Course Selection Parent / Student Info Night

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Course Selection Information Night

- Graduation Requirements
- Course Offerings at STA
- Post Secondary Institutions
- Questions and Answers

Grad Requirements STA Policy

- Students are required to take all graduation requirements for the respective year at STA unless the course has already been successfully completed elsewhere (usually at summer school or online during the summer or in a previous term).

- Students must pass Christian Education 12 in order to participate in all Graduation Activities in June.

- Drop Deadline for Courses: Sept 23, 2022

BC GRADUATION PROGRAM

- BC's new Graduation Program will continue to require all students to successfully complete 80 credits in grades 10, 11, and 12, and write three provincial assessments: Grade 10 Literacy, Grade 10 Numeracy and Grade 12 Literacy assessments.

- There will be an opportunity for students to re-write the Provincial Graduation Assessments to improve their achievement level. Until graduation, students may write a Provincial Graduation Assessment up to three times: the original attempt and two re-writes.

SUMMARY OF GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SUBJECT	CREDITS
Composition & Creative Writing 10	4
Composition 11	4
English Studies 12	4
Social Studies 10	4
Social Studies 12 *any approved SS 12 course	4
Science 10	4
Science 11 *any approved Science 11 course	4
Mathematics 10	4
Mathematics 11 *any approved Math 11 course	4
Physical & Health Education 10	4
Career Life Education 10	4
Career Life Connections 11-12	4
Arts Education and/or Applied Design, Skills & Technologies 10, 11 or 12	4
Elective Credits	28
TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS	80

Graduation Requirements Grade 10

- Christian Education 10 — 4 Credits
- English 10 — 4 Credits
- Physical Education 10 — 4 Credits
- Career Life Education 10 — 4 credits
- Math 10 — 4 Credits
- Science 10 — 4 Credits
- Social Studies 10 — 4 Credits
- French 10 or LRC — 4 Credits
- Elective — 2 Credits

Graduation Requirements Grade 11

- Christian Education 11 — 4 credits
- Composition 11 — 4 credits
- a Math 11 — 4 credits
- a Science 11 — 4 credits
- a Social Studies 12 — 4 credits
- Elective (ie. French or Spanish 11) — 4 credits
- Elective (ie. Applied Skill or Fine Art) — 4 credits
- Elective (ie. a second science or PHE) — 4 credits
- Career Life Connections — 2 credits

Graduation Requirements Grade 12

- Christian Education 12 — 4 credits
- English Studies 12 — 4 credits
- Career Life Connections — 2 credits
- At least 4 other Grade 12 Level Courses — 16 credits

- Post-Secondary schools require the completion of at least six grade 12 courses of which five should be approved academic courses.

Study Blocks & Service Blocks

- Students are required to be enrolled in at least 6 - four credit courses at STA in their senior year.

- Grade 12 students may elect to have a study block.
  - Category A – off campus
    (honour roll or effort honour roll)
  - Category B – only on campus
    (library)

- Students can also apply for a **School & Community Service Block.** Selection is based on student experience and teacher need.

