

Grade 9 Students - Elective Course Descriptions

Family Studies 10F	This course looks at how people grow, develop, and build relationships — starting from before birth through early childhood. You'll learn about how families work, what children need to thrive, and how healthy choices and strong relationships impact our lives. Whether you're interested in working with people, understanding yourself and others better, or building skills for the future, this course offers something for everyone.
ICT 15F (I and II)	In this course, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), you'll build essential digital skills that are useful in school, work, and everyday life. You'll learn how to use tools like word processors, spreadsheets, and presentation software to organize and share information effectively. The course also covers safe and responsible online practices, helping you navigate the digital world with confidence. Whether you're interested in technology or just want to improve your digital literacy, this course provides a strong foundation for future learning.
Art 10S	Explore your creativity and grow your skills through hands-on artmaking. You'll experiment with materials while learning how to express ideas visually. Courses include opportunities to reflect on your own work, explore the role of art in different cultures and communities, and build your confidence as a creator. Whether you're just starting out or continuing your artistic journey, Visual Arts offers a chance to think critically, create meaningfully, and see the world in new ways.
Band 10S	Develop your musicianship through focused study and ensemble performance. In Band, you'll strengthen your technical skills, learn to interpret a variety of musical styles, and grow as a collaborative performer. Each grade level builds on key areas such as tone production, sight-reading, and musical expression. Band offers a rewarding opportunity to deepen your understanding of music and contribute to a dedicated learning community.
French 10F	Continue building your French language skills as you learn to communicate more confidently about real-life topics. This course builds on what you learned in Grades 7 and 8, helping you expand your vocabulary, improve your grammar, and grow in all four areas: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Through conversations, media, and projects, you'll also explore Francophone cultures in Canada and around the world.
Drama 10S	Build on what you learned in middle years or try something new as you explore the world of theatre. In this course, you'll develop your skills in acting, improvisation, and collaboration while learning how to express ideas through voice, movement, and character. You'll also reflect on how drama connects to community and culture. Whether you're looking to gain confidence, think creatively, or perform on stage, Drama 10F offers a fun and supportive space to grow.
Keyboarding 25S AND Print Comm 25S	Build real-world skills in typing, document creation, and data handling. In this course, you'll improve your speed and accuracy using touch-typing techniques, create professional documents, and learn how to format and organize information clearly. You'll also work with spreadsheets to manage data, perform basic analysis, and present results in useful ways. Whether for school, work, or everyday tasks, these are tools you'll use for years to come.
Creative Promotions 20S	<i>This is a grade 10 elective - grade 9s will be enrolled if space permits.</i> Learn how businesses and organizations grab attention and share their message. In this course, you'll explore advertising, social media, public relations, and other ways to promote ideas or products. You'll also design your own promotional materials and build skills in communication, design, and creative thinking—useful for school, work, or future projects.
History: American 20G	<i>This is a grade 10 elective - grade 9s will be enrolled if space permits.</i> Explore the events and people that shaped the United States and its role in the world. In this course, you'll examine key moments from colonization and revolution to civil rights and global influence. You'll learn how ideas, conflicts, and movements have shaped American society and its relationship with Canada and the world. Through primary sources, media, and discussion, you'll develop critical thinking skills and a deeper understanding of how history connects to current events.

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Life/Work 20S	In this course, you'll explore your interests, strengths, and values to help plan your future education and career paths. You'll learn about the job market, develop essential employability skills, and create tools like resumes and cover letters. Through self-assessments and career exploration activities, you'll gain insights into various occupations and understand the steps needed to achieve your goals. This course is designed to help you explore your options for after graduation, whether that be education and a career, an apprenticeship or the workforce.
Computer Science 20S	Explore the fundamentals of computer programming and problem-solving in this introductory course. You'll learn how to write code, covering key concepts such as variables, loops, conditionals, and functions. Through hands-on projects and challenges, you'll develop logical thinking and computational skills that are valuable in many fields. If you enjoy puzzles, patterns, or thinking through problems step by step, this course might be a great fit.
Personal Finance 20S	Learn how to manage your money and make informed financial decisions. This course covers real-life topics like budgeting, saving, credit, investing, and everyday banking. You'll also look at financial planning, goal setting, and how to make smart choices with the resources you have. It's a practical course designed to help you feel more capable and confident with money.
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Senior Band (Grades 10-12)	Continue developing your musical skills as part of a committed ensemble. In Senior Band, you'll refine your technique, deepen your understanding of musical expression, and perform a range of styles. Through regular rehearsals and performances, you'll strengthen your ability to listen, collaborate, and contribute to a shared musical experience.
Senior Choir (Grades 10-12)	Strengthen your voice and musical understanding through choral performance. In Senior Choir, you'll work on vocal technique, harmony, and interpretation while singing music from different styles and cultures. This course builds confidence, teamwork, and musical expression, with opportunities to perform and connect as part of a vocal ensemble.
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Topics in First Nation, Métis and Inuit Studies 40S	Explore the histories, cultures, and contemporary realities of Indigenous peoples in Canada. This course examines topics such as identity, self-determination, governance, and cultural revitalization. Through inquiry and discussion, you'll gain a deeper understanding of Indigenous perspectives. Engage with current issues and learn how they shape relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities today.
Psychology 40S	Explore the science behind how we think, feel, and act. This course looks at how the brain and nervous system work, how we learn and form memories, and what influences behaviour and mental health. You'll learn how psychologists study behaviour, examine real-world examples, and apply research to understand human development, stress, and social interactions. Psychology 40S offers a scientific look at the systems and factors that shape human behaviour.
Current Topics in Sciences 30S	Explore how science connects to real-world issues and emerging technologies. This course invites you to investigate topics like climate change, biotechnology, space exploration, and environmental sustainability. Through inquiry and discussion, you'll examine the impact of science on society and the environment, developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. It's an opportunity to engage with science in a way that's relevant to your life and the world around you.
Global Issues 40S	Critically examine major global challenges through an interdisciplinary lens. This course explores complex topics such as climate change, human rights, global health, conflict, inequality, and media literacy. You'll analyze how political, economic, environmental, and cultural systems intersect, and evaluate responses to these issues at local, national, and international levels. A central component of the course is the "Take Action" project, where you'll apply research and problem-solving skills to design and carry out a response to an issue you care about. This course emphasizes inquiry, critical thinking, and informed citizenship in a rapidly changing world.
Art 30S	Explore your creativity and grow your skills through hands-on artmaking. You'll experiment with materials while learning how to express ideas visually. Courses include opportunities to reflect on your own work, explore the role of art in different cultures and communities, and build your confidence as a creator. Whether you're just starting out or continuing your artistic journey, Art offers a chance to think critically, create meaningfully, and see the world in new ways.
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History: Western Civilization 40S	Study the major ideas, events, and turning points that have shaped Western history—from ancient Greece and Rome to the rise of modern democracies. This course focuses on how religion, philosophy, politics, and innovation influenced Western thought and institutions. You'll build historical thinking skills through analysis of sources, discussion, and inquiry.

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