



Senior High English: Overview of Pathways

English 10

All students take English 10

English 10 encourages proficiency in using oral language for a variety of purposes and develops written expression in a variety of forms.

How do I know what is right for me?

- Know yourself, know your path, and be honest about your skill level and how much work you are prepared to put into the course.
- Seek advice from your English teacher.
- Seek career exploration advice from the School Counsellor to help you understand how your course selections inform your career path and future options.

English 11

An academic course required for university and meets entrance criteria for college study.

- Students have obtained and thoroughly demonstrated key literacy concepts and skills from Grade 10 English coursework.

English

Communications (ECM) 11

A graduation credit that typically prepares students for college study or workforce.

- Students have obtained and demonstrated basic literacy concepts and skills in Grade 10 coursework and could benefit from having additional support in their development as readers and writers.

English 12

An academic course building on English 11 and required for university and meets entrance criteria for college study.

- Students have obtained and thoroughly demonstrated key literacy concepts and skills from Grade 11 English coursework and are ready to undertake the next level of academic work in preparation for university study or college entry.

English Communications (ECM) 12

A graduation credit that typically prepares students for college study or workforce.

- Students have obtained and demonstrated key literacy concepts and skills in English Communications 11 coursework. This course prepares students with a sound and basic knowledge of English as they advance toward graduation and plan for college or workforce entry.

Next steps and options for students who do not achieve Grade 10/11 English credit:

Option 1: Repeat Course

Option 2: Summer School (offered in July)

Option 3: In-school credit recovery (if final mark is in 40% range *and* student is in good academic standing *and* student plans on moving to English Communications 11 or 12 (not academic).

English Pathways: Explanation of Course Content



English 10 is taken by all students.

English 11 and 12 - Branch off into two options: Academic or Communications (ECM).

English Communications 11 and 12 (ECM)

Skill Profile of an English Communications (ECM) Student:

- Student has internalized some basic key literacy concepts and skills.
- Student may experience some challenges reading complex text with full comprehension.
- Student may be most comfortable expressing themselves in shorter writing assignments.
- Student's written work may show some grammatical challenges and discomfort with conventions such as punctuation. More time will be spent on punctuation. Often, longer time may be given for assignments at this level. There may be fewer assignments to complete overall in order to avoid overwhelming students who struggle with the above.
- In English Communications, students will be assigned speaking assignments that may be better suited towards students with struggles in this area.
- Often, more time may be given for assignments at this level. There may be fewer assignments to complete overall in order to avoid overwhelming students who struggle with the above.

Career Options for an English Communications 11 and (ECM) Students:

Many - if not most - college options are available to students with ECM credits. University is not possible with ECM pathway.

English Academic 11 and 12 - Skill Profile of an Academic English Student:

- Student has internalized key literacy concepts and skills.
- Student is comfortable reading age-appropriate complex text with comprehension.
- Student is able to express themselves through the development of sophisticated ideas.
- Student's written work expresses previous development of grammatical skills and comfort with basic conventions such as punctuation. Students at the Academic level should already be able to use capital letters, commas, and punctuation correctly. In Academic courses, technical writing skills will move beyond those skills, and further address more complex aspects of formal writing, such as run-on and fragment sentences.
- Students can expect speaking skills to be evaluated through formal speeches or other methods.

Career Options for an Academic English Student:

College and university are suitable pathways for Academic English students.

* Next steps and options for students who do not achieve the grade 10 or grade 11 English credit:

Option 1: Repeat course

Option 2: Summer School (offered in July)

Option 3: In-school credit recovery if final mark is in the 40% range *and* student is in good academic standing *and* student plans on moving to ECM 11 or 12 (not Academic).