Online Courses

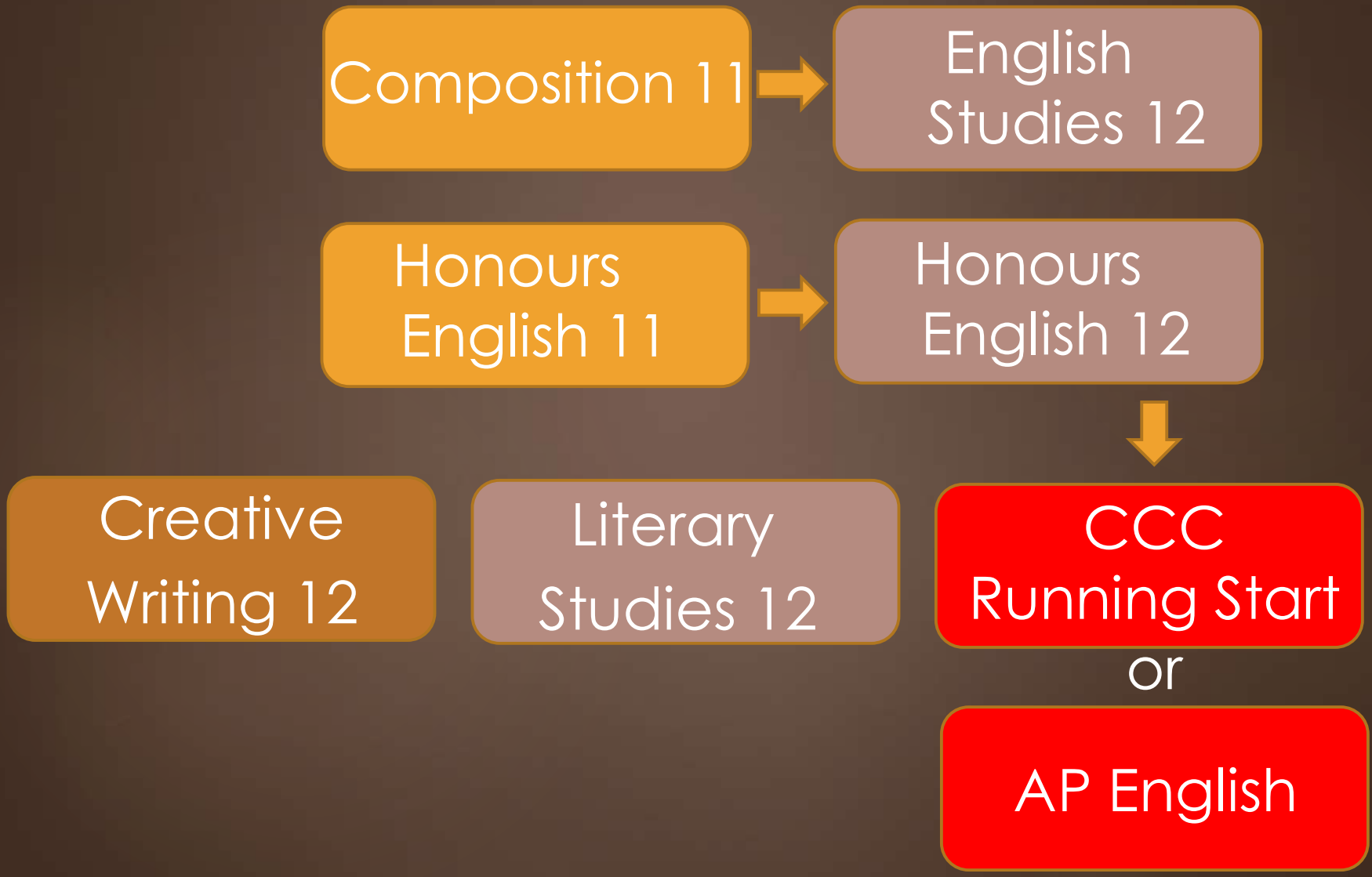
- Online courses provide students with opportunities to earn extra credits or complete courses outside of the school timetable.
- STA recommendation is to take all academic required courses here at STA.
- For university admissions, online courses must be 100% complete before they appear on the transcript.

