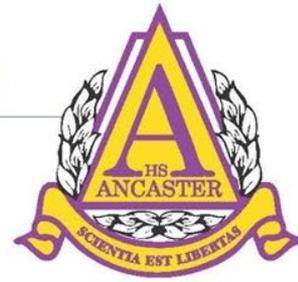
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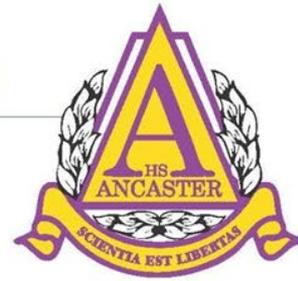
Timetable Changes Open January 26

- Since August, counsellors have already made about 500 changes
- Many students requested multiple changes...and some asked us to reverse the change we already made!
- Students continue to book guidance appointments to ask for changes to semester two – please stop!
- Check your e-mail on January 26 if you want to submit a request
- Most semester two classes are full and all e-Learning is waitlisted
- **Plan carefully for next year and pick favourite courses NOW – this will prevent the need for making timetable changes next year**



Do Lots of Planning – Important!

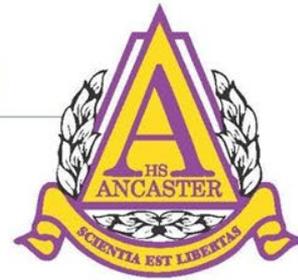
- It can feel too early to choose courses for next year that will continue until June 2027
- We are here to help if something big changes, but...
- HWDSB uses the data inside myBlueprint **as of March 6, 2026** to decide how many classes Ancaster High School will have next year
- So...do lots of planning on what you need for your apprenticeship, college program, or university program NOW so that you pick the right courses for next year
- If you pick accurately by the deadline of March 6, this is your best chance that we'll have enough classes for everyone



Spend Lots of Time on These Sites



- www.ontariocolleges.ca to learn what **college** programs require. Remember – they have **degrees** too – future nurses should look carefully
- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca to learn what **university** programs require
- If you're interested in an apprenticeship – find a technology teacher and ask lots of questions and make sure to take co-op in Grade 11 *and* Grade 12



Steps to Picking Courses for Next Year

Step 1 **Done!**

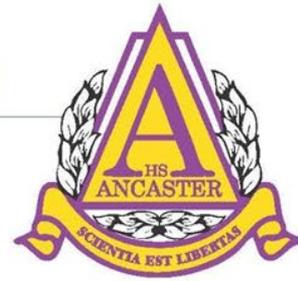
- Download the Official Course Selection Sheet from Mr. Nicholson's December 14th e-mail

OR

- www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/course-information

Step 2 **Done!**

- Attend the Elective Course Fair (December 15)



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Step 3

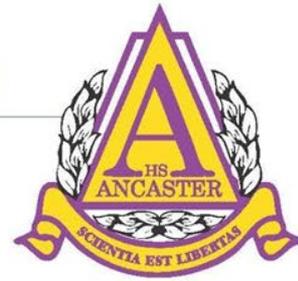
- Book an appointment with your counsellor for help planning your courses before March 6. Parents/guardians are invited too!

Step 4

- Attend a drop-in counselling sessions for last-minute advice on March 3, 4, or 5 in the library at lunch. No appointment needed!

Step 5

- Officially select your courses in MyBlueprint by March 6. Please show your choices to your parents/guardians.



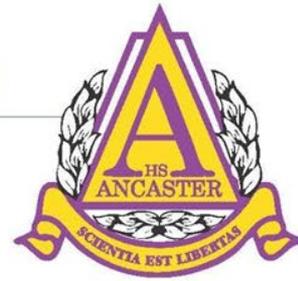
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Step 6

- Check your e-mail on March 9 to see if any elective courses have been cancelled. Students affected will have an extended deadline (Friday, March 13).

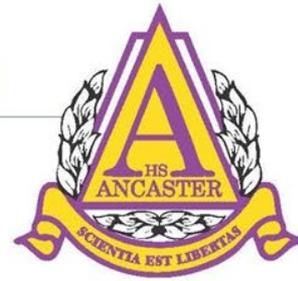
Step 7

- Ask your parents/guardians to log into Parent Portal (web version only, not mobile) between March 30 and April 2 to verify your courses. Please e-mail your counsellor if there is a mistake or you changed your mind.



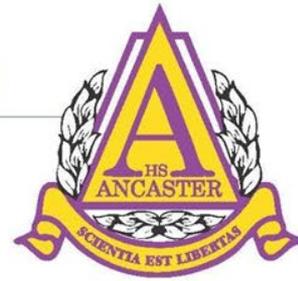
Class of 2028 – Grad Requirements

- 30 Credits (17 Compulsory)
- 40 Volunteer Hours
- Pass the Gr 10 Literacy Test
- Take two e-Learning courses (optional)
 - Ask your parents/caregivers to opt you out in Parent Portal or ask us in guidance



17 Compulsory Credits

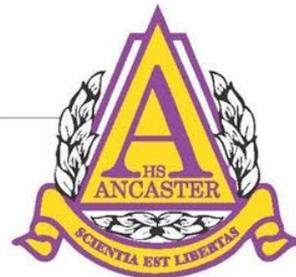
- 4 English, 3 Math, 2 Science
- 1 Tech, 1 Geography, 1 French, 1 Phys-Ed, 1 Art, 1 History, 1 Civics/Careers
- 1 STEM (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **M**athematics)
 - Business (any course code that starts with a “B” like *BEP201*)
 - Computer Studies (any course code that starts with an “I” like *ICD201*)
 - Co-op (*DCO302*)
 - 4th Math (any course that starts with an “M” like *MCT4C1*)
 - 3rd Science (any course that starts with an “S” like *SVN3M1*)
 - 2nd Tech (any course that starts with a “T” like *TFJ201*)



Things to Remember

You must take one Technology course before the end of Grade 10

- Most students took TAS101 last year and are okay!
- If not, see your guidance counsellor right away and ask about getting into one of these courses for semester two:
 - TGJ201 - Communication
 - TCJ201 - Construction
 - TFJ201 - Hospitality (Food)
 - TMJ201 - Manufacturing
 - TDJ201 - Design
 - TTJ201 - Transportation



