



Course Planning Parent Information Evening

February 6, 2025
6:00 pm
Theatre



Welcome Parents!

Mr. Stefan Stipp
Principal



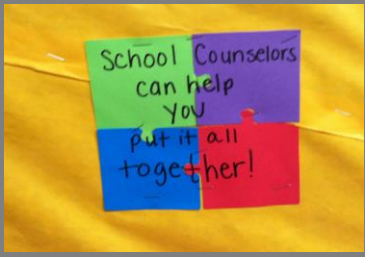
The background features a collage of colorful wooden letters and geometric shapes. On the left, there are various letters in red, yellow, and green. On the right, there are overlapping green and grey geometric shapes, including triangles and rectangles, creating a modern, abstract design.

Introductions

Ms. D. Christensen, Vice Principal
(student last names A-K and International)

Ms. C. O'Brien, Vice Principal
(student last names L-Z)

Mr. M. Orso, Counsellor



Counsellors

- Ms. Kirkpatrick helps students with last names: A-K
- Mr. Orso helps students with last names: F - K and International students
- Ms. Vairo helps students with last names: L - R
- Ms. Spencer helps students with last names: S - Z

If you have course planning questions, please connect with your counsellor through Teams Chat or via email.

Counsellor Contact information is also available on our [website](#)

Purpose of the Evening

- ➔ Outline the Course Planning Process
- ➔ Explain what students need to know to make good choices
- ➔ Answer any questions you have

Course Planning is a 2 Step Process


STEP ONE: COLLECTING STUDENT COURSE REQUESTS

- ▶ **January 31** Parent course planning information letter sent home
- ▶ **Feb. 5-15** Student Assemblies to present information
- ▶ **Feb. 5-20** Students explore info relevant to personal goals
- ▶ **Feb. 12-20** Individual student/counsellor meetings during class time for Gr. 10 and 11 students
- ▶ **Feb. 28 DEADLINE** for Students to enter course requests in MyEducation BC

STEP TWO: TIMETABLE CREATION

- ▶ Computer generated schedules are created based on student requests
- ▶ Complex system and sometimes due to course conflicts, singleton classes and space, students are not able to get their first choice
- ▶ Counsellors fix schedules that are incomplete - add alternate courses where possible
- ▶ Counsellors review student schedules and balance classes as much as possible

The Course Planning Tab on our website...

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Course Planning

Welcome to our Course Planning Site!

Course Request at North Surrey for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please review the Learning Guide and Planning Tools, by following the links on this page. The Learning Guide lists detailed course descriptions from each of our school departments. The Exploration Years (gr 8-9) and Graduation Years (gr 10-12) Planning Tools outline the list of courses and requirements by grade.

North Surrey Learning Guide 2025 2026
Start your research here to see all of the courses that are offered by department. Use a planning tool from below to guide your choices.

Request courses here at MyEdBC! [Instructions Requesting Courses Online.pdf](#)

Tutoring +

School Registration

Course Planning

Graduation Information

It's a great place to find all the information you will need!

Don't Forget the Learning Guide 2025

Please review the NSS [Learning Guide](#) to highlight the opportunities for student learning that each of our departments has to offer.



Careers 8 & 9

Careers 8 and 9 courses are embedded within all students' schedules. Students will explore Career activities through myBlueprint and Teams.



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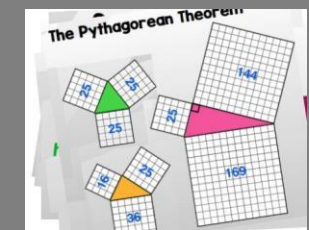
The cafeteria program is an introduction to commercial food preparation. Its primary aim is to give students practice experience and a sound background in the basic theories of quality food preparation and production. The hands-on approach is designed to familiarize the student with the use of hand tools, equipment and machinery with an emphasis on safety, sanitation and the operational flow of a business. Students will receive instruction in making stocks, soups, sauces and desserts; and in roasting, deep frying, vegetable preparation, short order

North Surrey Secondary PE

Our Physical and Health Education (PHIE) curriculum develops a personalized understanding of what health is. In line with the BC Curriculum, classes are designed to have the knowledge, skills, and understandings they, healthy citizens throughout their lives.

