

Course Selection Guidelines for Students

1. You may go on to the next level in the course if you were successful in the previous or prerequisite course. Success is defined as a minimum of 50%. However, 50% in a course suggests that you may struggle at the next level. We recommend 60% to continue at a -1 level (and -2 level in math).
2. You will need to know your final marks from the 1st semester and from last year. Log on to PowerSchool to see these. The guidelines for the next level choices are as follows:
 - a. If marks are below 60% in a 10 or 20 academic course, you should consider switching to the lower level for the next grade.
 - b. If you failed an academic course at the 10 or 20 level with 40-49% you can either:
 - i. Move to the lower level grade 11/12 course and receive RETROACTIVE credits once you have successfully passed the course, or
 - ii. Re-do the course
 - c. If you failed the course with marks below 40% you must retake the course or move to the lower level at the same grade level (E.g Eng 10-1 to Eng 10-2)
3. If you passed Science 10 **and** did well in Math, we encourage you to take more than one Science in Grade 11. You cannot enter a Faculty of Science without at least 2 grade 12 sciences. To enroll in Physics 20, you require 65%+ in Science 10 **and** Math 10C.
4. To progress directly to Math 20-1, you must have 65%+ in Math 10C; otherwise, you must take Math 20-2 first or retake Math 10C.
5. Math 20-3 meets your graduation requirement. It is NOT the pre-req for Math 30-2. If you have taken Math 20-3, you must move to Math 10C to upgrade your math.
6. **CTS courses** (option courses) – are titled either "Intro" or "Advanced." You must have completed the Intro class in order to go to the Advanced class. (If you are in grade 11 or 12, but have not completed an intro course, you must still complete the intro course prior to taking the advanced course.) When you are signing up in the computer – please pay attention to whether it is a 3 credit or 5 credit class that you want.
 - a. You will also notice that some option courses are the same name in the 10 level, 20 level and 30 level (Graphic Design, Fitness, High School Rockband, Technical Theatre, Pottery, Robotics, Animation, Game Programming, Recreation Leadership, Industrial Design, and Web Design). That is because these courses/classrooms host many different levels at the same time.
 - b. Some options have only one level and you can only take once (Sports Medicine, Health Care Studies, Film Studies, Financial Management, General Psychology, and Outdoor Ed).
 - c. For students who wish to continue in Barbering, you should choose Barbering Adv. which will be a client services course with apprenticeship hours.
 - d. The PowerSchool System will not allow you to choose the same level of one option more than once. For example, if you want to choose Const Tech Adv once in each semester, you will not be able to. Please write this information on your course selection sheet and ask your block 2 teacher to place your sheet at the top of the pile.
7. The Sport and Athletic Education Program and Instrumental Music/Instrumental Jazz are year-long courses and fill 2 of the 5-credit blocks.
8. Grade 11 students CANNOT have a spare –therefore they must fill the equivalent of 8 – five credit blocks.
9. Grade 12 students must have at least 105 credits by the end of Grade 12. The following courses are mandatory for an Alberta High School diploma:
 - English 30-1 or 30-2
 - Social 30-1 or 30-2
 - Science 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20
 - Math 20-3 or Math 20-2 or Math 20-1
 - PE 10 (3 or 5 credits)
 - CALM
 - 10 other 30 - level credits (Core or Option)
 - 10 credits in total in CTS, or second language or fine arts or PE 20 or 30 (THESE DO NOT HAVE TO BE AT THE 30 LEVEL!!)
10. Grade 12 students must also have 6/8 blocks filled.