Tracking Graduation

Current courses & mid-semester grades



Student Status Sheet										School: Ancaster High (Entry: 03-Sep-2024)																			
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Current Courses										Completed Courses										Assigned Diploma Information									
Course	Deliv Type	Int1	Int2	Potential Credit	Dip Cat	XEnrolled	Notes	Course	Mark	Date	Credit Earned	Dip Cat	Notes	Course	Mark	Date	Credit Earned	Dip Cat	Notes										
ENG201-31	1	92		1.00	0	2		CHV203	66	2024/07	0.50	14	OL																
MPM201-14	1	93		1.00	0	7		GLC203	56	2024/07	0.50	15	OL																
SNC201-13	1	86		1.00	0	9		CGC1W1	80	2025/01	1.00	11																	
TDJ201-12	1	87		1.00	1	99		FSF1D1	92	2025/01	1.00	5																	
AVI201-22	1			1.00	0	99		PPL1O1	73	2025/01	1.00	13																	
ICD201-24	1			1.00	0	17		SNC1W1	81	2025/01	1.00	9																	
MCR3U1-23	1			1.00	0	8		ADA1O1	96	2025/06	1.00	12																	
SPH3U1-21	1			1.00	0	99		ENL1W1	74	2025/06	1.00	1																	
								MTH1W1	96	2025/06	1.00	6																	
								TAS1O1	81	2025/06	1.00	16																	
								CHC2P1	78	2025/07	1.00	10	OL																

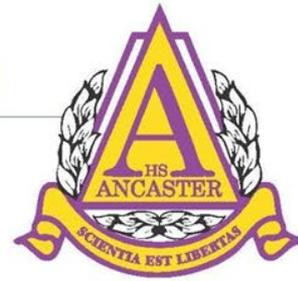
		Previous		Potential	
Diploma Credit Summary	Req	Earned	Scholar	Earned	Scholar
Credits For Diploma	30.00	10.00	0.00	18.00	0.00
Compulsory	17.00	10.00	0.00	15.00	0.00
Optional Credits	13.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00

1 English 9	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
2 English 10	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
3 English 11	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 English 12	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 French	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
6 Math 9	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
7 Math 10	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
8 Senior Math	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
9 Science	2.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
10 Canadian History	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
11 Canadian Geography	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
12 The Arts	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
13 Health and Physical Education	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
14 Civics	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
15 Career Studies	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
16 Technology Education	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
17 STEM-Related Course Group	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
99 Optional Credits	13.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00
Credits to date		10.00	0.00	18.00	0.00

Legend:
 f - Failed
 w - withdrawn
 * - current year failure
 + - repeated course (higher mark)
 r - repeated course (lower mark)
 u - repeated course (Upgrade, in progress)
 F - French in Core, Extended, or Immersion Program
 A - Alternative Expectations
 C - Cooperative Education
 H - SHSM course
 * - current year failure
 I - Interdisciplinary Studies
 T - Team-taught dual credit
 e - excluded
 P - Private School
 H - SHSM course
 M - Modified Curriculum
 S - Special Indicator
 PC - Partially Counted
 OL - Online Learning

Completed courses with final grades





30 Credits to Graduate

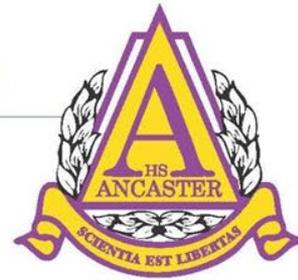
- 17 compulsory
- 13 electives

Req column = the **required** number of credits you need to graduate

Diploma Credit Summary	Req	Previous		Potential	
		Earned	Scholar	Earned	Scholar
Credits For Diploma	30.00	8.50	0.00	16.00	0.00
Compulsory	17.00	8.50	0.00	14.00	0.00
Optional Credits	13.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
1 English 9	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
2 English 10	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
3 English 11	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4 English 12	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5 French	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
6 Math 9	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
7 Math 10	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
8 Senior Math	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9 Science	2.00	1.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
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12 The Arts	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
13 Health and Physical Education	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
14 Civics	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
15 Career Studies	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
16 Technology Education	1.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
17 STEM-Related Course Group	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00
99 Optional Credits	13.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
Credits to date		8.50	0.00	16.00	0.00

Potential column = the number of credits you'll have by July 1

Previous column = the number of credits you already have in each category



Community Involvement & Literacy

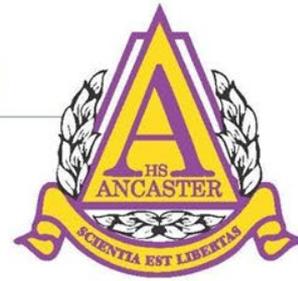
- Students require 40 hours of community involvement
- Students must pass the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
*(*The Literacy Course is available to some students)*



Community Involvement Hours
Ontario School Literacy Req. Not reported
Online Learning Grad. Req.

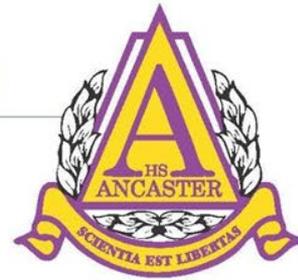


The Ministry of Education asks that you take two courses via e-Learning or ask your parent/guardians to opt out in Parent Portal



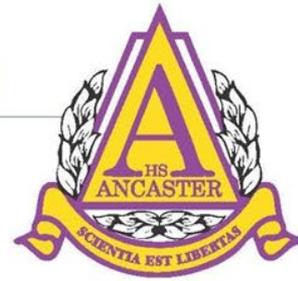
What's Your Best?

- Grade 11 is the year to “do your best” in each course
- Some Grade 11 courses could impact early offers of admission to degree programs (university)
- Some Grade 11 courses could be used for admission to diploma programs (college)
- Will you be able to achieve the admission average to attend the school and program of your choice?
- Students need to know how high they can achieve to make decisions for the future
- Don't wait until Grade 12 to “try your best”!



