

Course Selection Information Pages - Grade 10 to 12

In Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, education programs are individually designed to meet the interests and academic goals of each student. Students are offered a rich variety of academic and elective courses to choose from. In choosing courses, consider the following:

Five Month and Ten Month Programs

Course requirements from your home country

Be sure to check with your school in your home country to determine if there are courses you are required to take while you study with us. Also, determine if there are preferred courses for you to take that you will receive credit for on your return home.

English Language development needs

If you are a beginning or early Intermediate English speaker you will benefit by choosing the English Language Development course. This course will assist you to strengthen your academic English Language skills. This course can be taken in addition to regular English. Students who are strong Intermediate or advanced English speakers are encouraged to take regular English.

Elective Courses

Our schools offer a large selection of fine arts, design, skills, technology, business education, language, and physical and health education elective courses. Students are encouraged to try different electives; to follow their interests and to explore. Elective courses provide a gateway to future career opportunities.

Design your individual program

Our grade 9-12 program consists of two semesters each year. Students complete four courses each semester. It is recommended that students complete two academic courses and two elective courses (these include career education or physical health and wellness courses) each semester. Some sample programs are shown below. Elective courses are shown with a *.

Five Month Program
English Development 11 *
Pre-Calculus 11
Photography 11 *
Active Living 11 *

Ten Month Program	
English Development 11 *	English 11
Chemistry 11	Social Studies 11
Pre-Calculus 11	Woodwork 11 *
Food Studies 11 *	Art Foundations 11 *

Graduation Programs (For students planning to graduate from a British Columbia School)

Graduation Requirements

The Graduation Program includes courses from grades 10 to 12. Requirements for graduation are specific and are outlined in the chart below. Students must carefully plan their programs to ensure that graduation requirements are met and that they have selected the pre-requisite courses for University.

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English 10	English 11 *	English 12 *
Socials 10	Socials 11 or 12 *	Elective 12
Science 10	Science 11 or 12 *	Elective 12
Math 10	Math 11 or 12 *	Elective 12
PE 10	Elective 11	Elective 11/12
Elective 10	Elective 11	Elective 11/12
Elective 10	Elective 11	Elective 11/12
Career Life Education 10 *	Elective 11	Elective 11/12
	Career Life Connections 12 * (taken in grade 11 and/or 12)	

* These courses must be taken in a BC school, taught by a BC teacher, for a student to be eligible to graduate in British Columbia

Earning Graduation Program Credits

Students are required to complete a minimum of 20 courses (80 credits) to graduate in British Columbia. Students entering the Graduation Program in Grade 11 or 12 may receive equivalency credit for some Grade 10 and 11 courses taken in their home country. A student's International Student Advisor will determine equivalency credits using a student's transcript and applying it to Ministry of Education Guidelines.

For more information on Graduation Requirements, search 'BC Grad Planner' online.

University Admission Requirements

University admission requires English 12 plus three to five Academically Approved courses at the grade 12 level. Be sure to check the entrance requirements for the college or university program you are interested in attending.

Common Academically Approved Courses:

Chemistry, Anatomy and Physiology, and
Physics 12

Calculus, Computer Science, Foundations of
Math, and Pre-Calculus 12

Economics, Genocide Studies, Geography,
History, Indigenous Studies, Law, Philosophy,
Political Science, and Social Justice 12

Second Languages: French, German, Italian,
Japanese, Korean, Mandarin, Punjabi, and
Spanish 12