



# Post Secondary Pathways



Beginning the College & University Application Process



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# Congratulations!

- You are potential graduates!
- Considered eligible to graduate and apply to college and/or university

# OSSD Graduation Requirements

- 30 credits
  - 18 compulsory
  - 12 electives
- Successful completion of the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test)
- 40 hours of community involvement activities

## What do you need to graduate from high school?

### 18 compulsory credits

Students must earn the following compulsory credits to obtain the Ontario Secondary School Diploma:

4	credits in English (1 credit per grade)*
3	credits in mathematics (1 credit in Grade 11 or 12)
2	credits in science
1	credit in Canadian history
1	credit in Canadian geography
1	credit in the arts
1	credit in health and physical education
1	credit in French as a second language
0.5	credit in career studies
0.5	credit in civics

#### In addition, students must complete:

✓	12 optional credits†
✓	40 hours of community involvement activities
✓	the provincial literacy requirement

Plus one credit from each of the following groups:

	<b>Group 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• English or French as a second language**</li><li>• a Native language</li><li>• a classical or international language</li><li>• social sciences and the humanities</li><li>• Canadian and world studies</li><li>• guidance and career education</li><li>• cooperative education***</li></ul>
1	<b>Group 2:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• health and physical education</li><li>• the arts</li><li>• business studies</li><li>• French as a second language**</li><li>• cooperative education***</li></ul>
1	<b>Group 3:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• science (Grade 11 or 12)</li><li>• technological education</li><li>• French as a second language**</li><li>• computer studies</li><li>• cooperative education***</li></ul>

\* A maximum of 3 credits in English as a second language (ESL) or English literacy development (ELD) may be counted

# Full Disclosure Policy

- Marks for all grade 11 and 12 courses in which you are enrolled beyond a **set cut off date** will be recorded on your official transcript
- For grades 9 and 10, only courses that have successfully been completed are recorded on your official transcript

# Full Disclosure Date

- The cut off date after which grade 11 or 12 course marks will appear on the official transcript
- Courses dropped before this date are not recorded on the transcript
- The mark a student has at the time of withdrawal from a course after this date will be recorded on the transcript

# Full Disclosure Dates 2015-2016

- Five days after mid-term report cards are distributed
  - **November 25, 2015 (Semester 1)**
  - **April 27, 2016 (Semester 2)**

# About Private School Courses

- In order to have a course that you completed at private school included on your high school transcript, you must provide the Guidance Department with an official, sealed transcript or an official sealed report card from the private school.

# About Private School Courses

- Private schools that are authorized to grant credits have Ministry of Education Numbers called “**MIDENT**” numbers
- - **BE SURE THE PRIVATE SCHOOL WHERE YOU TAKE COURSES HAS A **MIDENT** NUMBER**
  - Final marks are due by **June 10<sup>th</sup>**



# About University

- The purpose of a university education
- Types of undergraduate degrees:
  - B.A. Bachelor of Arts
  - B.Sc. Bachelor of Science
  - B. FA. Bachelor of Fine Arts
  - Professional Degrees – examples
    - Bachelor of Commerce (Business)
    - Bachelor of Science in Engineering
    - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

# About University

- Length of degrees (Honours/General)
- # of courses taken per year- 5
- Program admission requirements differ
- Lack of uniformity between universities demands that offerings of each be examined individually
  - **Researching options is critical!**

# General University Admission Requirements

- OSSD
- Minimum cut-off average in 6 grade 12 university (U) or university/college (M) courses including English and program specific requirements
- Language Proficiency requirement for students whose 1<sup>st</sup> language is not English

# About College...

- The purpose of a college education: **career focused**
- Types of Programs Available:
  - Vocational Programs
  - Certificate Programs
  - Apprenticeship Programs
  - Diploma/ Advanced Diploma Programs
  - Applied Bachelor Degrees
  - Joint College-University Programs
  - Graduate Certificate Programs

# General College Admission Requirements

- Varies according to program
- Diploma Programs demand an OSSD with a minimum of grade 12 College level English and specific requirements listed in the college calendars and websites
- Bachelor's Degree Programs and Joint College-University Programs adhere to the university admission requirements
- Language Proficiency requirement for students whose 1<sup>st</sup> language is not English

# College to University

- Many partnerships exist between colleges and universities often involving granting of advanced standing in university programs after completion of partnered college programs
- Institution specific