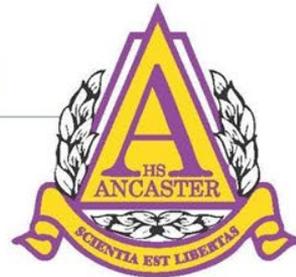
Full Disclosure

- 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



Which Schools Consider Dropped, Failed, or Repeated Courses?

- It is the student's responsibility to research this and consider this before dropping or repeating a course
- **Most universities will consider only the attempt resulting in the highest grades**
- Some schools insist on using the most RECENT attempt, even if the grade is lower than the first attempt (*it happens!*)
- Some schools take the average of your two attempts
- We suggest reviewing the University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and Wilfrid Laurier's policies



Course Options for 2026-2027

- Use this sheet to plan 8 courses for next year (9 if you take Repertoire Music)
- Most courses are also offered via e-Learning (make your choices in myBlueprint)

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Courses on this document are offered in-person. Most are also offered via e-Learning. Students choose preference in Xello. Some courses not listed here are offered **ONLY** via e-Learning. Students find e-Learning-only courses in Xello under the e-Learning discipline.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS – ANCASTER HIGH

Ancaster High School offers six special programs that add to your Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). All begin in Grade 11 and require little to no preparation in Grade 9 and 10. They are:

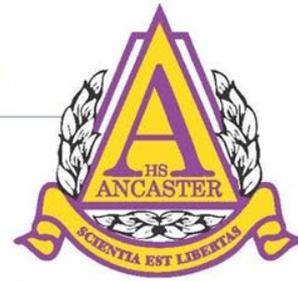
- **International Baccalaureate Diploma Program** (e-mail Mr. Taylor at dtaylor@hwdsb.on.ca). This requires PSF2D1 & MCR3U1 in Grade 10.
- **Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)** in Hospitality & Tourism, Information & Communication, Manufacturing, Health & Wellness, and Arts & Culture. Please see back of page for a summary of required courses

SPECIAL PROGRAMS – SYSTEM WIDE

HWDSB offers seven system programs at other schools and require applications and sometimes interviews/auditions. All begin in Grade 11. Please select the course code in Xello to alert your guidance counsellor to your interest and then make an appointment:

1. **"Work in Progress"** Program (HWWIP) offers paid co-op for students who need help graduating.
2. **ArtSmart (HWARTSM)** offers specialized courses in drama, voice, instrumental, dance, and musical theatre
3. **Building Careers from the Ground Up (HWWILD)** provides courses in residential/commercial construction
4. **Canadian Forces Co-op Program (HWCDF)** enrolls students in the Canadian Forces (militia) for one semester
5. **Healthcare Support Services Program (HWHCAL)** teaches students clinical/support skills in a simulated hospital ward setting
6. **Mohawk College Dual Credits (HWMCD)** offers students a half-day at Mohawk College in college courses that also count for high school
7. **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program – Accelerated OYAP (HWOVAPA)** offers students with co-op placements Level One training

ARTS	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Drama	ADA101	ADA201	ADA3M1	ADA4M1
Drama – Music Theatre			ADB3M1 or ADB3O1	ADB4M1 or ADB4E1
Visual Arts	AV1101	AV1201	AV13M1 or AV13O1	AV14M1 or AV14E1
Visual Arts – Crafts	AWA101 (New!)	AWA201		
Visual Arts – Ceramics			AWC3M1	
Visual Arts – Drawing & Painting				AWM4M1
Visual Arts – Stage Design			AWJ3O1 (New!)	AWJ4E1 (New!)
CANADIAN & WORLD STUDIES	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
American History			CHA3U1	
Analyzing Current Economic Issues				CIA4U1
Canadian and International Law				CLN4U1
Canadian History: Since World War 1		CHC2D1 or CHC2P1		
Civics and Citizenship (also take GLC203)		CHV203		
Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity			CHG3B1	
Issues in Canadian Geography	CGC1D1			
Legal Studies				CLN4C1 (New!)
Travel and Tourism: A Regional Geographic Perspective			CGG3O1	
Understanding Canadian Law			CLU3M1	
World History since the Fifteenth Century				CHY4U1 (New!)
COOPERATIVE EDUCATION			GRADE 11 & 12	
Co-op – (2 credits) *Notes: 4-credit co-op's are not always approved. Choose "2 credit" co-op + 2 regular courses and discuss with counsellor			Students will meet with the coop teacher to discuss placement. Listen to announcements for date of the Orientation Meeting (April, 2023)	DCO3O2
ENGLISH	GRADE 9	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
English	ENG1W1	ENG2D1 or ENG2P1	ENG3C1, ENG3E1, or ENG3U1	ENG4C1, ENG4E1, or ENG4U1
English – Locally Developed		ENG2L1		
Ontario Literacy Course				ILCAO1
The Writer's Craft				EW4C1 or EW4U1 (New!)



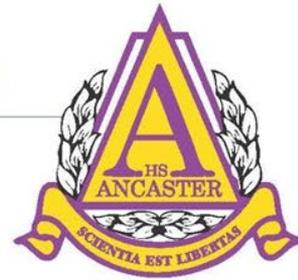
Every Other Year Offerings

If you are in Grade 10 and interested in one of the following careers:

- Practical Nursing
- Veterinary Technology
- Firefighting or Emergency Medical Services (Paramedic)
- Engineering Technology
- Electrician

Then you should consider taking these courses **next year in Grade 11** because they're **not offered in Grade 12**:

- SCH4C1 (Gr 12 College Chemistry – Prerequisite is Gr 10 Science)
- MCT4C1 (Gr 12 Math for College Technology – Prerequisite is MCF3M1 or MCR3U1)



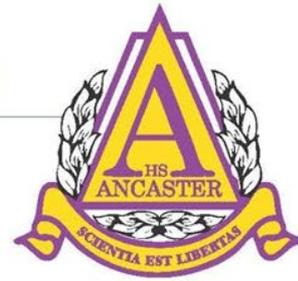
Doubling Up in Math

Some students should take BOTH in Grade 11:

MCF3M1 *and* MCT4C1

This is because we aren't offering MCT4C1 when you get to Grade 12

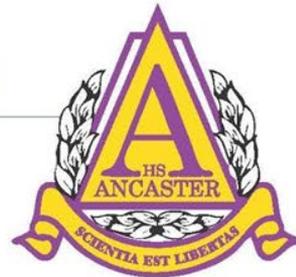
Remember: MCT4C1 is very important for many **college** diploma programs and for several apprenticeships



Courses Not Offered Until Grade 12

Your friends in Grade 11 this year will not be able to take these courses, but they WILL be available by the time you get there! Remember to pick them for Grade 12 if interested!