Course Offerings

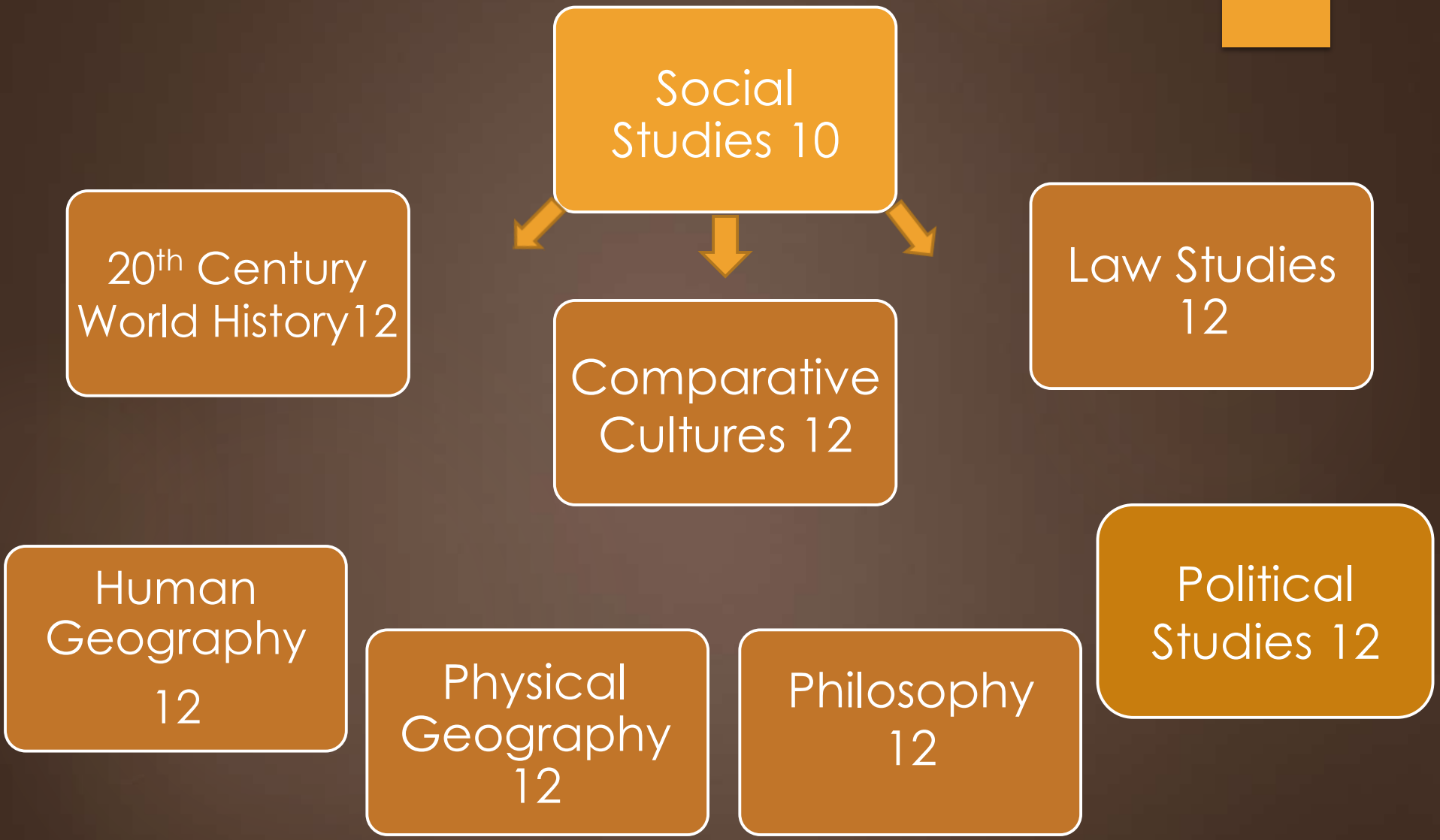
- **Academic Courses**
  - Courses from approved lists (differs by university) used to calculate post-secondary admission averages
  - i.e. Chemistry 12, Calculus 12, Economics 12
- **Advanced Placement Courses**
  - Offered at the grade 12 level in English, Calculus, Physics and Computer Science
  - Can earn first year university credits in high school
  - May be used for admissions averages
- **Electives**
  - Fulfill the Arts Education / Applied Design Requirement
  - Second Language Courses

