

COURSE SELECTION GUIDELINES 2022-2023

Students in Ontario require 30 credits to graduate from high school in Ontario with their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Students who complete some of their high school years in a jurisdiction outside Ontario are granted equivalency credits for their achievement in those grades; all students must have a total of 30 credits, either earned in Ontario under the Ontario curriculum or partly earned outside Ontario, to graduate.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
8 credits	8 credits	7 credits	7 credits	= 30 credits
		8 credits	6 credits	= 30 credits

Reach Ahead: Some students take summer school courses to reach ahead even before entering Grade 9, or to redo a course taken the previous school year. This may alter the above progression; however, they MUST graduate with at least 30 credits that include the 18 compulsory credits required for the OSSD, and the 30th credit must be taken at Ashbury. We prefer that students have 31 credits by the end of Grade 12. Reach ahead credits cannot be used to reduce the expected minimum course load. Students intending to register in any online course, whether over the summer or during the school year, should discuss this with their Academic Advisor.

Accelerated level courses: To best ensure their success, it is recommended that students interested in the accelerated stream of a course have a mark of 90% or above in the prerequisite course. These courses are taught at a faster pace, explore topics in greater depth, and are more rigorous than the academic level courses in order to help prepare students for the IB program. Accelerated courses are only offered at Ashbury in the Mathematics subject area.

Ashbury Bilingual Certificate courses: Students in the Bilingual Certificate stream must enroll in either an extended or immersion level French course in each of grades 9 to 12 (four credits) and take four additional credit courses where the language of instruction is French: one or both of CGC1DF or BBI2OF in Grade 9; CHV2OF and GLC2OF or BBI2OF or CHC2DF in grade 10; one or both of CGW4UF or HSB4UF in grades 11 and 12. These will satisfy the remaining four of the required 8 credits for the Ashbury Bilingual Certificate.

Languages: The OSSD requires one course in French. Ashbury encourages all students to continue in a second language past the minimum requirements. Some students take an ESL course on entry to Ashbury to establish their English language skills, instead of Grade 9 French, and take French in grades 11 and 12 to earn an IB certificate. A diagnostic test will be taken at the beginning of the year to determine which ESL level is most suitable. Academic advisors will assist new students in planning their language course progression.

Ashbury Diploma: Grade 10 students will choose to take PPL2O/M/F as their elective. Students in Grade 11 may satisfy the **global perspective** requirement by selecting CGW4U/F, CHY4U, CHY4UB, CIA4U or CPW4UB. Students in Grade 12 may also choose CGR4MB (CGF3M or SBI3U strongly recommended) or CIA4UB (CIE3MB strongly recommended).

IB Courses and IB Diploma: Students in Grade 11 may choose to work toward the IB Diploma or may choose to take some IB courses toward the achievement of their OSSD. IB courses are two-year courses with the second part taken in Grade 12 and a final exam written at the end of that year. Whether pursuing the IB Diploma or taking IB courses for enrichment in working toward the OSSD, students taking IB courses determine whether to take a course at the Higher Level (HL) or the Standard Level (SL); this decision is taken in consultation with the IB Coordinator, the Director of University Counselling, grade-level academic advisors and subject teachers. All students at Ashbury take IB English (Literature or Language & Literature) in Grades 11 and 12. In addition to English, students not pursuing the full IB Diploma may take up to three additional IB courses to deepen their knowledge in areas where they have a particular strength or passion.

Students in Grade 11 of the full IB Diploma Programme take six IB courses. One selection must be made from each of the six IB subject areas, with one exception. Instead of a Group 6 selection in an Arts subject, a student may instead choose a second subject from Groups 1-4. Please refer to the IB Diploma Course worksheet for listings of the six IB subject groups. Of these course selections, IB Diploma students choose to study three at the Higher level (HL) and three at the Standard level (SL). Students should select their Higher-Level courses based on their level of competence and interest. In addition to their six IB subject courses, IB Diploma students are also required to successfully complete the Core components of the program: Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS), Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and the Extended Essay. A summary of these Core components can be found in the Course Calendar. **It is important to note that Grade 11 IB Diploma students take Theory of Knowledge as a seventh mandatory course and therefore must select TOK (H2T4UB) in the course selection process as a seventh course.**

Students entering Grade 12: For the purpose of university entrance a minimum of six Grade 12 courses at the 4U/4M level are required. At times, universities will limit the number of 4M credits, so please be sure to review university admission requirements when planning and discuss requirements with the Director of University Counselling. Ms. Naufal Moffatt will be scheduling meetings with Grade 11 students in February and March to review course selections for Grade 12 and discuss post-secondary goals. University planning meetings will be held April through July. Students should be on the lookout for meeting requests in Teams and their Outlook accounts.

Important notes for students entering Grade 12:

- Please be sure to review the Ashbury Senior School Course Calendar to ensure you have taken the prerequisite course.
- In some IB HL courses, additional class time (9IB) is required to cover the necessary content.
- ESS is a one-year course taught in Grade 12. Students taking ESS in Grade 12 should have completed Grade 11 Forces of Nature (CGF3M), Grade 11 Biology (SBI3U) or a suitable approved equivalent.
- Students taking CGR4MB (ESS) or Biology HL must participate in the Huntsman Marine Biology Field Study Program which takes place one week prior to the start of the Grade 12 year. This trip has an additional cost of approximately \$1,000. **Please note:** If for reasons outside of Ashbury's control we are not able to attend the Huntsman Marine Science Centre, an additional half-credit is taken concurrently in the grade 12 year. (CGR9IB)

***New Students:** The academic records of all students entering Ashbury College are reviewed by their academic advisor during course selection to ensure proper placement in their courses. Students entering in Grade 9 are typically not awarded any equivalency credits from their previous schooling. Students entering in Grade 10 are typically awarded 8 equivalency credits and students entering in grade 11 are typically awarded 16 equivalency credits toward achievement of the OSSD. Ashbury Diploma requirements are reviewed on an individual basis.

New students entering Grade 10 will be placed in Grade 10 Academic Math (MPM2D). If they wish to be placed in accelerated Math (MCR3UB) they must take a diagnostic test before the end of the first week of school to determine suitability. New students entering grade 11 will be placed in Grade 11 Functions (MCR3U). If they wish to be accelerated to Grade 12 Advanced Functions they must take a diagnostic test before the end of the first week of school to determine suitability and they must also complete accelerated MCR3U by taking MCR3UC in the first half of the year and MHF4UC in the second half of the year.

New students must make their course selections online and then consult with their academic advisor to confirm them.

All students: Contact your academic advisor if you have any questions.

Students entering Grade 9:	Kathleen Munro Collins
Students entering Grades 10 and 11:	Kate Lane
Students entering Grade 12:	Donna Naufal Moffatt
Students entering Grade 11 IB Diploma:	Shannon Howlett

Additional Resources:

Ashbury Senior School Course Calendar (on the Ashbury website)
Course Selection Slideshow