- AWS4M1 (Gr 12 University/College Digital Media)
- PAF4O1 (Gr 12 Weightlifting)
- PAD4O1 (Gr 12 Hockey)



Starting in Grade 11 – New Course Types

GRADE 11 COURSE TYPE	USUALLY INDICATES THESE GRADE 10 COURSE TYPES WERE TAKEN
University (U)	Academic (D)
University/College (Mixed - M)	Academic (D) or Applied (P)
College (C)	Academic (D) or Applied (P)
Open (O)	Any Level
Workplace (E)	Any Level

Examples:

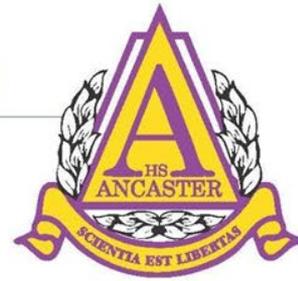
ENG3U1 means students took ENG2D1

MCF3M1 means students took MPM2D1 or MFM2P1

SBI3C1 means students took SNC2D1 or SNC2P1

PAL3O1 means students took PPL2O1 or PAL2O1 or PAD2O1

MEL3E1 means students most likely took MFM2P1



Two Courses All Grade 10's Must Select

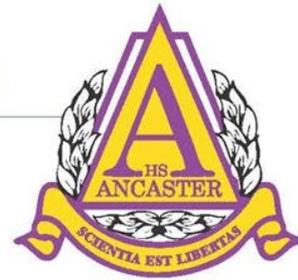
- All Grade 11 students require a third **English*** and third **Math** credit
 - ****NOTE: Grade 11 English is now NBE3C1, NBE3E1, or NBE3U1 (Understanding Contemporary First Nations, Metis & Inuit Voices)**
- If you have failed a compulsory Semester One class, please re-take this in Grade 11 (English, Math, Science, History, Civics/Careers) if you're not taking it in summer school (*more on this later!*)

(We recommend getting your STEM compulsory done in grade 11 too)

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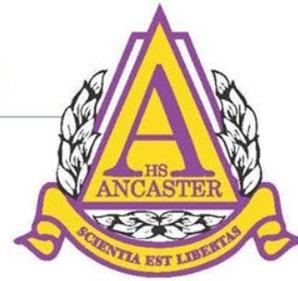
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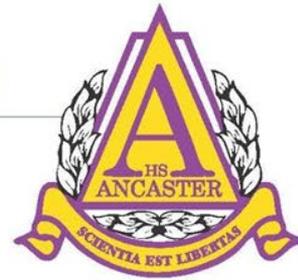
Electives in Grade 11

- These are anything other than English and Math
- These should be courses that you need to fulfill a career path (Biology, Functions, Technological Design, etc.)
- Co-op grants two or four credits and takes half or full days
- Make sure you have the prerequisite for grade 11 courses
 - myBlueprint will help you



Choosing Electives

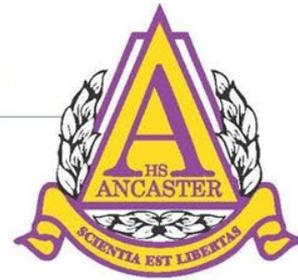
- Talk to your Grade 10 teachers about other courses they teach
- Talk to your guidance counsellor about courses that you should take for your future career
- Ask your older siblings and friends about courses they have taken
- Use myBlueprint for detailed course information



Electives

- Usually need a Grade 9 or 10 **Arts** credit to take Grade 11 **Arts** (Visual Arts or Dramatic Arts) *except*
 - *AVI301 (Gr 11 Visual Art – Open Level) or*
 - *ADB301 (Gr 11 Musical Theatre – Open Level)*
- Must have a Grade 9 or 10 **Music** credit to take Grade 11 **Music** (Instrumental or Repertoire)
- Must have a Grade 10 French to take Grade 11 French





Planning for Degrees and Diplomas

Diplomas (College)

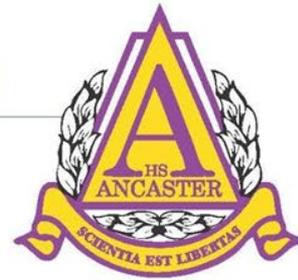
- What high school courses are needed for my diploma program?
- Usually, only ENG4C1 and then maybe one math and 1-2 sciences
- Do Grade 12 courses require Grade 11 prerequisites?
- Check diploma program requirements here:
www.ontariocolleges.ca
- Check myBlueprint for Grade 12 course pre-requisites



Planning for Degrees and Diplomas

Degrees (college or university)

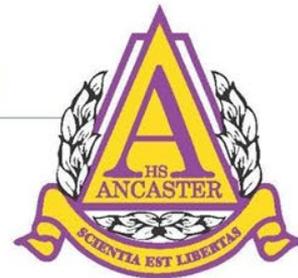
- Which **six 4U/4M** courses are required for admission to my degree program?
- What are the pre-requisites for these six 4U/4M courses?
- Is there an interview? Do I need a portfolio?
- Check **www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca** for the answers



Looking Ahead to Grade 12

- Look ahead to Grade 12 courses you might need for post-secondary and select the pre-requisite course in Grade 11
- Many Grade 12 courses have only general prerequisites