Courses by Department

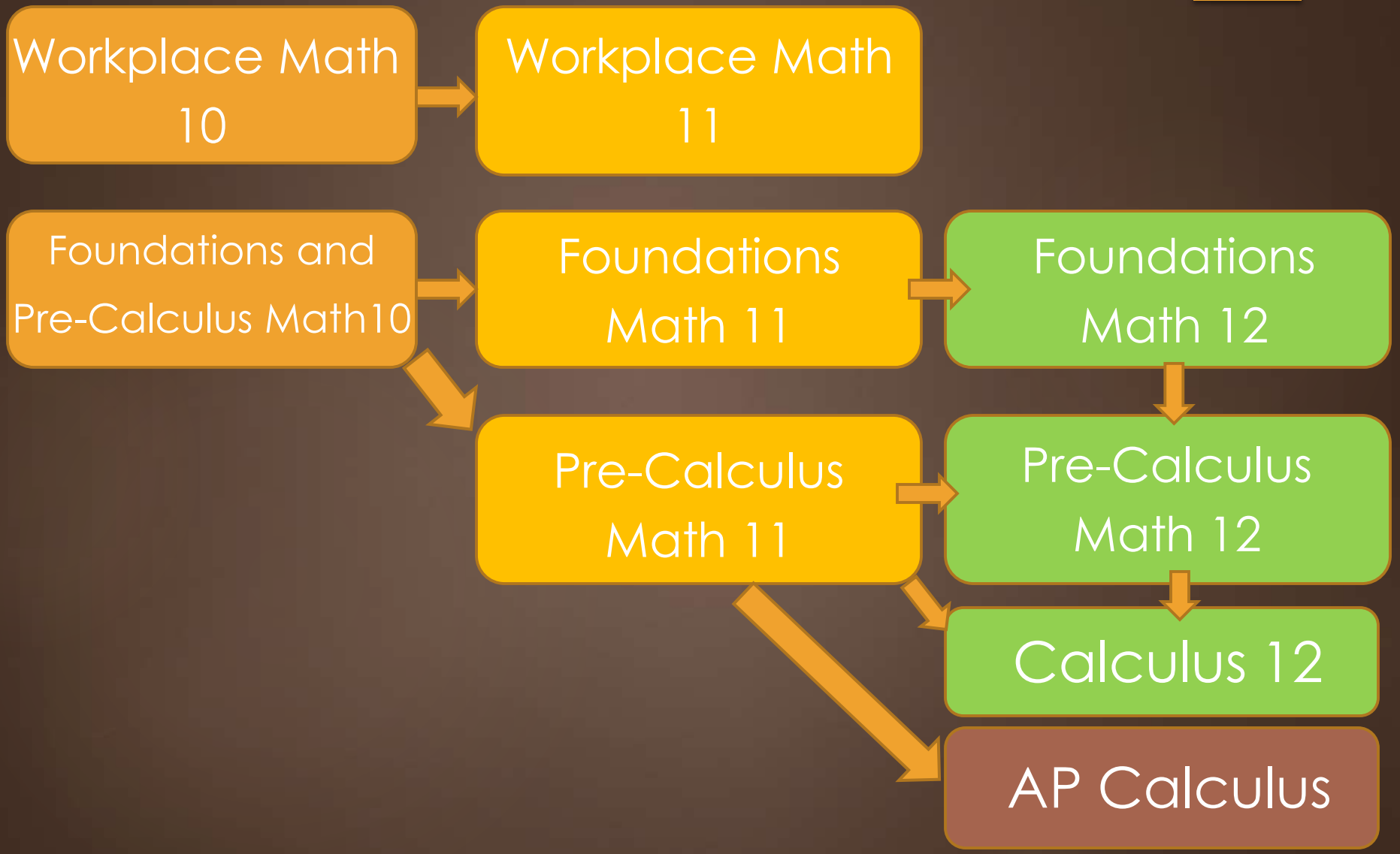
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Composition 11
English Studies 12
Honours English 11
Honours English 12
Creative Writing 12
Literary Studies 12
CCC Running Start
or
AP English