# Research Resources

- College and University Representative Visits – See Guidance
- College and University Fairs
- SLSS Pathways Information Evening in conjunction with Westmount, Maple and Alexander Mackenzie High School  
**November 4, 2015 7-9 p.m.**
- College and University Calendars
- On-line Resources (Electronicinfo.ca, Ontariocolleges.ca)
  - Plan A, Plan B, Plan C

# Online Research Resources

- College:

[www.OntarioColleges.ca](http://www.OntarioColleges.ca)

- University:

[www.ElectronicInfo.ca](http://www.ElectronicInfo.ca)

[www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)



# Online Research Resources

- Transfer agreement information:
- Ontario College University Transfer Guide  
(OCUTG)

[www.ontransfer.ca](http://www.ontransfer.ca)

# Financing Your Education

- Financing + Scholarship Information Session:
  - Wed., Oct 7, at lunch
  - Thurs., Oct 15, after school
- Sign up in the Guidance Office.



# All About The Application Process

# University Application Process

- University:
  - OUAC
    - Ontario Universities' Application Centre
- Purpose of OUAC



# University Application Process

- Guidance transmits Student Data to OUAC
- OUAC sends PIN #s for all **Potential Grads** to our Guidance Department
- PIN #s distributed to potential grads
- Potential grads complete on-line application
- Equal Consideration Deadline:
  - **January 15, 2014**
- **Early Acceptance**

# University Application Process

- **Fees:**
  - Initial 3 choices    \$150.00
    - Each additional choice    \$ 50.00

**All Fees are Non-Refundable!**

**Research your options!**

**Apply for appropriate programs.**

# Sending Marks To Universities

Guidance sends the following marks to OUAC:

1. All grade 11 and 12 courses completed prior to September 2015
2. Semester 1 Final Marks
3. Semester 2 Mid-term Marks
4. Semester 2 Final Marks

# About Private School Marks

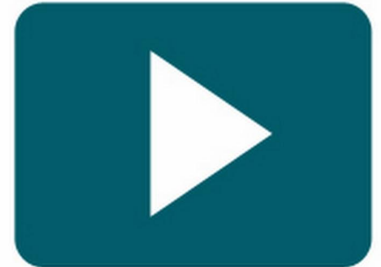
- SLSS cannot be responsible for courses that are being taken outside of York Region District School Board
- If you are taking a private school course, the private school is responsible for ensuring that your mid-term and final marks are sent to OUAC to be considered for your application to University
- **Be sure that your private school knows this!**



# College Application Process

- College:
  - Ontario College Application Service
    - **OCAS**
- Purpose of **OCAS**

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# College Application Process

- Guidance transmits Student Data to OCAS
- Potential Grads may begin to complete the On-Line Application
- **Equal Consideration Deadline:**
  - **February 1, 2016**

# College Application Process

- **Fees:**
  - Up to 5 program choices for \$95.00
  - **No more than 3 program choices from any 1 college**
- Applications not processed until fee is paid (Date fee is received by OCAS is considered the date of application)

**Fees are non-refundable**

**Be sure you are eligible for your selections!**

# Reporting Marks to Ontario Colleges

- Marks are reported to OCAS in a similar time frame as they are reported to OUAC
- OCAS does receive your semester 1 mid-term marks
- The same policies adhere to courses taken at Private Schools

# University and College Application Process

- Guidance will hold detailed application sessions for all students soon
- Sign up for Grad Email and Twitter in order to receive information about these and other events

# Stay Informed

## Grad Email:

- We will be e-mailing university, college, and scholarship information to all students who join the Grad Email

**Sign up: [goo.gl/7Pz2WB](https://goo.gl/7Pz2WB)**

- Visit Guidance and obtain an instruction slip
- Follow us on Twitter [@SLSSGradInfo](https://twitter.com/SLSSGradInfo)
- See the bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office

# Graduation

- The Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 27, 2016 at a Banquet Hall in Vaughan
- Cost:

**\$70 per graduate**

-includes rental of the Banquet Hall, light refreshments, cap, tassel, and gown

# Graduation Distribution Day

- April 20th, 2016, 3:00 PM (after school)
  - Purchase prom tickets
  - Pick up Grad entry tickets
  - Pay fee for cap and gown
- More information will be forthcoming



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- It is up to YOU to research so that you can gain acceptance to the program(s) of your choice!
- Thank You!