

**GRADE 11  
GUIDANCE INFORMATION  
FALL 2020**

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Ministry of Education awards a Secondary School Diploma (SSD) to students who have earned a minimum of 54 credits. At least 20 credits must be from sec. 5.

The following credits are mandatory:

- ✓ Mathematics Sec. 4 (4/6 credits)
- ✓ Science Sec. 4 (4/6/8 credits)
- ✓ History Sec. 4 (4 credits)
- ✓ Arts Option (Visual Arts, Music, Drama, Dance) Sec. 4 (2 credits)
- ✓ **English Sec. 5 (6 credits)**
- ✓ **French Sec. 5 (4/6 credits)**
- ✓ **Phys. Ed OR Ethics Sec. 5 (2 credits)**

**MISSING GRADE 10 CREDITS**

*What happens if I failed a grade 10 graduation requirement?*

**Math 4:** You have been placed in a grade 11 Math class. You will write the January 2021 grade 10 supplemental math exam.

**Science:** You will write the January grade 10 supplemental science exam.

**History:** You will write the January grade 10 supplemental history exam.

**Arts Education option:** You have been placed in a grade 11 arts education option. We can request equivalency credits for grade 10 in July but there is no guarantee this request will be accepted.

\*If unsuccessful in a January supplemental, you can write again in June 2021.

**EQUIVALENCY CREDITS**

MEES is NO LONGER automatically granting equivalency credits. If you failed grade 10 classes such as English, French, Math, Ethics, etc., but pass the subjects this year in grade 11, you do NOT automatically earn the grade 10 credits like in the past.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Oct-Nov, 2020:** CEGEP & Vocational Center VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE DATES. See hand-out!

**March 1, 2021:** Quebec CEGEP application deadline.

**Spring 2021:** Vocational Training applications.

<b>CEGEP ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</b>
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- Students need a **Secondary School Diploma** to apply to CEGEP.
- Programs have specific course requirements. These are called **prerequisites**. Look them up online. Every school has a website with the info!
  - E.g.: Health Science: Sec 5 enriched Math (SN), Physics and Chemistry.
- **Other program specific requirements** can include: An Audition, a portfolio, an interview, a letter of intent, reference letters, etc.
- Applying to a program for which you do not meet the admission requirements will lead to an **automatic refusal**.
- Applying to a program for which you meet the admission requirements **does not guarantee** that you will be admitted. CEGEPs fill their programs with the strongest applicants and must refuse the rest for lack of space.
- All programs have **grade point average requirements** but the **actual averages** of those who fill the programs tend to be much higher.

○ E.g.: Health Science requires a minimum average of 70% to apply yet the actual minimum average last year was 87.5%.
○ E.g.: Social Science: Law & Society requires an average of 65% yet the actual minimum average last year was 77.7%.
○ E.g.: Commerce requires an average of 70% yet the actual minimum average last year was 78.1%.

<b>CEGEP PROGRAMS</b>
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**3 types of CEGEP programs:**

**1) Pre-university Programs:** 2-year programs that lead to university studies.

**Examples of Pre-university CEGEP programs:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Pure &amp; Applied Science</li> <li>o Health Science</li> <li>o Environmental Science</li> <li>o Social Science</li> <li>o Commerce</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Liberal Arts</li> <li>o Arts Literature &amp; Communications</li> <li>o Visual Arts</li> <li>o Music</li> </ul> |
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**2) DOUBLE DEC Programs:** 3-year pre-university programs that combine 2 pre-university fields.

**Examples for Double DEC programs:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science and Social Science</li> <li>• Science and Music</li> <li>• Social Science and Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Languages and Music</li> <li>• Arts, Literature and Communication and Music</li> </ul> |
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**3) Career / Technical Programs:** 3-year programs that are more hands-on in nature. These programs are designed to give students the knowledge and experience necessary to join the workforce directly upon graduation. **However, many students choose to continue their studies at the university level afterwards, sometimes with advanced standing!**

**Examples of CAREER/TECHNICAL Programs by field:**

**Biological Science Technologies**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Dental Hygiene</li> <li>o Biomedical Laboratory Technology</li> <li>o Respiratory and Anesthesia Tech.</li> <li>o Diagnostic Imaging</li> <li>o Radiation Oncology</li> <li>o Environmental and Wildlife Management</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Animal Health Technology</li> <li>o Nursing</li> <li>o Pre-Hospital Emergency Care</li> <li>o Physiotherapy Technology</li> </ul> |
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**Physical Science Technologies**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Laboratory Technology</li> <li>o Architectural Technology</li> <li>o Civil Engineering Technology</li> <li>o Building System Engineering Technology</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Biopharmaceutical Technology</li> <li>o Mechanical Engineering Tech.</li> <li>o Industrial Electronics</li> <li>o Computer Science Technology</li> </ul> |
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**Examples of CAREER/TECHNICAL Programs by field (CONTINUED):**