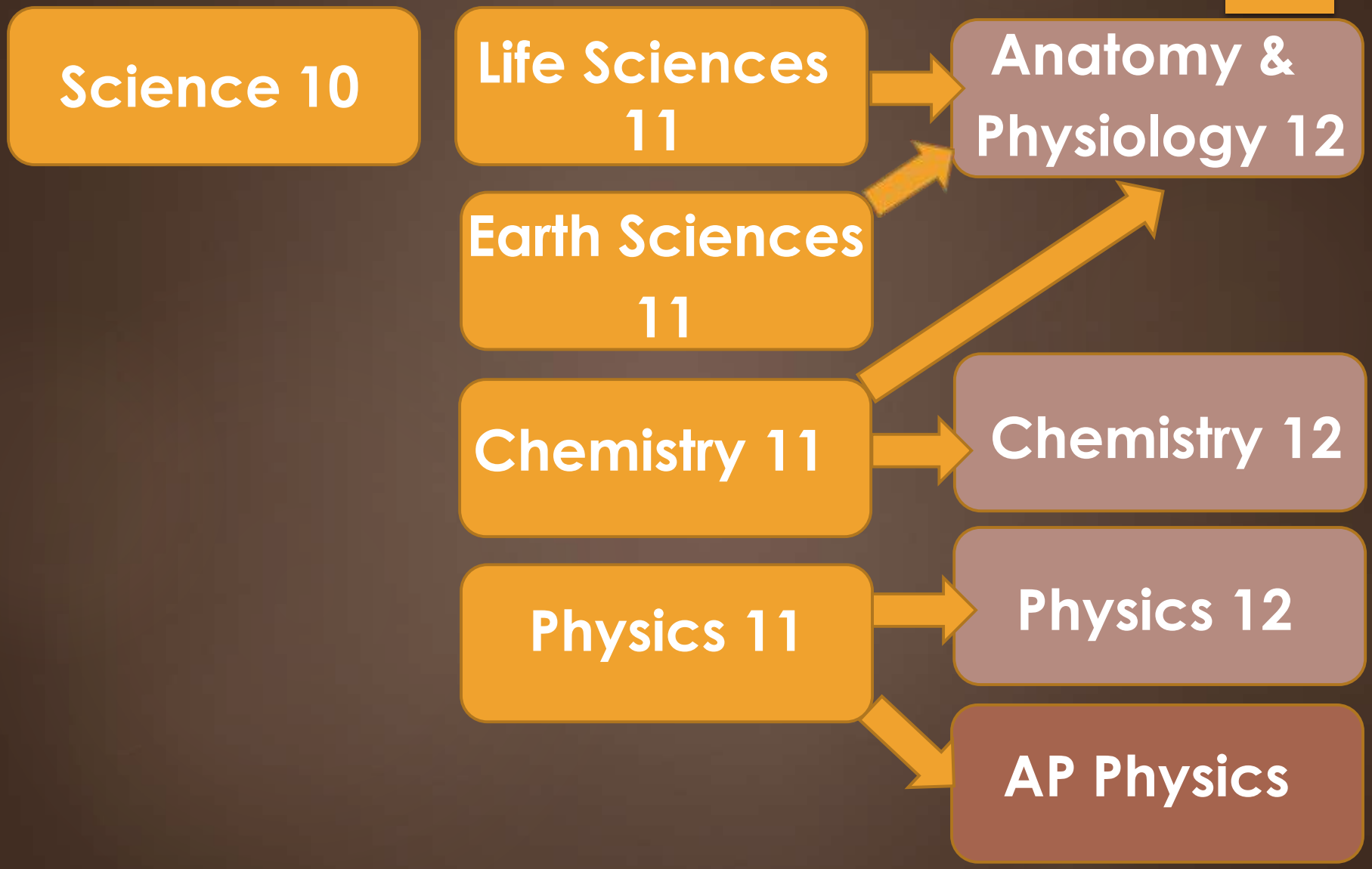
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