

CLARIFICATION OF COURSE TERMS

Academic Courses

Academic courses focus on the essential concepts of the discipline plus additional related concepts. They develop students' knowledge and skills by emphasizing theoretical, abstract applications of the essential concepts while incorporating practical applications, as appropriate.

Applied Courses

Applied courses also focus on the essential concepts of the discipline. They develop students' knowledge and skills by emphasizing practical, concrete applications of the essential concepts while incorporating theoretical applications as appropriate.

Locally Developed Courses (Foundations)

Locally developed courses are developed by local school board and are counted as credits for diploma purposes. Locally developed compulsory credits allow students to develop a stronger foundation in the knowledge and skills necessary for further study in the disciplines at the secondary level. Upon successful completion of a Grade 9 locally developed compulsory credit course, some students may proceed to a Grade 9 academic or applied course.

Open Courses in Grades 9 to 12

An open course in a subject has one set of expectations for that subject and is appropriate for all students.

University Preparation Courses - Grade 11 and 12

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

University/College Preparation Courses - Grade 11 and 12

University/College preparation courses include content that is relevant for both university and college programs. These courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to meet the entrance requirements for specific university and college programs.

College Preparation Courses - Grade 11 and 12

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

Workplace Preparation Courses - Grade 11 and 12

Workplace preparation courses are designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need for direct entry into the workplace or for admission to apprenticeship programs and other training programs offered in the community.