At North Surrey we offer the following courses:

- Physical and Health Education (grade 8-10)
- Physical Education Recreational and Health Lead
- Physical and Health Education Active Living 11/12
- Physical and Health Education Fitness and Conditioning
- Weight Training 11/12



IT Digital Literacy 8 (Module)

Want to improve your computer skills as you learn about Digital Literacy? Technology is continually changing in our fast-paced world. Start your high school years by exploring some of the tools available to you. Topics will include MS Office 365, Coding, Keyboarding and our School Computer Systems.



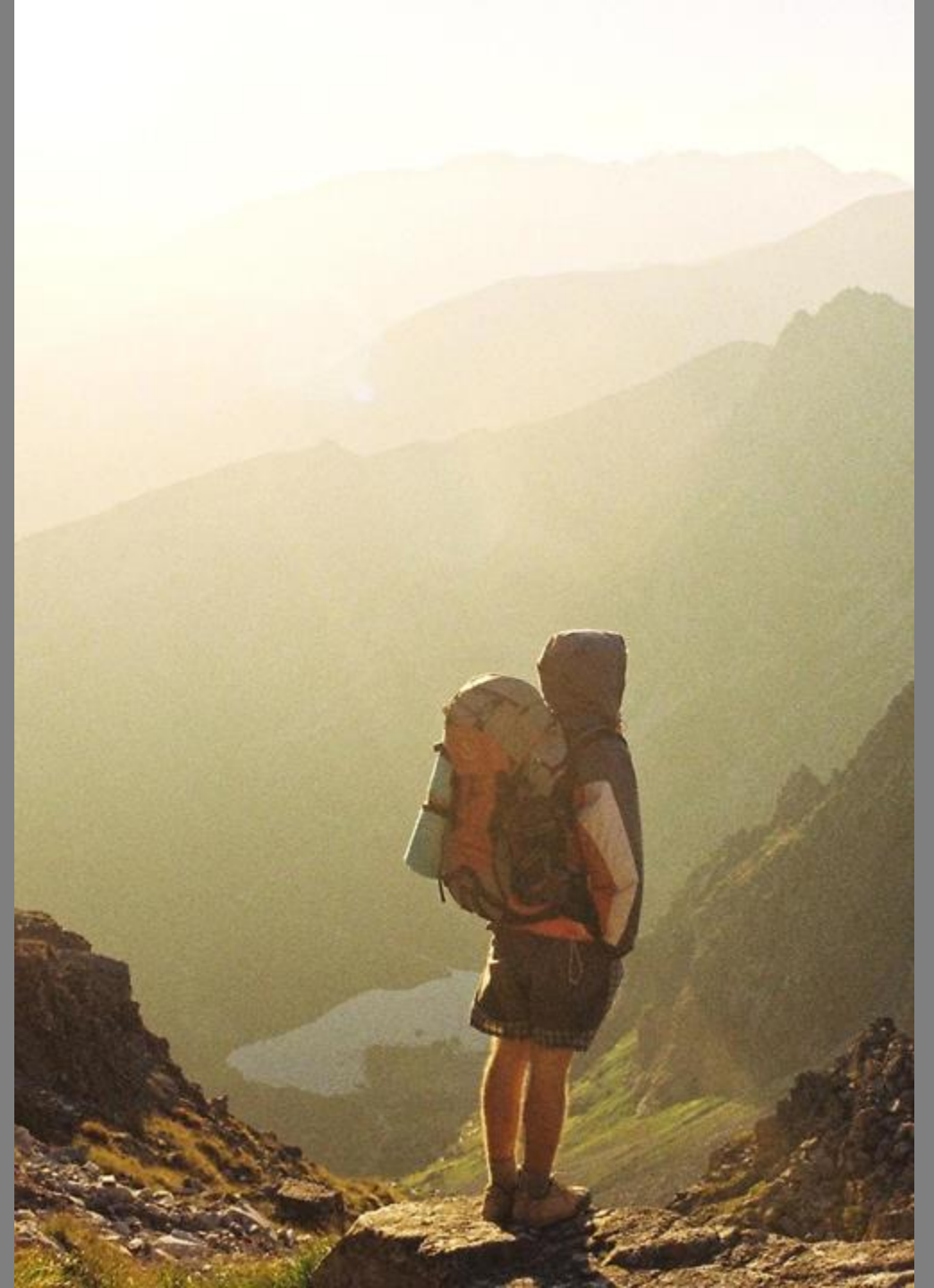
How to Make the Best Decisions Possible



- ▶ Be knowledgeable on the BC Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements
- ▶ Reflect on and explore plans for after high school
- ▶ Be open to the process that education is a journey - not a race and high school is designed to allow students to try new things