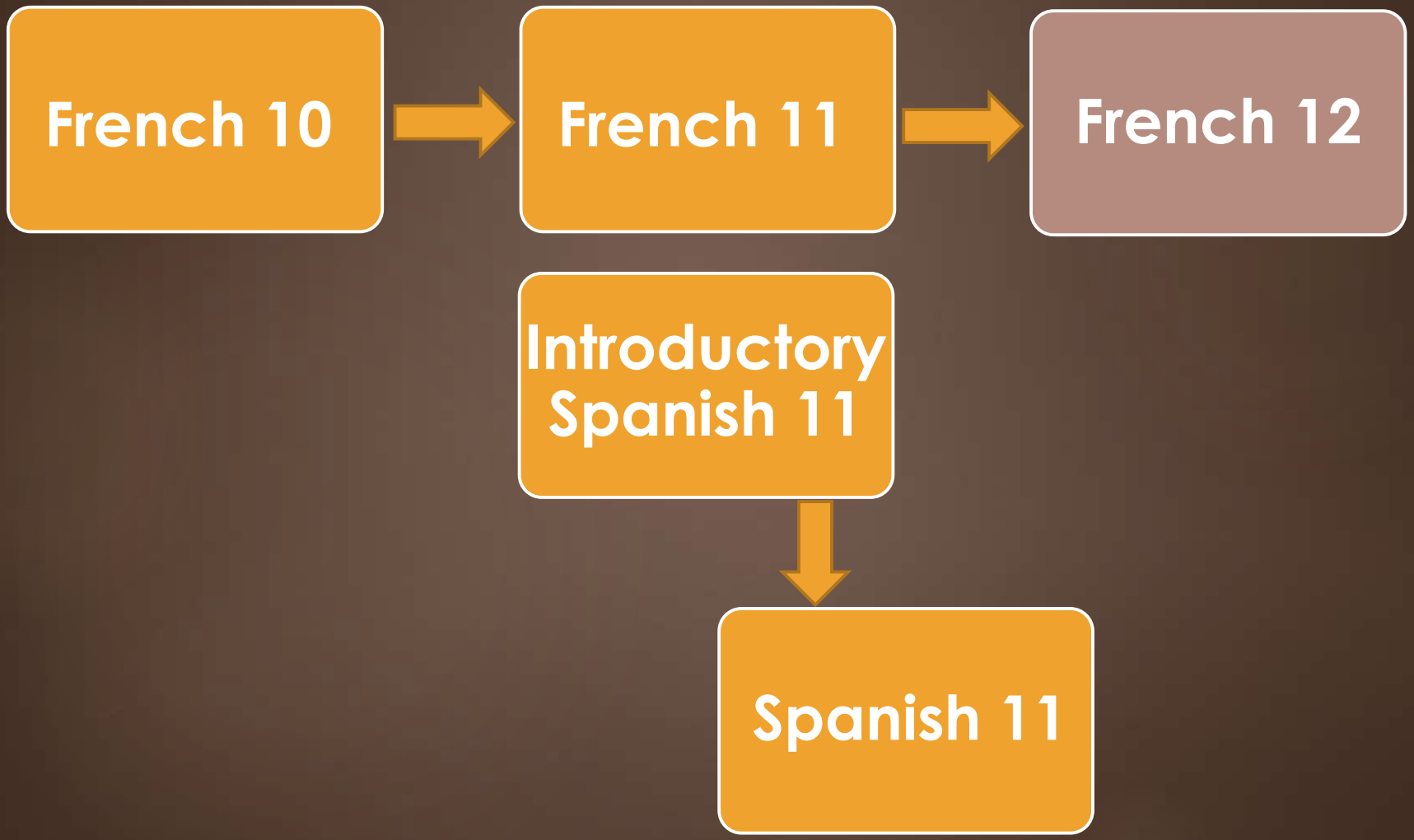
Math


