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ApplyAlberta is an online application and transcript transfer system to apply to undergraduate programs at one or more of Alberta's post-secondary schools. **Aurora students must apply to at least 2 institutions/programs in October of their grade 12 year, using grade 11 marks.** We help everyone apply during our Application Workshop.

Awards, scholarships and bursaries

Aurora school offers awards to recognize students' outstanding accomplishments and contributions. Students also have access to a guidance counsellor who will help students to apply for other awards, scholarships, and bursaries.

Government of Alberta at alis.alberta.ca

Lead the Way

At Aurora, we have a vibrant student community where every student can get involved.

Aurora fosters active student involvement through Student Council and our parent-led School Council.

Students start and lead clubs, plan and host events, and suggest options classes based on their ideas.

Our Leadership Class and Leadership Club focus on community impact, planning fundraisers and events with a teacher's guidance. All students complete 25 hours of community service, contributing to meaningful projects.

- Building a "Little Library" to serve the community
- Hosting fun, after-school events such as the Fall Festival
- Volunteering at the Food Bank
- Fundraising for school projects
- Leading donation drives for community groups



Planning post-secondary

The CALM teacher and Principal can help you plan for post-secondary studies. Each Aurora student uses MyBlueprint to complete interest surveys and plan career pathways. Students book 1:1 sessions with the guidance counsellor to research university programs and plan their high school and university pathway. Parents also have access to all services provided by MyBlueprint.

- alberta.ca/education
- eae.alberta.ca



AURORA ACADEMIC

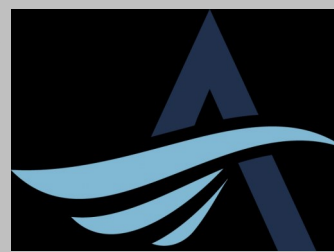
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UNIVERSITY GUIDEBOOK

<https://www.highschool.auroraschools.ca/applying-to-university>



General Questions About the Institution

1. What makes your experience/programs unique compared to others?
2. Do you offer any specialty programs that are well-known or unique in the province?
3. How large are the classes in first-year programs?
4. Are there opportunities to participate in research as an undergraduate student?

Academic Programs

5. What programs are most popular at your university?
6. Are there co-op, internship, or work-integrated learning opportunities?
7. What kinds of support are available for students who are undecided about their program?
8. Can students switch programs easily or take electives in other faculties?

Admissions Requirements

9. What high school courses are required for admission to [specific program]?
10. What is the average admission grade for [specific program]?
11. Are there specific application deadlines I should know about?
12. Does your university offer early admission? When?

Financial Aid and Scholarships

13. How much would this program cost per year?
14. What types of scholarships or financial aid are available for incoming students?

Campus Life

16. What special extracurricular activities or student clubs are available?
17. What is residence life like, and are first-year students guaranteed a spot in residence?
18. Are there support systems in place for first-year students transitioning to university life?

Career and Alumni Outcomes

20. Does the university help with job placements or career counseling?
21. Do you know the successful job placement rate for your graduates?
22. Are there strong alumni networks to help with mentorship or career opportunities?

Student Experience

23. What kind of support do you offer for mental health and well-being?
24. Is there a diverse community on campus?
25. How accessible is the campus for students with disabilities?
26. Do you offer any study-abroad programs?
27. What's one piece of advice you would give to a Grade 10/11/12 student interested in applying to your university?

Each university has their own requirements to enter each faculty. They use an average from 5 of your courses in grade 12 to accept students. Be sure to check which 5 courses they will accept **before** you enroll in grade 10. Sample courses are from University of Alberta for 2025 entrance

Grade 12 Courses

Group A (Humanities/Social Sciences, Languages other than English)	Group B (Fine Arts)	Group C (Maths/Sciences)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Social Studies 30-1 2. 30-level Language other than English 3. Aboriginal Studies 30 4. Microeconomics/Macroeconomics 30 (must be presented together) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applied Graphic Arts 35 2. Art 30 3. Art 31 4. Communication Technology Advanced Level-Career and Technology Studies (CTS) 5. Dance 35 6. Drama 30 7. Music 30 (Choral, Instrumental or General) (see Note 2) 8. Music 35 9. Musical Theatre 35 10. Performing Arts 35 A, B, or C 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Biology 30 2. Chemistry 30 3. Mathematics 30-1 4. Mathematics 30-2 (see Note 3) 5. Mathematics 31 6. Physics 30 7. Science 30 8. Computing Science (CSE) Advanced Level-Career and Technology Studies (CTS)

Bachelor of Engineering

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Mathematics 30-1
- Mathematics 31
- Physics 30
- Chemistry 30

Bachelor of Science

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Mathematics 30-1
- Two from: Biology 30, Physics 30, Chemistry 30, Mathematics 31, or Computing Science
- One other Subject

Bachelor of Commerce

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Mathematics 30-1
- Three subjects from Group A, B, and/or C (maximum of one Group B)

Bachelor of Arts

- English Language Arts 30-1
- Four subjects from Group A, B, and/or C (maximum of one Group B)

In order to maximize their future program and course choices, all students are encouraged to present a broad range of subjects across Group A and C. Mathematics 30-2 may be used for admission to the Faculty of Arts, though some disciplines require Mathematics 30-1 as a prerequisite for required courses. Only one of Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 will be used for admission purposes.



Alberta High School Diploma Credits

To obtain a High School Diploma, you must earn at least 100 credits by taking required courses plus other courses that interest you and help you achieve your goals.