Exploration and Graduation Years

- ▶ Grade 8 and 9 are **Exploration Years** at North Surrey where students take courses in both **Arts and Design**
- ▶ Students can explore different areas of the curriculum to prepare them for making choices during their **Graduation Years** (grades 10-12)





North Surrey Secondary

Exploration Years

2025 2026

The Exploration Years (Grades 8 & 9) provide students an opportunity to explore a variety of learning areas to help prepare them for different pathways, interests and passions as they approach the Graduation Years (Gr 10-12).

Humanities 8 and 9 is a yearlong course that is comprised of both English and Social Studies. See the Learning Guide 2025 on the [Course Planning page](#) of our school website for descriptions of courses in all Learning Areas. Careers 8 and 9 are both yearlong courses that are embedded within the Humanities 8 and 9 classes.

Students will receive the following courses (checks) and choose from the circles.

Grade 8	Grade 9
<p>Arts Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanities 8 (Yearlong course combines Eng/Socials) ✓ Language 8 (choose one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ French 8 or ○ Intensive French 8 ✓ Arts Learning 8 (choose one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Band 8 (alternates with PHE 8) or ○ Arts Learning 8 (4 modules) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Art 8 Choir 8 Dance 8 Drama 8 	<p>Arts Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Humanities 9 (Yearlong course combines Eng/Socials) ✓ Language 9 or ELL (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ French 9 or ○ Intensive French 9 or ○ Spanish 9 or ○ ELL 9 ✓ Arts Learning 9 (choose one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Art 9 ○ Band/PHE 9 ○ Choir 9 ○ Dance 9 ○ Drama 9 ○ Musical Theatre 9 ○ Stagecraft 9
<p>Design Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math 8 ✓ Science 8 ✓ Physical & Health Education 8 ✓ Design Learning 8 – (3 modules) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intro to Tech Education Intro to Home Economics Intro to Info Tech (Computers) and Business Ed 	<p>Design Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Math 9 ✓ Science 9 ✓ Physical & Health Education 9 (choice of regular, non-competitive, basketball) ✓ Design Learning 9 (choose one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Info Tech (Coding/Web) 9 ○ Business Ed 9 ○ Media Arts 9 (Animation) ○ Robotics 9 ○ Power Tech 9 ○ Drafting 9 ○ Woodwork 9 ○ Metalwork 9 ○ Foods 9 ○ Textiles Fashion 9 ○ Textiles Art & Design 9

Grade 9

Students in grade 9 who wish to participate in more in-depth study of the arts can also audition for an afterschool X-block as a 9th course:

Theatre Company 9

Polaris (Choir) 9

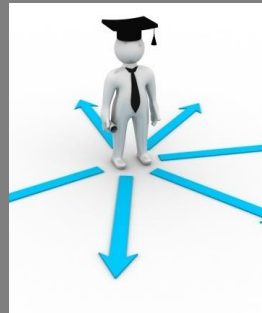
Jazz Band 9

Grade 8 and 9 Planning Tool from our Course Planning website

Students have choices in Grade 9:

- ▶ Which language will I choose?
- ▶ Which PHE class will I choose?
- ▶ Which Arts Learning course will I choose?
- ▶ Which Design Learning course will I choose?

Make sure you are reading the course descriptions in the [Learning Guide 2025](#) to make an informed decision!



GRADUATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

80 CREDITS min. (Gr. 10, 11,12) Each course = 4 credits

GRADE 10

English 10 (options)
Science 10
Math 10 (options)
Social Studies10 (options)
Physical Health Ed 10 (options)
Career Life Ed
Elective
Elective

GRADE 11

English 11 (options)
Science 11 (options)
Math 11 (options)
Socials 12 (options)
Elective or CLC
Elective
Elective
Elective

GRADE 12

English First Peoples 12
Elective 12 or Socials 12
Elective 12
Elective 12
Elective
Elective
Elective
Elective or Career Life Connections

Note: Must have a minimum of 4
Grade 12 Level Courses

Provincial Assessments Numeracy Assessment– Grade 10, Literacy Assessments – Grade 10 and 12

NSS Graduation Years Course Planning 2025-2026

		Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
ARTS	English	Requirement - Choose one: • Composition & Creative Writing 10 • Composition & Literary Studies 10	Requirement - Choose one: • Creative Writing 11 • Literary Studies 11	Requirement • English First Peoples 12 (Indigenous Grad Requirement) Elective: • Creative Writing 12 (does not meet Ent2 grad requirement)
	English Language Learning	• ELL	• ELL	• ELL
	Social Studies	Requirement • Social Studies 10 • Social Studies 10/PE Leadership 10 • Social Studies 10/Band 10	Requirement: Choose a Minimum of one Social Studies during Grade 11 or 12 • BC First Peoples 12 (counts as Indigenous Grad Requirement) • Economic Theory 12 • Human Geography 12 • Law Studies 12 • Philosophy 12 New • Physical Geography 12 • Social Justice 12 • 20 th Century World History 12 • Black Studies 12 New (can satisfy SS requirement or Gr12 elective credit)	
	Languages	Elective(s): • French 10 • Intensive French 10 • Spanish 10	Elective(s): • French 11 • Intensive French 11/12 • Spanish 11 • Introductory Spanish 11 • Introductory Japanese 11 New	Elective(s): • French 12 • Intensive French 11/12 • Spanish 12 • Introductory Spanish 11 • Introductory Japanese 11 New
Fine Arts 4 credits (one course requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12)	Elective(s): • Concert Band 10/SS 10 • Concert Choir 10 • Dance 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 10 • Drama Acting 10 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Stagecraft 10 • Musical Theatre 10 • Intro to Art 10 • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 10 • Clay & 3D Arts 10	Elective(s): • Concert Band 11/CLC • Concert Choir 11 • Dance 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 11 • Drama Acting 11 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Drama Directing & Scriptwriting 11 • Stagecraft 11 • Musical Theatre 11 • Intro to Art 11 • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 11 • Clay & 3D Arts 11	Elective(s): • Concert Band 12/Study • Concert Choir 12 • Dance 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Dance Choreography 12 • Drama Acting 12 (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced) • Drama Directing and Scriptwriting 12 • Stagecraft 12 • Musical Theatre 12 • Intro to Art 12 • Art Studio (Inquiry and Exploration) 12 • Clay & 3D Arts 12	
9 th Course - Audition (these courses run before or after school)	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 10 • Polaris Choir 10 • Theatre Company 10 • Dance Company 10	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 11 • Polaris Choir 11 • Theatre Company 11 • Dance Company 11	Elective(s): • Jazz Band 12 • Polaris Choir 12 • Theatre Company 12 • Dance Company 12	
DESIGN	Science	Requirement - Choose one: • Science 10	Requirement: Choose a MINIMUM of one required Science course: • Chemistry 11 • Earth Science 11 • Environmental Science 11 • Life Sciences 11 • Physics 11 • Science for Citizens 11	Elective(s): • Anatomy & Physiology 12 • Chemistry 12 • Geology 12 • Physics 12
	Math	Requirement - Choose one: • Foundations of Math & Pre-Calculus 10 • Workplace Math 10	Requirement - Choose one: • Workplace Math 11 • Foundations of Math 11 • Pre-Calculus 11 • Pre-Calc 12/AP Calculus AB	Elective(s): • Foundations of Math 12 • Pre-Calculus 12 • Calculus 12 • Pre-Calc 12/AP Calculus AB
	Physical & Health Education (PHE)	Requirement - Choose one: • Physical & Health Education 10 • Physical & Health Education 10 (Leadership) • Physical & Health Education 10 (Non-Competitive) • Physical & Health Education 10 (Basketball)	Elective(s): • Active Living 11 • Weight Training 11 • Physical & Health Education 11 (Basketball)	Elective(s): • Active Living 12 • Weight Training 12 • Physical & Health Education 12 (Basketball)
	Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (ADST)	Elective(s): • Entrepreneurship & Marketing 10 • Animation 10 • Computer Studies 10 • Web Development 10	Elective(s): • Culinary Arts 11 • Accounting 11 • Business Computer Applications 12 • Marketing and Promotion 11 • E-Commerce 12 • Entrepreneurship 12 • Animation 11	Elective(s): • Culinary Arts 12 • Accounting 11 • Accounting 12 • Business Computer Applications 12 • E-Commerce 12 • Entrepreneurship 12 • Marketing and Promotion 11