Workplace Math 10
Workplace Math 11
Foundations and Pre-Calculus Math10
Foundations Math 11
Foundations Math 12
Pre-Calculus Math 11
Pre-Calculus Math 12
Calculus 12
AP Calculus

Sciences


Science 10
Life Sciences 11
Earth Sciences 11
Chemistry 11
Physics 11
Anatomy & Physiology 12
Chemistry 12
Physics 12
AP Physics

Modern Languages



Electives

- Business Education (Accounting, Marketing ,Economics, Entrepreneurship)
- Physical & Health Education (Active Living, Boys Basketball & Girls Sports Academies)
- Applied Design, Skills & Technologies (Graphic Production, Robotics and AP Computer Science)
- Fine & Performing Arts (Acting, Art, Band, Choir)

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS REGIONAL SECONDARY

COURSE DESCRIPTION CATALOGUE
Grades 10, 11 and 12

2022 - 23

Terminology for Course Requirements

- **"Recommended standard"** means any students below this standard will likely experience difficulty in the course if they choose to take it. Students require parental consent to enrol and must be committed to completion of the course.
- **"Pre-requisite"** means a specific course must be successfully completed before another course at the next grade level.
- **"Co-requisite"** means another course that is taken simultaneously with this course.

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2022-23 STA COURSE SELECTION LIST

Grade 10
Required Courses

- ☐ Christian Education 10
- ☐ Composition 10
- ☐ Creative Writing 10
- ☐ Science 10
- ☐ Social Studies 10
- ☐ Core French 10

Mathematics 10: *(choose one)*
- ☐ Foundations of Math/Pre-Calculus 10
- ☐ Workplace Math 10

- ☐ Physical Education 10 (Regular or Academy*)

- ☐ Career & Life Education 10 *(semester course)*

Grade 10 Course Elective
For Grade 10 choose one (1) course from...

- ☐ Drama 10
- ☐ Media Design 10
- ☐ Music 10
- ☐ Art Studio 10

- ☐ LRC BLOCK 10/11/12 *(Must be approved by LRC Coordinator)*

***Note: PE academy programs** are by application only. Contact Mr. Prescott if interested.

Grade 11
Required Courses

- ☐ Christian Education 11

- ☐ Career Life Connections 11

Language Arts 11: *(choose one)*
- ☐ Composition 11
- ☐ Composition 11 Honours *(based on English 10 mark)*

Mathematics 11: *(choose one)*
- ☐ Workplace Math 11
- ☐ Foundations of Math 11
- ☐ Pre-Calculus Math 11

Science 11: *(choose at least one)*
- ☐ Chemistry 11
- ☐ Earth Sciences 11
- ☐ Life Sciences 11
- ☐ Physics 11

Social Studies 11-12:
(students must take a minimum of one Social Studies 12 course in either their grade 11 or 12 year)

- ☐ 20th Century World History 12
- ☐ Comparative Cultures 12
- ☐ Human Geography 12
- ☐ Law Studies 12
- ☐ Philosophy 12
- ☐ Physical Geography 12
- ☐ Political Studies 12

Grade 12
Required Courses

- ☐ Christian Education 12

- ☐ Career Life Connections 12

Language Arts 12: *(choose one)*
- ☐ English Studies 12
- ☐ English Studies 12 Honours *(prerequisite Composition 11 Honours)*

Grade 11 & 12 Course Electives

- ☐ Anatomy & Physiology 12
- ☐ Chemistry 12
- ☐ Physics 12
- ☐ AP Physics 12

- ☐ Foundations of Math 12
- ☐ Pre-Calculus Math 12
- ☐ Calculus 12
- ☐ AP Calculus 12

- ☐ Introductory Spanish 11
- ☐ Spanish 11
- ☐ Core French 11
- ☐ Core French 12

- ☐ Creative Writing 12
- ☐ Literary Studies 12

- ☐ Psychology 12

- ☐ Accounting 11
- ☐ Marketing & Promotion 11
- ☐ Economics 12
- ☐ Entrepreneurship 12