**Social Science Technologies**

- o Police Technology
- o Youth and Adult Correctional Intervention
- o Early Childhood Education
- o Special Care Counseling
- o Social Service
- o Community Recreational Leadership Training

**Administrative Technologies**

- o Accounting & Management Tech.
- o Business Management (Marketing)
- o Sport Marketing & Management
- o Insurance and Financial Advisory
- o Office Systems Technology
- o Tourism Management
- o Entrepreneurship
- o Graphic Web Design

**Applied Arts Technologies**

- o Professional Music and Song Techniques
- o Professional Theatre
- o Graphic Design
- o Industrial Design
- o Illustration
- o Interior Design
- o Professional Photography
- o 3D Animation & Computer-Generated Imagery

**CEGEP APPLICATION DEADLINE**

**Application process:** Online applications become available in mid-January. **I will be visiting your classes again to explain the process in detail in January.** Just keep in mind that **you will be applying to at least 2 different CEGEPS**

**Deadline:**

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (Outside Quebec: deadline can be as early as December, 2020) for a fall semester start.

**CEGEP APPLICATION PROCESS**

<b>SRAM</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VANIER COLLEGE</li> <li>● JOHN ABBOTT COLLEGE</li> <li>● FRENCH CEGEPS</li> <li>● CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE -LENNOXVILLE</li> </ul>	DAWSON COLLEGE	CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE ST-LAMBERT
<p>ROUND 1</p> <p>School: _____</p> <p>Program: _____</p> <p>Round 2 school/program choice (April 2021 deadline)</p> <p>Round 3 school/program choice (May 2021 deadline)</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> choice program: _____</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> choice program: _____</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> choice program: _____</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> choice program: _____</p>

**SRAM SYSTEM**

You apply to **1 program at 1 of the following schools:**

- **Vanier College**
- **John Abbott College**
- **Champlain College (Lennoxville)**
- **CEGEP Andre Laurendeau (and 25+ other French CEGEPS)**

Although you may only apply to **1 program** through SRAM, there are **3 ROUNDS**.

***What are SRAM rounds?***

You make a **ROUND 1** choice by the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 deadline. You receive a notice in late March to early April with a decision. If you are refused in round 1, the notice you receive will include a list of the programs that still have space for a **ROUND 2** choice. The deadline and instructions for a round 2 choice will be indicated.

<b>DAWSON COLLEGE / CHAMPLAIN ST-LAMBERT COLLEGE</b>
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For both CEGEPs you can make a first and second choice program. Many programs fill up with first choice applicants so choose your second-choice program wisely. Social Science: General is a good 2<sup>nd</sup> choice but see or email Ms. Sylvain when in doubt.

If you are accepted in your first choice program, you will **NOT** be evaluated for your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice program. Another good reason to select 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> choices carefully!

At Dawson College...

- if you meet the **SCIENCE or SOCIAL SCIENCE** program admission requirements but are refused due to lack of space, you will be offered admission into that program in the **\*Continuing Education department**.
- If you meet CEGEP program admission requirements for a program other than Science or Social Science but are refused due to lack of space, you will be offered admission into the **SPRINGBOARD program in Continuing Education**. In Springboard, you earn CEGEP credits, by taking core curriculum classes for example, while improving your academic record to re-apply to a daytime program later.
- If you are refused due to insufficient grades, you can request via email that Admissions reconsider by submitting your improved final grades. If they have space in your specific program, they will evaluate again. If they have no space (which is often the case), you can simply apply to the Science or Social Science evening DEC or to the Springboard to a DEC program through Continuing Education.

***\*But what is Continuing Education??***

**CONTINUING EDUCATION (CEGEP EVENING CLASSES)**
**3 Continuing Education Options:**

- 1) **SPRINGBOARD TO A DEC**
- 2) **SCIENCE DEC.** *Same as the daytime program but check out:*  
<https://www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/credit/wp-content/uploads/sites/90/Comparing-Studies-in-the-Day-and-the-Continuing-Education.pdf>
- 3) **SOCIAL SCIENCE DEC.** *Same as the daytime program*

The **Springboard to a DEC program** is designed for students who want to take CEGEP credit courses in order to:

- **Explore CEGEP studies.** *See what it is like and what interests you;*
- **Complete prerequisites** required for admission to a CEGEP program. *You can upgrade your high school math and/or sciences prior to applying to a daytime program (e.g., Math upgrades at the Sec 4 & 5 levels (CST □ SN Math), Sec 4 Science upgrade (S&T □ Environmental S&T), Chemistry, Physics. You can upgrade your high school math within Social Science but ONLY if there is space and, of course, not for credits toward your DEC;*
- **Upgrade your academic record** to improve chances of admission or readmission to a CEGEP program. *If you were refused due to insufficient grades, you can start your CEGEP studies through Continuing Education Springboard to a DEC. Take only a couple of classes, do well, and then re-apply in the winter or following fall semester to your daytime program of choice. As long as you earned your SSD, you can apply and start your CEGEP studies through Continuing Education.*

***Advantages of Continuing Education:***

- You take less classes so can concentrate on doing well rather than get overwhelmed;
- You can work during the day if you want or need to do so;
- You will have a real sense of what is expected of you in CEGEP in terms of your writing, your time, your effort, etc.;
- You will lessen your course load once admitted to a daytime program if you took any CEGEP level classes, i.e., not if you were taking non-credit high school upgrades to meet program prerequisites.

***Deadline to apply:*** \*Apply in May-June. Deadline is in August.

\*As mentioned above under Dawson College, you may not need to apply as Dawson may offer you a spot in Continuing Education based on your daytime application status. Vanier College also offers continuing education.

**PRIVATE COLLEGES & SCHOOLS OUTSIDE QC**

**Marianopolis College:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> program choice.

**Other Private Colleges:** (e.g., **O’Sullivan College & Lasalle College** have their own admission process online). See the school websites for details.

**Schools outside of Quebec:** Deadline tends to be earlier than March 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to check the deadline for your school of choice.

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEC IN SCIENCE?**

Whether you choose Health or Pure and Applied, as a Science student you will have many choices at university and later in the workplace. Science-related fields include:

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| Anatomy                | Engineering (Aerospace, | Medicine             |
| Architecture           | Building, Chemical,     | Microbiology/        |
| Astrophysics           | Civil, Computer,        | Immunology           |
| Biochemistry           | Electrical, Mechanical, | Nursing Science      |
| Biology                | Mining, Software)       | Occupational Therapy |
| Biomedical Computing   | Environmental Science   | Pharmacology         |
| Biomedical Engineering | Exercise Science        | Physical Education   |
| Cell Biology           | Food Science            | Physics              |
| Chemistry              | Forestry                | Physiology           |
| Computer Science       | Genetics                | Physiotherapy        |
| Dentistry              | Geology                 | Psychology           |
| Dietetics/Nutrition    | Mathematics (including  | Veterinary Medicine  |
| Ecology                | Actuarial Mathematics)  | Zoology              |

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEC IN SOCIAL SCIENCE?**

A DEC in Social Science gives you a solid foundation that prepares you for university studies in virtually all programs in the Arts and Social Sciences. Social Science related fields include:

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| Anthropology  | Government        | Psychology and |
| Archaeology   | History           | Counselling    |
| Civil Service | Journalism and    | Public Policy  |
| Criminology   | Broadcasting      | Social Work    |
| Demography    | Law               | Sociology      |
| Ecology       | Library Science   | Urban Planning |
| Education     | Political Science |                |
| Geography     |                   |                |



**Commerce-related**

**fields include:**

Accounting  
 Actuarial Mathematics  
 Administration  
 Banking

Business and Finance

Corporate Law  
 Economics  
 Finance  
 Human Resources  
 Industrial Relations

Investment Brokerage

Management  
 Information Systems  
 Marketing

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEC IN LIBERAL ARTS?**

You decide! Because Liberal Arts gives you such a solid foundation, you are prepared for university studies in virtually all programs in the Arts and Social Sciences. Liberal Arts students who take Math courses also have Business-related programs open to them at university. Graduates have pursued careers in:

- Writing, journalism, communications
- Teaching – university, college, high school
- Research – institutes, universities
- Government, including Foreign Service
- Law
- Museology, conservation
- Theatre – performance, community development
- Cinema
- Business, management
- The non-profit sector

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEC IN ARTS, LITERATURE, AND COMMUNICATIONS (ALC)?**

ALC is an amazing foundation for university. And if you want to get into a great undergraduate program that requires an art or writing portfolio, you will have many opportunities to work on it as an ALC student. After university, many career or graduate school options await you:

Art Administration  
 Art Education  
 Art History  
 Art Therapy  
 Communications, Media and Journalism  
 Comparative Literature  
 Creative Writing  
 Digital Imaging  
 Diplomacy and Foreign Relations  
 Education

Fashion Design  
 Film Studies  
 Graphics and Design  
 Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Law  
 Liberal Arts  
 Linguistics  
 Modern Languages  
 Museology  
 Philosophy  
 Photography  
 Public Relations

Religious Studies  
 Social and New Media  
 Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology)  
 Studio Arts  
 Theatre  
 Translation/Interp.