ADST choices continue below...

	4 credit one course requirement at Grade 10, 11 or 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphic Production 10 (Yearbook) Aviation 11 New Drafting 10 Electronics & Robotics 10 Metalwork 10 Power Technology 10 Woodwork 10 Food Studies 10 Textiles & Fashion 10 Textiles Art & Design 10 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer Programming 11 Digital Communications 11 Photography 11 Media Design (Video) 11 Graphic Production 11 (Yearbook) Aviation 11 New Automotive Technology 11 Drafting 11 Electronics & Robotics 11 Metalwork 11 Woodwork 11 Food Studies 11 Interpersonal & Family Relationships 11 Textiles & Fashion 11 Textiles Art & Design 11 Psychology 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animation 12 Computer Programming 12 Photography 12 Media Design (Video) 12 Graphic Production 12 (Yearbook) Aviation 11 New Automotive Technology 12 Drafting 12 Electronics & Robotics 12 Metalwork 12 Metal and Jewelry Making 12 Woodwork 12 Furniture & Cabinetry 12 Food Studies 12 Child Development & Caregiving 12 Textiles & Fashion 12 Textiles Art & Design 12 Psychology 12
	Other Electives	Elective: • Leadership First Aid 11 New	Elective(s): • Peer Tutoring 11 • Leadership 11 (9 th Course before school) • Leadership First Aid 11 New	Elective(s): • Peer Tutoring 12 • Leadership 12 (9 th Course before school) • Leadership First Aid 12 New • Study block
	Career Education	Requirement: • Career-Life Education (CLE)	Requirement: Choose one Career Life Connections (CLC) during Grade 11 or 12 • CLC - General • CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion • CLC - Band Passion 11 • CLC - Performing Arts Passion	
	9 th Course - Application		Elective: • Work Experience 12	Elective: • Work Experience 12

Course Planning Tool:

Grade 10 Year	credits	Grade 11 Year	credits	Grade 12 Year	credits
English 10 _____	4	English 11 _____	4	English First Peoples 12	4
Social Studies 10	4	Math 11 _____	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Math 10 _____	4	Science 11 _____	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Science 10	4	Elective or Socials 11 or 12	4	Elective _____ 12	4
Physical Health Ed. 10	4	Elective or Career Life Connections CLC _____	4	Socials 11/12 or Elective 10/11/12 (BC First Peoples 12 satisfies SS and Indigenous Grad Requirement)	4
Career Life Education 10	4	Elective _____ 10	4	Elective _____ 10/11/12	4
Elective _____	4	Elective _____ 10	4	Elective _____ 10/11/12	4
Elective _____	4	Elective _____ 10	4	Elective or CLC _____	4
Total Credits Grade 10	32	Total Credits Grade 11	32	Total Credits Grade 12	32
Gr. 10 Numeracy Exam Requirement		Indigenous Grad Requirement Met BC First Peoples 12 or English First Peoples 12		Gr. 12 Literacy Exam Requirement	
Gr. 10 Literacy Exam Requirement					

Note: One elective in grade 10, 11 or 12 must be either a Fine Arts or an Applied Skills course

Total Credits combined from Grades 10, 11 and 12 =
Minimum total of 80 Credits REQUIRED (average total is 96-100)

Course Planning Tool for Grades 10 - 12

Indigenous Grad Requirement

- Effective the 2023/24 school year, all students must successfully complete at least 4 credits in Indigenous-focused coursework.
- At North Surrey, students can satisfy this requirement by **choosing at least one** of the following courses:
 - **BC First Peoples 12** (also satisfies your senior socials studies requirement) in either grade 11 or 12; or,
 - **English First Peoples 12 in grade 12**
- Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, all students* will take **English First Peoples 12** in grade 12 as their mandatory English course and will therefore satisfy the Indigenous Grad Requirement.