- ☐ Media Arts 11
- ☐ Media Arts 12
- ☐ Robotics 11
- ☐ AP Computer Science 12

- ☐ Art Studio 11
- ☐ Art Studio 12
- ☐ Drama 11
- ☐ Drama 12
- ☐ Instrumental Music 11
- ☐ Instrumental Music 12

- ☐ Physical & Health Education Active Living 11-12
- ☐ Physical & Health Education Sports Academy 11-12

PowerSchool

STA 2022-2023 Course Registration Steps:

1. Login to your Power School account at https://ps.aquinas.org/public/
2. Select 'Class Registration' from the menu bar on the left.
3. Check the notifications at the top for requirements.
4. Look at the indicators at the right to see if you have met the requirements of the course groups, these will change as you select your courses.
5. Look at the counter at the bottom to check to see how many credits you have registered in.
6. Click the pencil icon to select courses in that group. Some course groups have more than one page, so scroll to the bottom. Please ensure you have selected eight courses in addition to CLC 11 or 12.
7. When you have made all your selections, scroll to the bottom and click the 'submit' button. If you get a 'Request Submission Failed' notice, you will have to go back and fix the problem it indicates before you are done.
8. As long as the system is open you can go back and change requests. After that you will be able to view them.
9. Print your course registration confirmation, have it signed by a parent or guardian, scan and email a copy to courseselection@aquinas.org

Applying to University

Search Universities of interest **NOW**

- Research Admission Requirements by program. Check out SFU Admission Compass

  https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/admission-requirements/compass.html

- Attend Info Sessions at STA in the Fall at the Post-Secondary Institutions Evening.

- Go to Post Secondary Open Houses/Tours.


Saint Mark's College
Corpus Christi College
University of Waterloo
University of Toronto
McMaster University
Langara.
Algoma University
Cape Breton University
Acadia University
Ryerson University
York University
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
Université Laurentienne
UBC
Queen's University
Carleton University
Western University
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Changing Lives Improving Life
University of Victoria
Memorial University
Wisconsin
Nipissing University
University of Calgary
Wilfrid Laurier University
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Challenge Innovate Connect
uOttawa
UBC
THIS IS TOO MUCH
SFU
Kwantlen Polytechnic University
BCIT
British Columbia Institute of Technology

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IDEAS | THE SATURDAY ESSAY

The Right Way to Choose a College

What students do at college matters much more than where they go. The key is engagement, inside the classroom and out.



CREATE A LIST OF IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- **Unique programs or opportunities** – Cooperative education, undergraduate research, combined studies, cohort programs, etc.
- **Class size** – Contact with instructor and classmates.
- **Culture** of university, college or institute, city, and **distance** from supports.
- **Religious, athletic, and extracurricular activities.**

Consider starting at a smaller post-secondary school and benefit from much smaller classes, focus on teaching (not research), similar environment, lower admission requirements, university transfer or full degree options, with a highly specialized and diversity of programs.

UBC reserves a full one third of their upper level new student seats for Transfer students

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Starting at college a smart move for B.C. students

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Daniel Dubois made a successful transition from college to university. Now he's founded two companies.

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KEY MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

- Universities will look at your grades in nearly ALL your academic Gr.11 and Gr.12 courses.
- Particular attention to courses related to what you want to study at university. If you have the course at both the Gr.11 and Gr.12 level, more emphasis will be placed on the Gr.12 grade.
- Be aware that having the highest grades is not the only way to get in – challenging yourself by taking more courses or more rigorous courses can also be beneficial.



Grade 12 is a very important year to achieve academically, be involved in extra-curricular, community service and the school in general, and to establish yourself as an individual with solid character, a strong work ethic, maturity, self-discipline, and responsibility. Post-secondary admission decisions will be based primarily upon your performance in grade 12.

Create a **broad plan with back up** – never assume anything – you, your grades, your finances, your interests – lots and lots of things will change by the time you are finishing grade 12.



QUESTIONS ?

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