



Mennonite Educational Institute
Secondary School

Course Planning 2019-2020

For Grade 9 going into Grade 10

Friday March 1, 2019

Presentation Handout & Course Calendar available online at:
<http://www.meischools.com/secondary/course-planning-2/>

Course Selection Sheets Due

Friday, March 8th

(right at the beginning of first period)

Students who know they will be away on that Friday should hand in their Grade 10 Course Selection Form to the General Office beforehand.

Course Selection Forms submitted after they are due, should be submitted to the General Office.

Purpose of Course Planning

To help students make wise decisions regarding:

- ❑ completing MEI and B.C. Ministry of Education Graduation requirements (Dogwood Diploma)
- ❑ choosing courses that will help prepare students for life after high school
- ❑ taking advantage of opportunities to use gifts and strengths, to further develop potential and to serve God and others

Top 10 Factors to Consider in Course Planning

1. Time and Resources to live a BALANCED life (as much as possible - emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, spiritually)
2. MEI grade promotion criteria
3. MEI Graduation Program requirements
4. MEI course pre & co-requisites
5. Individual academic strengths & weaknesses
6. Individual interest, ability and spiritual giftedness
7. Exploration of a variety of life / educational experiences
8. Future life & realistic career goals
9. Post-secondary options (within the context of balance, educational experiences, strengths, gifts, weaknesses, reality etc.)
10. University / College entrance requirements (reality vs. myth)

Grade Promotion

- ❑ **Grade 9 Required Courses** (English, Math, Science, Socials, Bible) that are not completed satisfactorily must be repeated :
 1. at MEI next year **OR**
 2. in summer school (if available) **OR**
 3. Online

- ❑ **Students must pass Bible 9 in order to return to MEI the following year.**

Helpful Resources

- ❑ Parents & Other Trusted Adults
- ❑ MEI Course Planning Resources

<http://www.meischools.com/secondary/course-planning-2/>

Including 2019-2020 Course Calendar



- ❑ Teachers and Student Services Counsellors
- ❑ Online Resources – see Course Calendar

MEI Graduation Program

Students must complete a minimum of 80 grade 10 – 12 credits (16 of the 80 credits must be grade 12 credits)

This includes:

- ❑ 64 Required Credits
- ❑ 16 Elective Course Credits (minimum)

See back of the Grade 10 Course Selection Form for a detailed summary of the MEI Graduation Program

Required Credits (64 credits)

- Bible 10, 11, 12
- Career Life Education (CLE) including 20 hours of work/volunteer experience (Grade 10 year)
- Career Life Connections including Capstone Projects and 30 hours of work experience (grade 12 year)
- English Language Arts 10 (incl. Literary Studies 10 and Composition 10)
- Literary Studies 11 **AND** English Studies 12
- A Mathematics 10 **AND** 11
- An Arts Education **AND/OR** An Applied, Design, Skills, and Technologies in grade 10, 11 or 12
- Social Studies 10
- Exploration in Social Studies 11 **OR** a Social Study 12 Course (20th Century World History 12, Physical Geography 12, or Law Studies 12)
- Science 10 **AND** a Science 11 course
- Physical Health Education 10

Three Graduation Assessments

- **One Graduation Numeracy Assessment (GNA) written in Grade 10.**
- **Two Graduation Literacy Assessments (GLA) one written in Grade 10 and the other one in Grade 12.**
- **Does not count as part of your Math or English school marks but will receive a proficiency rating**
- **Similar to the Foundational Skills Assessments (FSA) in Grade 4 and 7**

More Electives Available Each Year

| Grade 10 | Grade 11 | Grade 12 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| 1. Bible 10 | 1. Bible 11 | 1. Bible 12 |
| 2. English Language Arts 10 | 2. Literary Studies 11 | 2. Career Life Connection |
| 3. a Math 10 | 3. a Math 11 | 3. English Studies 12 |
| 4. Science 10 | 4. a Science 11 | 4.* _____ 12 |
| 5. Socials 10 | 5. a Socials 11 or 12 | 5.* _____ 10/11/12 |
| 6. PE 10 | 6.* _____ 10/11 | 6.* _____ 10/11/12 |
| 7. Career Life Education* | 7.* _____ 10/11 | 7.* _____ 10/11/12 |
| 8. (6 credits) _____ 10 | 8.* _____ 10/11 | 8.* _____ 10/11/12 |
| * Term Course | * Electives – students can chose what to take | * Electives – students can chose what to take |

Elective Credits

(minimum 16 credits)





They include:

- 8 credits of Grade 12 provincially authorized or Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses*
- 8 credits of additional grade 10, 11 and 12 courses

* Please consult Course Calendar for a complete listing of grade 10-12 courses (and their prerequisites) offered at MEI.

Arts Education (AE) and/or Applied, Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)

Students must complete 4 grade 10, 11 or 12 AE and/or ADST credits in order to meet graduation requirements.

- * Grade 10, 11 and 12 Provincially Authorized AE  and ADST  Courses do meet this graduation requirement.
- * Only Grade 11 Board Authority Authorized (BAA) AE  and ADST  Courses do meet this graduation requirement, not Grade 10 or 12 BAAs

MEI's e-Career Life Education (CLE) 10 Online Course

* IS for students who are self-disciplined, self-motivated, like working independently and are comfortable and proficient in using computer technology and communication software.

