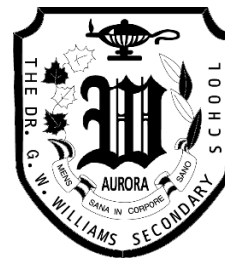


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Grade 9 Elective Course Descriptions



In addition to the six compulsory courses of English, Math, Science, Geography, French, and Physical Education, Grade 9 students choose two elective courses for a total of eight courses.

Drama – ADA101

Grade 9 Drama is a fun-filled course that helps students to develop self-confidence and essential group dynamic skills. Through a number of high-energy drama games and team-building activities, students learn the basics of theatre and are empowered to create characters in short scenes on stage. Through improvisation, students gain the confidence they need to successfully present in front of others on stage and in their other classes.

Music

AMI101 – Band (Experienced Players)

AMI102 – Band (Beginner Players)

AMR101 – Repertoire (all year)*

AMV101 – Vocal

Can you already play trumpet, tuba, clarinet, saxophone, percussion, or another Concert Band instrument? If so, then **AMI101** is the right course for you! If you don't already play one of these instruments, then **AMI102** would be the perfect course for you! In these courses, students will have the opportunity to develop their instrumental music skills while also learning about music and society, music theory, composition, and technology, and the development of music from ancient times to the popular music they listen to today.

Do you like to sing and are looking to further develop your vocal skills? Love singing in choirs with your friends? Try **AMV101**! Through the study of solo and group vocal selections, students will learn strong vocal technique while studying all aspects of music development, from music theory, history and listening, technology and composition activities, to the role of music in society today.

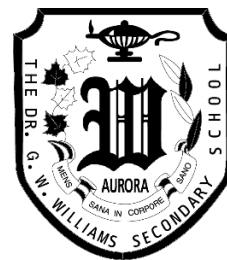
* If you choose to take AMI101 or AMI102, you will also need to take **AMR101** which runs throughout the entire school year, outside of regular school hours, in the form of one weekly rehearsal. This course concentrates on the reading and performance of repertoire for Concert Band. Students enrolled in AMI101 or AMI102 earn a ninth credit in Grade 9 by taking AMR101.

Visual Arts – AVI101

This course allows students to explore a variety of media while learning about creative thinking, design, and composition as well as Canadian, Indigenous and international art. We will experiment with drawing, painting, printmaking, and sculpture and have an opportunity to explore digital art making tools. This blend of traditional and contemporary experiences will build a foundation for further study in painting, animation, photography, illustration, film making, and other aspects of applied visual design in the later grades.

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Business – BBI1O1

This Introduction to Business course gives students a broad look into the world of business. Students will develop an understanding of the functions of business, including accounting, marketing, information technology, human resources, and of the importance of ethics and social responsibility. This course builds a foundation for further studies in business. **BBI1O1** is the essential course to develop the knowledge and skills that you will use every day as you launch your career in business.

Food and Nutrition – HFN1O1

Food brings people together. Good food and proper nutrition are essential to a healthy lifestyle. Food preparation and the safe handling of food are life skills that every person needs in order to live independently. In **HFN1O1**, you will learn practical skills such as knife handling, food storage, budgeting, food trends, balanced nutrition, and preparing healthy snacks and tasty meals. If eating well is important to you, then **HFN1O1** is the course for you.

Communications Technology – TGJ1O1

This computer-based and hands-on course introduces students to concepts and skills in communications technology. Students get a chance to try their hand in areas such as graphic design, digital photography and Photoshop, computer animation, video production, green screening and special effects. Not only do students learn the basic technical skills required to create such products, they also develop invaluable literacy, presentation, mathematical and collaborative skills along the way.

Exploring Technologies – TIJ1O1

This broad-based, hands-on course enables students to explore and develop knowledge and skills introduced in both construction and automotive technologies. Students learn about the basic maintenance of vehicles and operate equipment commonly used in industry. Students also use the tools and equipment in the wood shop to create small construction projects. **TIJ1O1** allows students to develop an understanding of products and services related to these technological areas. Students will begin to explore secondary and post-secondary education and training pathways leading to careers in technology-related fields.

Learning Strategies – GLE1O1*

*** Students taking the Learning Strategies course will be identified through the IPRC process.**

This course focuses on strategies to help students capitalize on their strengths and understand how they learn best in order to become more independent learners. Students learn how to develop and apply literacy and numeracy skills, personal management skills, study skills, and teamwork skills, while building confidence and motivation for success in secondary school and beyond.