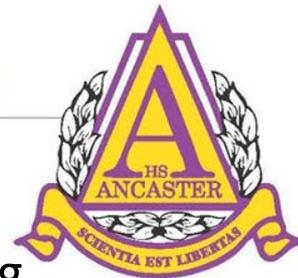
Grade 12 Course	Pre-requisite in Grade 11
Social Science/Humanities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 11 English • Any Grade 11 Social Science/Humanities • Any Grade 11 Can. & World Studies
Canadian & World Studies	
<i>Examples: World History, Law, Nutrition & Health</i>	<i>Examples: American History, Food & Culture, Intro. to Anthropology-Psychology-Sociology</i>



Pre-Requisites for Grade 12

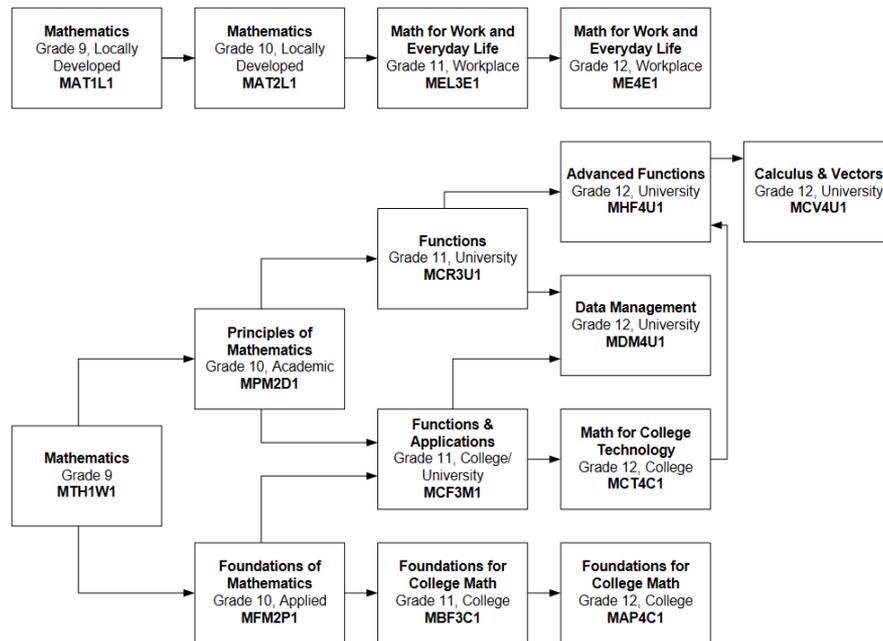
Some grade 12 courses have “specific” prerequisites

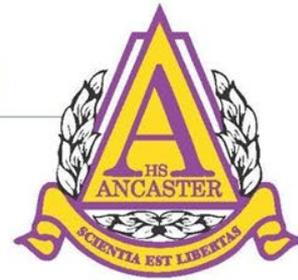
	REQUIRES
Grade 12 University Science	Grade 11 University Science
Grade 12 Accounting	Grade 11 Accounting
Grade 12 Technology/Art/Language	Grade 11 Technology/Art/Language
Grade 12 Computer Science	Grade 11 Computer Science



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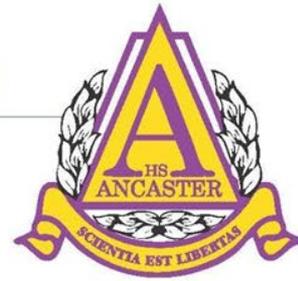
- Choosing the correct level of Math in Grade 11 needs planning





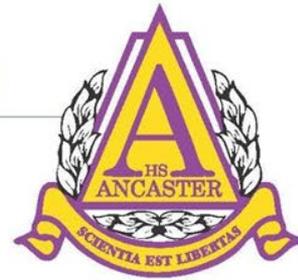
Please don't choose MCR3U1 as the
“default” math in Grade 11

Please consider the information
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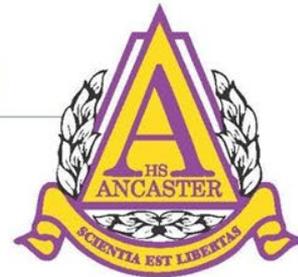
MCR3U1 - Functions

- This requires a lot of planning and thought
- Please don't choose MCR3U1 "automatically" as the default math after Grade 10
- This course is designed for students pursuing degrees in things like Engineering, Accounting, Kinesiology, etc.
- This course demands excellent learning skills and includes a lot of higher-order thinking
- Please consider our advice in the next slides