* is NOT for students who need parents to remind them about school work and/or who have difficulty completing school work on time

❖ Students are not entitled to a study if they take the CLE online course

Primary benefit of e-CLE 10:

* Opportunity to take one more 2 credits elective

Please note: Additionally requested elective may not always fit into a student's timetable.

Some Grade 10 Pre-requisites

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| English Language Arts 10 Honours | 80% in English 9 Honours |
| French 10 | 60% in French 9 |
| Spanish 10 | 60% in Spanish 9 |
| Foundation Math & Pre-Calculus 10 | 60% or better in Mathematics 9 |

Remaining grade 10 academic courses students must pass with 50% to be promoted to the next level

French or Spanish 10



As you are considering whether or not to carry on your education with a second language, it is important to take into account the following information:

- In order to take French or Spanish 10, 11 or 12 at MEI students must have previously successfully completed French 9 or Spanish 9. So, if you did not take French or Spanish 9 this year you will not be able to carry on in a second language in grade 10, 11, and 12 until you have met that pre-requisite.
- A second language IS optional in Grades 9-12. You do not need any second language to graduate

Choosing Courses with Pre-requisites

Course Selection should be based on a student's final mark in the required pre-requisite course, however, if the required pre-requisite course is being taken in the second semester, students should base their course selection on their final mark in the required course the previous year. Students will still need to end up with the required pre-requisite in their requested course by the end of the semester, unless a Department Head or Teacher Designate waives the pre-requisite using a Course Permission Slip.

Department Head/Teacher Who can waive a prerequisite:

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Mathematics | - Mr. Balzer |
| English Language Arts | - Mr. Nickel |
| French | - Mrs. Drew |
| Spanish | - Mr. Peters |
| Science | - Mrs. Thiessen |

Course Permission Slips

*Course Permission Slip from Instructor Require**
Permission Slips are available in Student Services

Course Permission Slip

This permission slip must be used by a student hoping to get into a course where a prerequisite has not been met and an exception is being requested or permission from the teacher is needed before taking that particular course.

The prerequisite has not been met because: _____

I give permission for _____ to take _____
(Student Name) (Course Title)






(Teacher Signature)

Date: _____

Student must staple this to their course selection sheet.



Application Forms Required for:

- Advance Performance PE 
- APEX: Student Leadership 10 
- eCareer Life Education (Online) 
- Junior Worship Leadership 10 
- Yearbook 10 

Application Form Required (Limited Enrollment)

* Application Forms are available in Student Services or online at:
<http://www.meischools.com/secondary/course-planning->



External Credentials

External Credentials are approved BC Ministry of Education courses, programs, and assessments developed outside the regular school system.

Examples: ICBC Driver Education, RCM Music Courses, Bronze Cross, Red Cross First Aid, etc..

- ❖ Complete list of organizations and their courses is available on the web:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/support/graduation/getting-credit-to-graduate/external-credentials>

See Mr. Girard to process request for external credits.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL!



DO NOT PANIC

Keep Calm & Do Something

- Embrace unpredictability and change (Getting on the right Bus vs. Driving an ATV)
- Add to your career option “shopping list” using a pencil not a permanent marker. There is many things you can do.
- Focus on the here and now of your journey and not so much on the distant and uncertain future.
- It is normal to have very little or no ideas yet. You do not know yourself fully and have limited life experience. It will become clearer as you keep on moving on
- Do something and see what opportunities come along
- Grow a passion by doing something. Pursuing opportunities opened to you may develop into something may you really like
- In non-moral decision, God will be please with what you choose
- A job or a title should not define you, no matter what others say.

Post Secondary Institutions (PSI) Admission Requirements

➤ General Admission Requirements

To get your foot in the door
Basic requirements to apply



➤ Program Specific Admission Requirements

To qualify for a program a PSI offers (in addition to
General Admission Requirements)

What should I do? Where should I go?

- Career Life Education Course (Grade 10 year)
- Career Life Connections (Grade 12 year)
- <https://myblueprint.ca/>



- <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>



What do PSIs want?

- University Websites (see links in the MEI Course Calendar)
- Meet with an academic guidance counsellor in Student Services
- Contact a University/College Advisor
- Visit a campus: Open House & View Days

B.C. Second Language Information



Some things to consider:

- * A grade 11 second language IS required for direct general admission to SFU (SFU will accept an Introductory Language 11) and UBC, but is NOT required at BCIT, TWU, UFV, UVIC and most other B.C. colleges and Bible colleges.
- * If a student completes a full year of approved transferable post-secondary courses/credits at another institution, and then wants to transfer to SFU/UBC*, SFU/UBC* will not require a grade 11 second language.

NOTE: A second language 12 (or equivalent) is NOT required for general admission to UBC, but IS required as part of their Bachelor of Arts degree program.

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Go over Grade 10 Course Selection Form



Completed Course Selection Sheets Will Have....

- ❑ All required courses selected & credits added (28 cr.)
- ❑ Elective choices selected and prioritized & credits added (6 cr.)
- ❑ Total Credits (required and electives added) Should be 34 credits
- ❑ Two prioritized alternate choices selected and prioritized
- ❑ All Application Forms and/or Teacher's Permission Slips attached (if applicable)
- ❑ All pre- and co-requisite(s) are or will be met
- ❑ Both a parent and a student signature