\*If you choose to take Mathematics courses, at university you will have more options in Accounting, Commerce and Management.

<b>VOCATIONAL TRAINING (TRADE) REQUIREMENTS</b>
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**BASIC REQUIREMENTS**

- Secondary School Diploma (SSD): Access to **ALL** trade programs.
- Grade 10 core classes (English, French, Math): Access to **MOST** programs.
- Grade 9 core classes (English, French, Math): Access to **SOME** trade programs

**SPECIFIC PROGRAMS PREREQUISITES**

- INTERVIEW! They are looking for mature and motivated candidates!
- Mechanical and/or Mathematical Reasoning Test(s)

***How do I know which trade program requires what and where they are offered?***

Look it up! Every Vocational Training Center has a website with all the program info.

The Lester B. Pearson school board’s trade website is [www.lbpce.ca](http://www.lbpce.ca).

The SRAFP (Service régional d’admission en formation professionnelle) website

**Examples of Vocational Training Programs:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Accounting</li> <li>● Aesthetics</li> <li>● Automobile Mechanics</li> <li>● Hairdressing</li> <li>● Electricity</li> <li>● Plumbing and Heating</li> <li>● Masonry Bricklaying</li> <li>● Professional Cooking</li> <li>● Welding and Fitting</li> <li>● Carpentry</li> <li>● Health Assistance &amp; Nursing</li> <li>● Hygiene and Sanitation</li> <li>● Bread Making</li> <li>● Secretarial Studies</li> <li>● Security Guard</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General Building Maintenance</li> <li>● Interior Decorating and Display</li> <li>● RV Maintenance and Repair</li> <li>● Landscaping Operations</li> <li>● Horticultural Operations</li> <li>● Retail Butchery</li> <li>● Food and Beverage Service</li> <li>● Machining Techniques</li> <li>● Cable and Circuit Assembly</li> <li>● Aircraft Structural Assembly</li> <li>● Computing Support</li> <li>● Pastry Making</li> <li>● Pharmacy Technical Assistance</li> <li>● Dental Assistance</li> <li>● Telecommunications Tech.</li> </ul> |
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***How do I know what is really involved in a specific trade program?***

Be a **STUDENT-FOR-A-DAY!** Nothing beats actually experiencing these hands-on programs before making a decision! **Sadly, these experiences have been cancelled due to COVID-19.**

**EXPLORE!** Explore hands-on programs through Explore your Inner Trade. Check out <https://www.emploisdavenir.gouv.qc.ca/en/>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Ongoing but aim for March 2021!

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** You can apply online for vocational training programs at [www.srafp.com/default.aspx?langue=en](http://www.srafp.com/default.aspx?langue=en). I will be visiting your classes again in January to give you detailed information.

**TIPS FOR YOUR POST-SECONDARY OPTIONS RESEARCH!**

- **GET TO KNOW YOURSELF!**

Knowing yourself is a conscious effort; you do it with intention and purpose. I found what I thought was a fascinating read on career paths and all that is involved. Do yourself a favor, especially if you feel super stressed about having to make THE right decision after high school, and check it out.

<https://waitbutwhy.com/2018/04/picking-career.html>

\*Parents: I do not condone the author's use of words.

- Be a **STUDENT FOR A DAY!** **Cancelled due to COVID-19.**
- **GET INVOLVED** in extracurricular activities and/or **VOLUNTEER!**
- USE **XELLO!** Use your Fusion login info.
- Look up **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS & PREREQUISITES!**
- Go to the school **VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES!**
- **BE CURIOUS!** Ask professionals you know about his/her educational path. Look up on the paths of people that interest you. You may be surprised at how often the path twists and turns ☺
- **READ! LISTEN** to podcasts, TEDTalks, whatever. There is so much out there in print and online to explore, learn about. *Heck, it may be what's keeping you online for hours already?*
- **BE KIND TO YOURSELF!** Remember, you are NOT making a decision that will set your career path in stone. You are pointing an arrow to your first dot! If you don't know what I mean, you have not checked out the link I highly recommended above <https://waitbutwhy.com/2018/04/picking-career.html>.
- **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO TALK TO ME!** Send me an email at [vsylvain@lbpsb.qc.ca](mailto:vsylvain@lbpsb.qc.ca). We can speak even on odd days when you are home on zoom. I just notify your teacher that you will be missing that period, just like I do in school, and I send you a zoom link.
- **SHARE!** Not just with me but with family and friends and teachers and anyone you trust, share what you're curious about, what you're looking into, what you're excited about, what you're worried about...all of that good stuff! Our fears are just as important to consider as our yearnings.