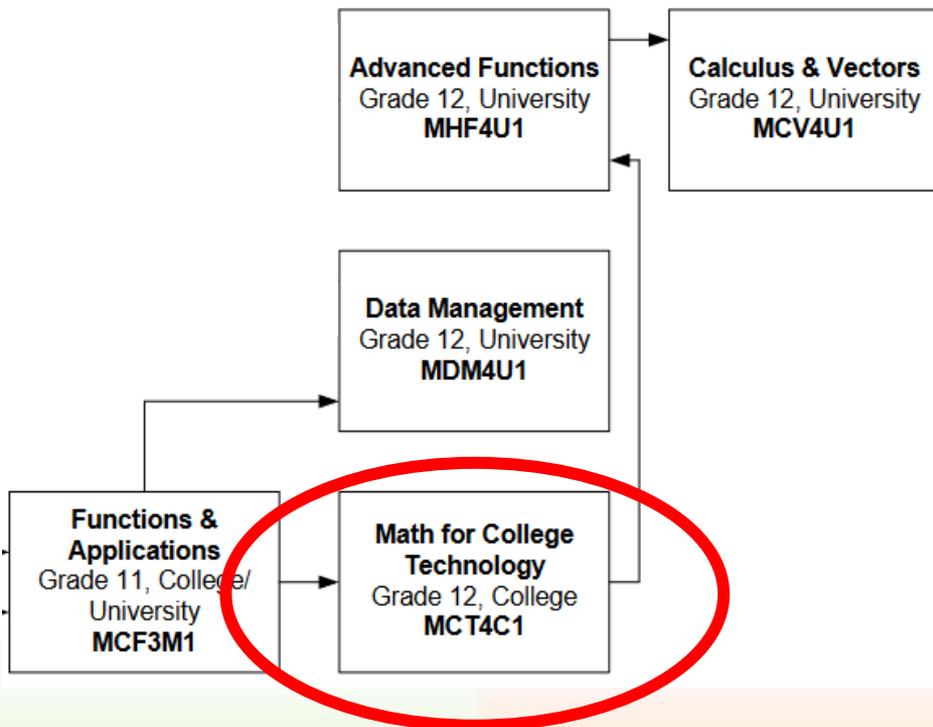


MCF3M1 – Functions & Applications

- Expands on ideas from Grade 10 Academic & Applied Math
- Students recognize the concepts and are familiar with the type of thinking needed to be successful
- This course might be sufficient for our diploma-bound (college) and degree-bound (college or university) students
- *Example: Nurses: this could be all you need...maybe MDM4U1 too!*
- Consider taking MCF3M1 first and then MCR3U1

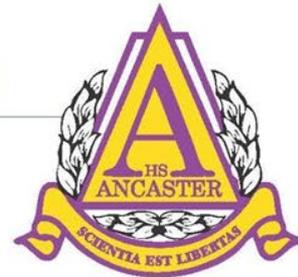


The Versatility of MCF3M1



MCT4C1 is the preferred math course for college and electrical unions.

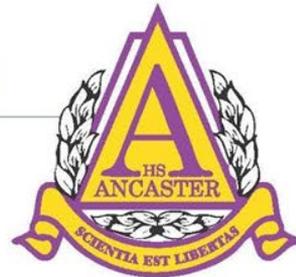
Many degree programs require only “one” 4U math and this means MDM4U1 is okay! Examples include many Bachelor of Kinesiology programs and management programs like Brock’s Sports Management, and Nursing!



Grade 10 to 11 to 12

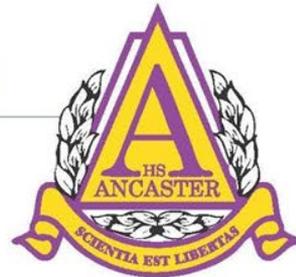
- MFM2P1 (Grade 10 Applied) leads to MBF3C1 or MCF3M1
- MPM2D1 (Grade 10 Academic) leads to MCF3M1 or MCR3U1

GRADE 11	GRADE 12	CAREER
MCR3U1 (Functions)	MHF4U1 or MCV4U1	4 Year Degrees in Science, Engineering, Business, Kinesiology
MCF3M1 (Functions & Applications)	MCT4C1 or MDM4U1	3 Year Advanced Diplomas in Technology or 4 Year Degrees in some Social Sciences or Management
MBF3C1 (Foundations for College Math)	MAP4C1	2 or 3 Year Diplomas



Some Degrees **Require** and Some **Recommend** “Any” Grade 12 **University** Math: *Think MDM4U1*

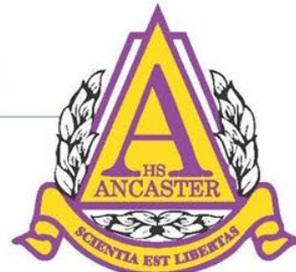
Area of Study at University	Grade 12 Math Required	Grade 11 Pre-requisite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nursing ● Education (Primary Grades) ● Some Kinesiology ● Management (not “Business”) 	<p>Only one 4U Math which could be:</p> <p>Data Management (MDM4U1)</p>	<p>Functions & Relations (MCF3M1)</p>



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

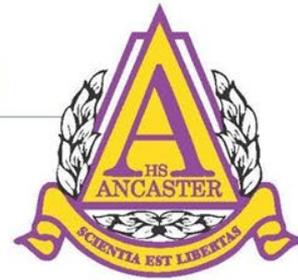
Area of Study at University	Grade 12 Math Required	Grade 11 Pre-requisite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engineering ● Science ● Computer Science ● Business (Accounting, Marketing, Finance, etc.) ● Some Kinesiology 	<p>Calculus & Vectors (MCV4U1*)</p> <p>and/or</p> <p>Advanced Functions (MHF4U1)</p>	<p>Functions (MCR3U1)</p>

**MHF4U1 is the pre-requisite for MCV4U1*



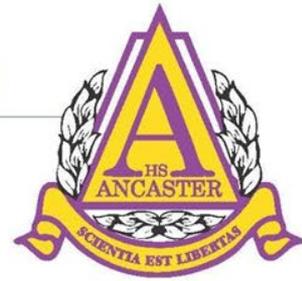
Colleges **Might** Require One Grade 12 Math

Area of Study at College	Grade 12 Math Required	Grade 11 Pre-requisite
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Engineering Technology ● Veterinary Technology 	MCT4C1 (Math for College Technology) or High grades in MAP4C1 (Foundations for College)	Functions and Relations (MCF3M1) or MBF3C1 (Foundations for College)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Non technical programs 	High grades in MAP4C1 (Foundations for College)	MBF3C1 (Foundations for College)



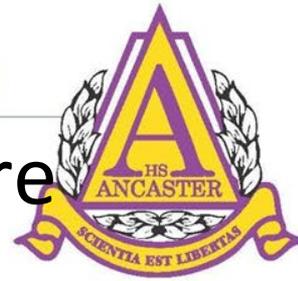
Math and Apprenticeship/Workplace

- Any type of Grade 10 Math is okay for an apprenticeship
- Grade 10 Applied (MFM2P1) is recommended
- For future Electricians...more Math is better!



Taking Grade 12 Courses in Grade 11

- What's the rush!?
- Make sure this works for you – what is your plan?
- Don't run out of courses to take in Grade 12!
- Some universities like to see students taking three 4U/4M courses per semester and ask why some 4U/4M were taken via summer school, private school, night school, and e-Learning



e-Learning, Summer School & Your Future

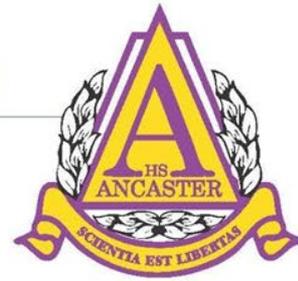
<https://uwaterloo.ca/future-students/admissions/repeated-courses>

year will not affect your application to any program.