What are your Plans After North Surrey?

What is best for me?

- Travel
- Work (employability skills)
- College (certificate/diploma)
- College - University transfer
- Direct entry University

What else is going on in my life? - balance is important.

- Part-time job
- Sports, commitments
- Club involvement
- Personal concerns

Post-Secondary Info



- Explore www.educationplannerbc.ca and <https://myblueprint.ca/>
- Search Admissions information or Information Sessions on your post-secondary institutions of choice



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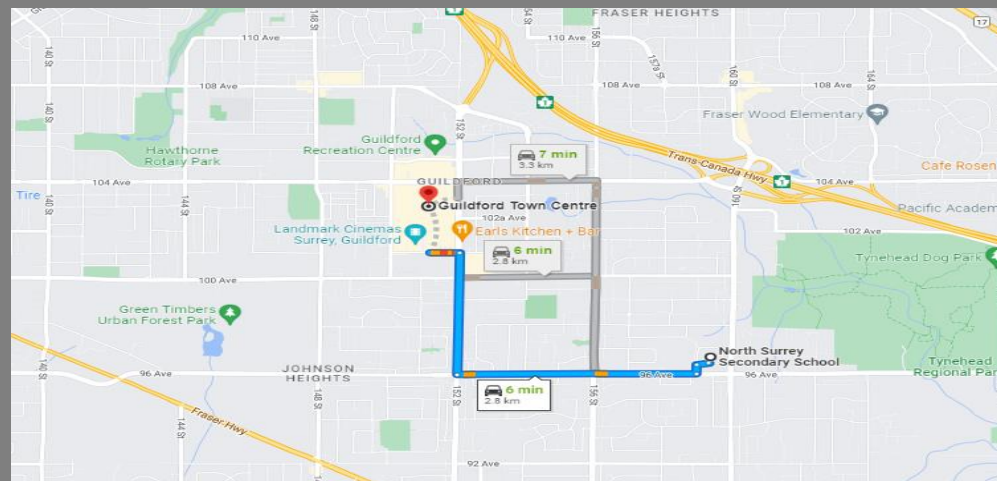
Home » Search Programs » Criminology: Bachelor of Arts Degree - Major or Honours ← Step 1: search/select program name

Fast Facts	CRIMINOLOGY: BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE - MAJOR OR HONOURS
Admissions Info ← Step 2: click on Admission Info to see program-specific admission requirements	
Occupations	



Post-Secondary Considerations

- ▶ Universities are now looking at grade 11 and 12 marks.
- ▶ Universities want to see students who challenge themselves academically.
- ▶ Direct transition from high school to university is intense. You may wish to consider attending institutions that offer university transfer credits such as KPU, Douglas, Langara, or UFV.



District Partnership Programs

You may earn post-secondary credits while still in high school.

The following programs are available to grade 11/12 students. If you're interested, please inquire at the **Career Centre**.

District Partnership Programs

The following programs are offered with the Surrey District

- Auto Collision & Refinishing
- Automotive Service Technician
- Baking & Pastry Arts
- Carpentry
- Culinary Arts
- Drafting/CADD
- Education Assistant
- Electrician
- Explorations in Aviation - at NS!!!
- Hairstylist
- Head start in Art
- Heavy Mechanical Trades
- Horticulture
- Metal Fabrication
- Millwright
- Painter
- Piping (plumbing)
- Tah-tul-ut Indigenous Education Pathway
- Welding

Dual Credit Courses

Available to
students in
grade 11
only!

