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Specialist High Skills Major Program

ARTS & CULTURE





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The ministry approved Specialist High Skills Major in Arts & Culture program enables students to meet the requirements for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma through the context of engaging, career-related learning opportunities that align with the pursuit of their postsecondary goals. Participation in enriching experiential opportunities assist students in their transition from secondary school by building a foundation of sector-focused knowledge and skills before graduating and entering apprenticeship training, college, university, or an entry-level position in the workplace. An Arts & Culture SHSM can focus on one or a combination of artistic sectors such as visual arts, dramatic arts, music, media arts or language arts as well as technical production or other areas relating to Arts & Culture.



What do the students who successfully complete the Specialist High Skills Major Program receive?

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- An Ontario Secondary Diploma with an embossed SHSM red seal
- An SHSM Record documenting his/her achievement
- Formal recognition on his/her Ontario Student Transcript
- Industry recognized certifications

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SHSM Certifications provide students with an advantage when entering the workforce, regardless of their chosen career.



What specific credits do students need to successfully complete to earn an **ARTS & CULTURE SHSM** designation?

BUNDLE OF EIGHT (8) GRADE 11 AND 12 CREDITS				
Credits	Apprenticeship Training Grades 11 -12	College Grades 11 -12	University Grades 11 -12	Workplace Grades 11 -12
Major Credits One credit may be substituted with a cooperative education credit (additional to the 2 required co-op credits)	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit	4 Including at least one Gr. 11 and one Gr. 12 credit
English	1	1	1	1
Business Studies or Canadian and World Studies	1	1	1	1
Coop Education	2	2	2	2
Total Credits	8	8	8	8

The Benefits of an SHSM Designation are Endless

Students refine their skills and improve their work habits, gain confidence in their ability to succeed and see the connections between their studies, the world beyond high school and their future careers. Students experience a range of customized, career-focused learning opportunities that provide authentic learning experiences which outlines their achievements in a workplace setting. The focused learning experiences give students the opportunity to explore, identify, and refine their career goals and make informed decisions related to postsecondary education.



How do I get more information about the **Arts & Culture Specialist High Skills Major?**

For more specific information, please speak with Sir Winston Churchill's Arts Program Leader, see a Guidance Counsellor or visit DSBN.org/SHSM

Certifications

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3 Specialized
Bundle of
Eight Senior
Credits

2 Experiential
Learning

5 Reach
Ahead

4 (SPE) Sector
Partnered
Experience



(SPE) These are co-delivered by teachers and a sector partner and involve activities related to Innovation, Creativity and Entrepreneurship (ICE), Coding or Math Literacy. One or more SPE's must be completed by the time of graduation to be eligible for the SHSM Red Seal. These Essential Skills are transferable from school to work, job to job, and sector to sector.

For more information visit DSBN.org/SHSM



**Focus Your Learning on Your Interests
and Passions**

**Earn Industry Recognized Certifications
and Explore Post-Secondary Opportunities**

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1 Certifications

- WHMIS - Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System
- CPR Level C- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation with AED
- Standard First Aid
- Plus THREE more!

2 Experiential Learning

- Guest Speakers Currently Working in Industry
- Tours of Industry Hot Spots
- Trips - Overnight and Day Trips
- Co-op Placements



3 Specialized Bundle of 8 Senior Credits

- *Four (4) Major Credits
- One (1) Senior English
- Two (2) Co-op Credits
- *One (1) Business Studies or Canadian and World Studies or Additional Cooperative Education Credit
- * An additional sector-related Co-operative Education credit may be used to substitute one credit in this requirement

4 Sector Partnered Experience (SPE)

- Making Decisions Using Appropriate Information
- The Collection and Analysis of Data
- Planning and Organization of Work
- Sector Related Coding Challenges
- Innovative Creative Entrepreneurship



5 Reach Ahead

- Conferences and Workshops
- Completing Dual Credit Course
- Attending College/University Classes

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SHSM Major Credits - (4) Required

Grade 11

ADA3M	Drama
AMI3M	Instrumental Music: Band
AMR3M	Repertoire
AMV3M	Vocal Music
AVI3M	Visual Arts
AWA3O	Crafts
HSP3UF	Introduction to Anthropology, Psychology & Sociology)
EMS3O†	Media Studies
TGP3M	Photography & Digital Imaging
TGV3M	TV, Video & Movie Production

Grade 12

ADA4M	Drama
AMI4M	Instrumental Music: Band
AMR4M	Repertoire
AMV4M	Vocal Music
AVI4M	Visual Arts
CHY4U*†	World History Since the 15th Century
CGR4M†	The Environment & Resource Management
EWC4U†	The Writer's Craft
FIF4U†	French Immersion
FSF4U	Core French
HSC4M*	World Cultures (offered 2021/22)
IDC40†	Interdisciplinary Studies
IDC4U	Interdisciplinary Studies
TGG4M	Graphic Design
TGJ4MB	Broadcasting
TGP4M	Photography & Digital Imaging
TGV4M	TV, Video & Movie Production

Grade 12 English Credit - (1) Required

ENG4E	English	ENG4C	English	ENG4U	English
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Other Required Credit (Please note that major course codes with a cross † can count for either one of the Major credits or the one required "Other" credit. Also, course codes with an asterisk * are offered every other year. Furthermore, course codes followed by a year in brackets are transition courses that are being phased in or out)

BAF3M	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
BAT4M	Financial Accounting Principles
BDI3C	Entrepreneurship: The Venture
BMI3C	Marketing
BOH4M	Business Leadership Fundamentals
CGF3M	Forces of Nature: Physical Processes & Disasters
CHY4C*†	World History Since the 15th Century (offered 2021/22)
CHY4U*†	World History Since the 15th Century (offered 2021/22)
CHW3M	World History
CLU3M	Introduction to Canadian Law
CLN4U	Canadian & International Law
EMS3O†	Media Studies
EWC4U†	The Writer's Craft
FIF4U†	French Immersion
FSF4U	Core French
IDC40†	Interdisciplinary Studies



 Drama	 Music	 Visual Arts
 Languages	 Business or Canadian & World Studies	
 Technology		

Cooperative Education

- (2) Required in the SHSM related field

‘Reach Ahead’ Experiences

Students pursuing an SHSM must have opportunities for Reach Ahead experiences connected with their postsecondary plans.

What are Reach Ahead experiences?

Reach Ahead experiences are learning experiences connected with the student’s postsecondary pathway in the Arts & Culture sector.

Reach Ahead experiences can range from visiting a college to investigate the program a student is considering, to sitting in on university classes in a student’s field of interest, interviewing an employee in the field of work the SHSM student is considering, to discussing the postsecondary education, training and experiences of someone in the Arts & Culture sector.

Experiential Learning

Experiential learning and career exploration activities give students opportunities to explore, observe, participate in, and reflect on a variety of sector-specific experiences and careers. These activities also enable students enrolled in the SHSM to find out about the opportunities available in careers that interest them.

The SHSM experiential learning and career exploration requirement consists of planned learning activities that take place outside the traditional classroom setting. Experiential learning may take a variety of forms, including career exploration activities, job shadowing, job twinning, work experience or virtual work experience.

SHSM Programs allow students to customize their education to suit their interests, talents and future career goals.



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