These courses are required for a diploma

- English Language Arts 30-1 or 30-2
- Social Studies 30-1 or 30-2
- Mathematics 20-1 or 20-2 or 20-3
- Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20 or Chemistry 20 or Physics 20
- Physical Education 10
- Career and Life Management (CALM)

These science requirements may also be met with the 10-credit combination of Science 14 and Science 10.

Earn 10 credits or more, in any combination, from:

At least 10 credits from these courses

- Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
- Fine Arts
- Secondary Languages
- Physical Education 20 and/or 30
- Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) courses
- Knowledge and Employability courses

Dual Credit Courses count as 30-level CTS courses (5 credits)

Earn 10 credits or more in any 30-level course (in addition to a 30 level English Language Arts and 30-level Social Studies), in any combination, from:

At least 10 credits should come from any of these courses

- 30-level Mathematics or Science or fine arts or second languages or CTS or Physical Education
- 30-level locally developed courses
- 30-level Work Experience
- 30-level Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP)
- 30-level Knowledge and Employability courses
- Advanced level (3000 series) in CTS courses
- 30-level Green Certificate Program Courses
- Special Projects 30

Locally developed courses give you a chance to explore a range of interests, like leadership, debate or linear algebra

Use what you learn from this guide to make decisions about your graduation plan. This is the basic Aurora plan but your plan may be different if you take summer school, take dual-credit, or go to a different high school. You do not have to take all three sciences or Calculus, but this plan gives you maximum flexibility for university.

Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12		
Subject	Level	Credits	Subject	Level	Credits	Subject	Level	Credits
English	10-1	5	English	20-1	5	English	30-1	5
Socials	10-1	5	Socials	20-1	5	Socials	30-1	5
Math	10C	5	Math	30-1	5	Calculus	31	5
Science	10	5	Biology	30	5	Chemistry	30	5
Phys Ed	10	5	Chemistry	20	5	Physics	30	5
Math	20-1	5	Physics	20	5	Dual Credit		5
Biology	20	5	Dual Credit		5	Option		3
Calm	20	3	Option		3	Option		3
Work Exp	HSC	1	Option		3	Option		3
Option		3	Option		3	Option		3
Option		3				Option		3
Total Credits		42	Total Credits		44	Total Credits		42

Make sure you:

- Chose core and option courses needed for your university program AND diploma
- Have the prerequisites you need
- Consider what you need in order to apply for post-secondary studies and achieve your career goals. Some majors require specific courses.

Career and Life Management (CALM) and Physical Education are not core courses, but are required for an Alberta High School Diploma, so don't forget to finish them by grade 12!

Choose your Grade 10-12 courses

Course Credits

To earn credits in a high school, you need to complete the course with a mark of least 50%. Each course is assigned a number of credits (usually 3 or 5). You must take certain courses to earn your diploma. University programs each have specific courses you must take in high school.

Course numbering

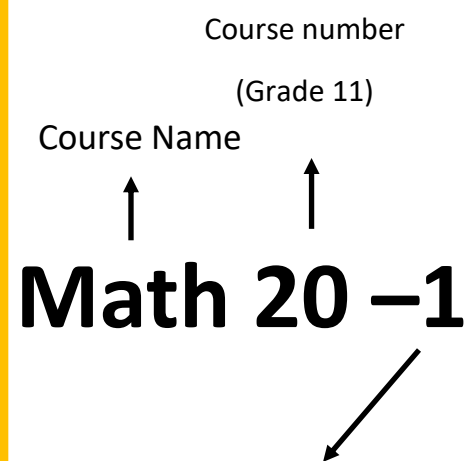
A course number usually typically tells you both the grade level and level of academic challenge.

- Grade 10 courses are numbered 10 through 15 (for example, Science 10 and Science 14)
- Grade 11 courses are numbered 20 through 25 (for example, Social Studies 20)
- Grade 12 courses are numbered 30 through 35 (for example, Mathematics 31)

Course sequences

Course numbers are arranged in sequences. For example, an English Language Arts (ELA) course sequence would be English Language Arts 10-1 in Grade 10, English Language Arts 20-1 in Grade 11 and English Language Arts 30-1 in Grade 12. You must pass the 1st course in a sequence in order to take the next.

Remember: You need 65% in grade 9 to enroll in 10-1 (or you should go into 10-2)



Academic level, not used for all courses (the smaller the number, the more challenging the course)

Choose your courses *(continued)*

What are core courses?

Core courses are required to graduate.

They include:

- ⇒ English Language Arts
- ⇒ Social Studies
- ⇒ Mathematics
- ⇒ Science

Career Life Management (CALM)

and

Physical Education

are also required for an Alberta High School Diploma.

Prerequisites

A prerequisite is something that you need to do or know before doing or learning something else. Most grade 11 and 12 courses have prerequisites. Usually you need to earn a grade of at least 50% in a prerequisite course to take the next course in a sequence. It is strongly recommended to earn at least 65%.

For example, you need 65% in grade 9 Socials to get into Social Studies 10-1, and then you will need at least 50% in Social Studies 10-1 to take Social Studies 20-1 (recommended 65%).

If you earn less, you may chose to:

- Repeat the course or
- Enroll in a different school to continue to the next level in a lower course sequence.

For example, if you earn 48% in English 10-1, you can take English 20-2 in summer school, at another school in the fall, or repeat English 10-1 at Aurora.

Course Options

From Art to Phys. Ed to Foods to Dual Credit courses, there are many complementary option courses offered at high schools. Some options courses can be used to apply for university programs.

Aurora offers option courses based on students interests. You must take option courses to earn credits for you diploma.