Engineering and Math programs

If you are applying to a program in the Faculty of Engineering (including the Architectural Engineering program, but excluding the School of Architecture) or the Faculty of Mathematics, you should avoid taking courses required for admission outside of your regular day school or school board if possible. We want to see how you perform in each of the required courses during the school year where you will be balancing other courses and activities outside of the classroom as we assess your ability to be successful in our demanding full-time programs. If a required course is taken outside of your regular day school or school board, your admission average may be adjusted to reflect your previous performance in that subject.

For some programs, we may ask you to identify courses taken or being taken outside of your regular day school and to explain why the course(s) was not completed in your regular school.



Special Programs at Ancaster High School *(Starting in Grade 11!)*

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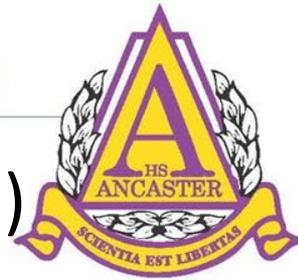
Special Programs that Begin in Grade 11

We have five Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)

- Students take a two-credit co-op
- Students take a special bundle of 5 courses (see back of option sheet for the list)

Students can choose **one** specialist high skills major from these areas:

- Arts & Culture
- Information & Communication Technology
- Health & Wellness
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing



I.B. (International Baccalaureate Diploma Program)

The application deadline for the diploma program is **January 12**. If you still have questions, please e-mail Ms. Toor TODAY at mtoor@hwdsb.on.ca and ask if she can meet with you.

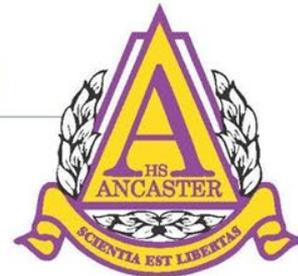
Apply here



Once accepted to IB, please pick these courses in myBlueprint by the March 6th deadline:

**ENG3U1B, MHF4U1B, SBI3U1B, SCH3U1B, CHW3M1B, CHY4U1B,
FSF3U1B, FSF4U1B**

**Students must also take HZT4U1B (TOK) but Mr. Nicholson will add this later*



IB Certificates

Interested in IB but not in the full diploma program? Students are invited to apply for a seat in between 1 and 5 certificates below. Students who take 2 or more certificates must then take Theory of Knowledge (TOK) which happens outside the school day. Seats may be limited depending on how many diploma students register.

Deadline: January 12

Apply here



HL English	SL Math
HL Chemistry	SL History
HL Biology	SL French



Special Board-Wide Programs

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HWDSB Dual Credit Programs 2026-2027



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Dual Credit students:

- Spend half the day at Mohawk College and half the day at Ancaster High
- Earn two college credits and two high school credits
- Are taught by Mohawk College instructors
- Are supported and monitored by an 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
- 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 2026 (*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

Semester 2: February – June 2027 (*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

PM Esports: Esports Fundamentals & Esports Marketing

Semester 2: February – June 2027 (*Stoney Creek Campus*)

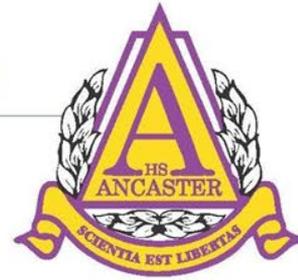
AM Welding: Introduction to Welding & Trade Calculations (Math Techniques)

Online Application: HWDSB Dual Credit Website

hwww.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/programs/dual-credit

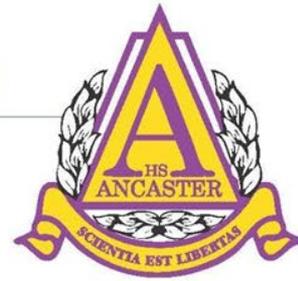
Apply Soon for 2026-2027
Dual Credit Programs!





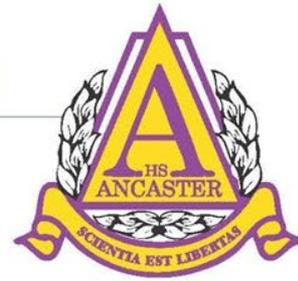
OYAP - Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program

- 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! *(Must be sponsored)*
- 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 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
 - Healthcare Support

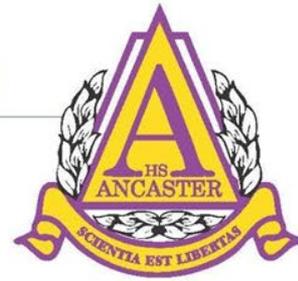


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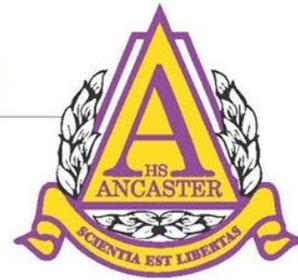
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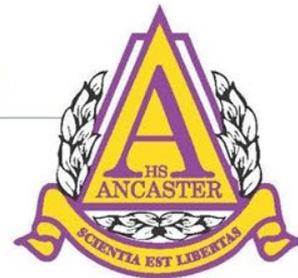
Study Periods in Grade 11

- Study periods are not allowed in Grade 11
- Summer School: acquiring a credit in summer school cannot be traded for a study period.
- Looking ahead: once students have acquired 24 credits, study periods are allowed



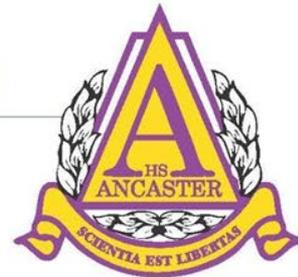
e-Learning has Class Maximums Too!

- e-Learning must be chosen by March 6th
- After myBlueprint closes, 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 working 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 myBlueprint by March 6th!