The following dual credit courses are offered in partnership with the Surrey School District

- **Community and Public Safety** (Nicola Valley Institute of Technology) - for students interested in a career in Law Enforcement
- **Intro to Legal Office Procedures** (Kwantlen Polytechnic University)- for students interested in a career in Law
- **Intro to Practice for Child and Youth Care Counsellors** (Douglas College) - for students interested in pursuing a career as a Youth Care Worker or Counsellor
- **Intro to Health Sciences** (KPU) - for students interested in pursuing a career in Health Sciences

Interested? Come
to the Career
Centre!



Some Course Considerations

Math Guidelines

- ▶ Math 8 and 9 build the foundation to prepare students for senior math
- ▶ If a student is struggling in Math 9 (proficiencies are emerging or developing), most likely they should enroll in Math 10 Workplace but this choice can close doors to direct university entrance
- ▶ Read teachers' final comments on the report card: they will make a recommendation for which math pathway is best for the student
- ▶ If students choose not to follow the recommendation, be prepared that extra support (eg. Tutoring) may be required
- ▶ Please consult with a counsellor for more advice

Choosing the Math course that is right for you:

Math 8 & 9

Math 10 Workplace

Math 10 Foundations
and Pre Calculus

Math 11 Workplace

Math 11 Foundations

Pre Calculus 11

College
or
Trades
goals

Math 12 Foundations

Pre Calculus 12

AP Calculus 12
Year Long Course,
students get credit for
P-C 12 and AP Calc

Humanities
in
university

Calculus 12

Sciences,
Engineering,
Business in
university



Career Courses



- ▶ Careers 8 and 9 are not-enrolling but are incorporated into other courses and presentations throughout the year
- ▶ Grade 10 - Career Life Education
- ▶ Grade 11 or 12 - Career Life Connections (will be offered also as a hybrid course, 50% in class and 50% online)



- CLC - General
- CLC - Business & Information Technology Passion
- CLC - Band Passion 11 (alternates with Band 11)
- CLC - Performing Arts Passion

Language Courses

- You **DO NOT** need a Language course to graduate: and most universities in BC no longer require a Language 11 for entry.
- Check the entrance requirements on your own.
- If you do not take a language in Grade 9, you may take Introductory Spanish 11 or Introductory Japanese in Grades 10, 11 or 12.
- You must have a language in the previous year in order to be successful in the next course. E.g. You must be successful in French 10 to take French 11.



Summer School



- ▶ If you do not meet the learning outcomes of a core academic course, it's recommended that you speak with your counsellor to review options. One option may be summer school.
- ▶ Summer school is a **BIG** decision because it condenses 5 months of school work into 5 weeks.
- ▶ If you decide to attend summer school, please send a note to your counsellor through the course request portal

Please note: taking a summer school course may not guarantee you a seat in the next level of that academic course.

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Summer School



Grade 8 and 9 Review /Preview Courses (3 weeks)

- English 8 and 9 preview/ review
- Math 8 and 9 preview/review
- Social Studies 8 and 9 preview/review
- Science 8 and 9 preview/review

This is for students who are either struggling in a specific area and want to review what they had taken at school or preview the next level.

There is no credit for this course.

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Online Courses

You may choose to cross enroll with an online school to take an additional course to advance ahead, or to take a course that you may not have in your schedule.

Please send a note to your counsellor through the course request portal if you intend to take an online course.

Please consider the following characteristics of what a successful online learner looks like:

- Independent learner
- Self-motivated
- Skilled with communication
- Able to set a schedule and keep it
- Able to meet deadlines

SAIL Academy

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I drop a class after a month if I don't like it or don't like the mark I am getting?

- ▶ It is ok to take a course that you are not interested in or ends up not being what you thought it would be
- ▶ Focus on doing the best you can
- ▶ You may be learning what you don't want to do in the future - crossing things off the list of potential job/careers helps narrow things down
- ▶ Focus on some other skill/knowledge you can take out of the class (i.e. public speaking skills, computer skills, perseverance, working in a group, etc.)
- ▶ Universities have started to focus more on the marks students get in the COURSES in the field you are applying for rather than a total GPA approach



Where do I find more Course Planning Info?

- ▶ Talk to your Counsellor
- ▶ Check out the NSS website [here](#)
- ▶ Explore the [Learning Guide 2025](#)



Question Period

