



2019-2020 Grade 9 Courses

The Process – Your Next Steps:

1. Read the High School Graduation Requirements section carefully.
2. Read the course descriptions on the Ministry website
<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/index.html>

Grade 9 students **do not** have to make any subject choices. (** indicates course is NCAA eligible*)

Grade 9 courses offered are:

ENG1D* - English,
MPM1D* - Mathematics,
FSF1D* - French or FSF1O open French
SNC1D* – Science,
CGC1D* - Geography of Canada,
ADA1O - Drama,
PPL1O – Healthy Active Living Education,
PAF1O – Personal and Fitness Activities

Note: Grade 9 students **do not** have to send in course selections by email.

A check list indicating what courses are required by the NCAA along with the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (**OSSD**) is attached. Use this as a guide to track your Compulsory Courses. To graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma students require 18 Compulsory Credits and 12 Optional Credits, for a total of 30 credits.

A reminder that Grade 12 students planning to apply to Canadian universities must have at least **six** (6) Grade 12 U/M courses. Courses ending in O do not count as 1 of the required 6 U/M Grade 12 courses. Courses ending with O also do not count as NCAA Approved courses.



Requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

What is a credit? A credit is granted in recognition of the successful completion of a course that has been scheduled for a minimum of 110 hours, and has been developed from a Ministry of Education curriculum guideline.

Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD): This OSSD diploma is granted to a student who has accumulated a minimum of thirty (30) credits. This includes 18 compulsory credits and 12 optional credits. **Forty hours of community involvement** and successful completion of the **OSSLT Literacy Test** requirement must also be achieved.

Compulsory Credits (total of 18)

- 4 credits in English (1 credit per grade)
- 3 credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
- 2 credits in science
- 1 credit in Canadian history
- 1 credit in Canadian geography
- 1 credit in the arts
- 1 credit in health and physical education
- 1 credit in French as a second language
- ½ credit in civics and ½ credit in career studies

Plus:

- **Group 1** -1 additional credit in English, or French as a second language, or a Native language, or a classical or an international language, or social sciences and the humanities, or Canadian and world studies, or guidance and career education, or cooperative education*
- **Group 2** -1 additional credit in health and physical education, or the arts, or business studies, **or French as a second language**, or cooperative education*
- **Group 3** -1 additional credit in science (Grade 11 or 12), or technological education, or French as a second language, or cooperative education*

12 Optional Credits: In addition to the 18 compulsory credits, students have to earn 12 optional credits in courses of their choice, selected from the full list of courses available in the school. Optional credits allow students to build an educational program that suits their individual interests and meets university, college, apprenticeship, or work requirements.

OSSD REQUIREMENTS & NCAA REQUIREMENTS

Total Required NCAA credits	Total Earned NCAA Credits	Credits NCAA	Credits OSSD	Total Required OSSD	Total Earned OSSD	Projected Courses
4		English	English	4		
3		Math	Math	3 (one 11/12)		
2 (one lab)		Science	Science	2		
2		Social Studies	Can. Geography	1		
1		1 year Additional Math, English, Science	Can. History	1		
4		4 years additional Core courses	French as 2 nd language	1		
			Health/ Phys. Ed.	1		
			Arts	1		
			Civics/ Careers	.5 .5		
			One of: -English -Third Lang. -Social Sci. -Can./World Studies	1		
			One of: Health/P.Ed. -Arts -Business	1		
			One of: Science 11/12 -Tech. Ed.	1		
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Course Coding Explanation

All courses are identified by a 6- character code common to all secondary schools in Ontario (i.e., **MCR 3U, ENG 1D, CHC 2D, PPL 4O**).

The first three characters identify the Department and the Course: MCR Mathematics; CHA American History; ENG English; PPL Physical Education.

The fourth character identifies the year or grade, 1 Grade 9, 3 Grade 11, 2 Grade 10, 4 Grade 12.

The fifth character identifies the level of instruction for the course: O Open; E Workplace Preparation; C College Preparation; P Applied M University/College Preparation; D Academic U University Preparation

Types of Courses offered at The Hill Academy

Types of Courses in Grades 9 and 10: The types of courses in Grades 9 and 10 are:

Academic courses develop students' knowledge and skills through the study of theory and abstract problems. These courses focus on the essential concepts of a subject and explore related concepts as well. They incorporate practical applications as appropriate.

Open courses are the only type of course offered in most subjects other than those listed above. They are designed to prepare students for further study in a subject, and to enrich their education generally. Open courses comprise a set of expectations that are appropriate for all students. Open courses cannot be counted towards the NCAA 16 core courses looked at by the NCAA Eligibility Center. ***The Hill Academy does not offer Applied level courses.*** The selection of courses for exceptional students can also be guided by information in the student's Individual Education Plan. Grade 10 academic courses will prepare students for particular Grade 11 courses for which prerequisites are specified in the curriculum policy documents for Grades 11 and 12.

Types of Courses in Grades 11 and 12: Students in grades 11 and 12 will choose from among university preparation, and university/college preparation courses.

College/University preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for specific programs offered at universities and colleges. College preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the requirements for entrance to most college programs or for admission to apprenticeship or other training programs.

University preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for university programs.

GRADE 9

2019-2020

SEMESTER ONE	SEMESTER TWO
PERIOD 1: Math (MPM1D)	 French (FSF1D or FSF1O)
PERIOD 2: Drama (ADA1O)	 Science (SNC1D)

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PERIOD 3: Healthy Active Living (PPL1O)	 Personal and Fitness Activities (PAF1O)
PERIOD 4: Canadian Geography (CGC1D)	 English (ENG1D)