The screenshot shows the left-hand navigation menu with a dark blue background and white icons. The menu items are: Home, Who Am I, High School, Continuing Education, Post-Secondary, Work, Money, Guides, and Favourites. To the right, the 'Science' section is expanded, showing a list of courses: Grade 9 Science, Grade 10 Science, Grade 10 Science, Grade 10 Science, Grade 11 Environmental Science (University/College Preparation), Biology, Chemistry, and eLearning. A red arrow points to the 'eLearning' link.

The screenshot shows the 'eLearning' section of the website. The left-hand navigation menu is visible on the left side. The main content area lists several eLearning courses: BIOLOGY SBI3C1eL, BIOLOGY SBI3U1eL, BIOLOGY SBI4U1eL, CHEMISTRY SCH3U1eL, CHEMISTRY SCH4C1eL, CHEMISTRY SCH4U1eL, EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE SES4U1eL, and SCIENCE LOCALLY DEVELOPED COMP. A red arrow points to the 'BIOLOGY SBI4U1eL' course entry.



Using myBlueprint

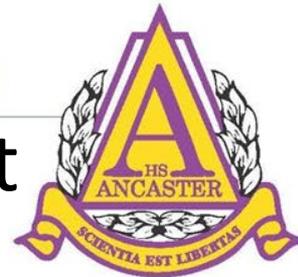
Please access myBlueprint this way:

Go to www.myblueprint.ca/hwdsb and then click

School Account Log In

All students choose 8 courses and **two alternate courses** just in case we can't offer an elective course to you.

If you're taking an important course in summer school, myBlueprint might ask you to submit your courses with an error and leave us a note.



Summer School – Register in myBlueprint Starting March 2nd

www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/summer/summer-school-on-line/

Continuing Education Courses

Continuing Education

We believe in lifelong learning that continues beyond the regular school day, beyond school age, and beyond the regular classroom. A number of programs are offered for students and community members to support this belief.

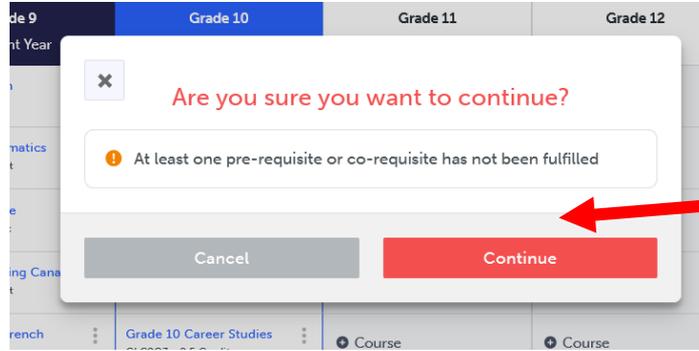
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Courses

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- > Summer School Reach Ahead ✗

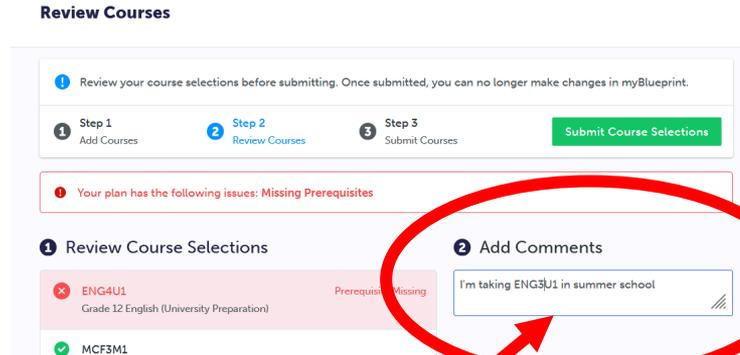
Grade 11 Next Year
Grade 12 English (Universi... ENG4U1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Functions and MCF3M1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Travel and Touris... CGG3O1 • 1 Credit
Drama – Music Theatre ADB3O1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Introduction to ... ICS3U1 • 1 Credit
Grade 11 Introduction to F... BAF3M1 • 1 Credit
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Grade 11 Hockey PAD3O1 • 1 Credit
Repertoire Music
Alternates
Grade 10 Digital Technolo... ICD2O1 • 1 Credit



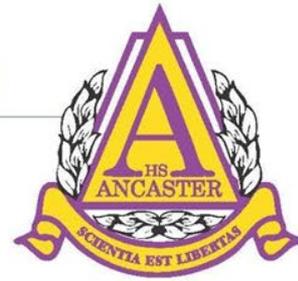
We've designed myBlueprint to still let you submit courses to us with "errors"

myBlueprint KNOWS this student has picked ENG4U1 without first taking ENG3U1.

myBlueprint is warning you that you need to take ENG3U1



You must leave us a comment like "I'm taking ENG3U1 this summer"



Parent Approval OPTIONAL in myBlueprint

ent/guardian so that they may confirm your selections

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Parent/Guardian Approval

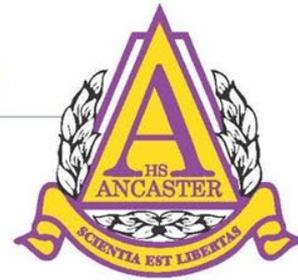
Please add a parent or guardian email below for us to share your course selection. Your parent/guardian will be asked to approve your course selection.

Parent/Guardian Email

Send Approval Email

This is NOT OFFICIAL but is a nice tool to show your caregivers what you picked

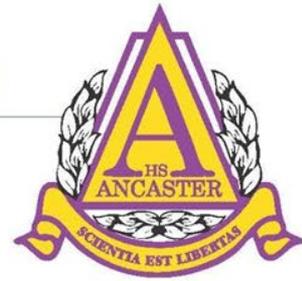
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parent/guardian Course
Verification only
happens via Parent
Portal (web version)
from March 30 – April 2



Need Help? Advice?

- Please book a guidance appointment before March 6.
- We are offering café-style guidance sessions in the library on **March 3rd, 4th, and 5th** at lunch for last minute questions

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G-M	Mr. Nicholson	snichols@hwdsb.on.ca
N-Z	Mr. Vukosa	pvukosa@hwdsb.on.ca



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