

SPECIALIST
HIGH SKILLS
MAJOR



OAKVILLE TRAFALGAR HIGH SCHOOL
BUSINESS STUDIES

Program Overview:

The Oakville Trafalgar High School Business Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a cross-curricular program that focuses on the integration of Business Studies with Mathematics, English, and experiential learning. This program offers a pathway to all four post-secondary destinations: apprenticeship, college, university or workplace.

Students may select four or more Business Studies courses at Oakville Trafalgar. These include Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, Business Leadership, International Business, Law and Economics. Depending on the courses selected, students will be exposed to a wide range of authentic business experiences such as:

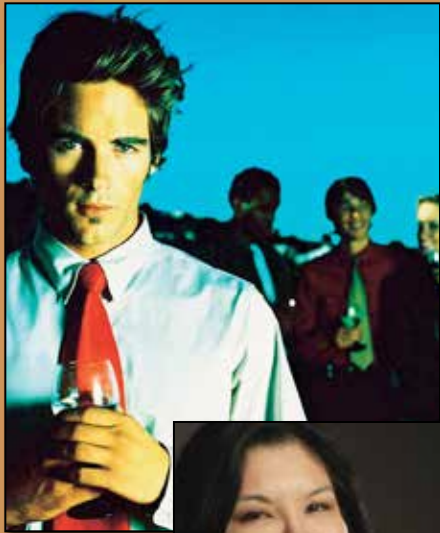
- Participating in the Sprott Business Competition
- Participating in the Wilfrid Laurier Stock Market Challenge
- Competing at the regional, provincial and international levels with DECA
- Competing in the COIN exam offered through the Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Attending regional business trade shows
- Participating in school-wide and OBEA business competitions
- Managing the Devil's Pit – Oakville Trafalgar's School Store

- Visiting the Regional Business Development Centre
- Engaging with representatives from post-secondary business institutions
- Touring business facilities
- Engaging with entrepreneurs and other business people
- Applying for Summer Company financial assistance in starting a summer business
- Presentations at the Oakville Chamber of Commerce

Students will:

- Complete a Co-op placement in the field of business
- Complete 6 certifications recognized by the business sector
- Complete contextualized (business-related) units in Math and English
- Engage in business reach-ahead experiences
- Develop problem solving, teamwork, management, and leadership skills in a business setting

The Business SHSM is an opportunity for students to participate in an experiential education program with a business focus. Business Specialist High Skills Major students will engage in learning and experiences that will be an asset for a future in business.



Course Package:

Grade 11: Select two of the following courses

BMI3C	Marketing: Goods, Services, Events
BMX3E	Marketing: Retail and Service
BDI3C	Entrepreneurship: The Venture
BDP30	Entrepreneurship: The Enterprising Person
BAF3M	Financial Accounting Fundamentals

Grade 12: Select two of the following courses

BOH4M	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals
BOG4E	Business Leadership: Becoming a Manager
BAT4M	Financial Accounting Principles
BBB4M	International Business Fundamentals
CIA4U	Analysing Current Economic Issues
CLN4U	Canadian International Law
BDV4C	Venture Planning in an Electronic Age

Students will also take the appropriate Math and English courses, as well as a two-credit cooperative education placement to support their chosen post-secondary destination.

Who would be interested in the program?

Students who:

- Have successfully completed Grade 10
- Are passionate about business
- Are looking for authentic business experiences beyond the classroom
- Plan to incorporate business studies into their post-secondary goal, either in an apprenticeship, college or university program, or at the workplace.
- Emphasized areas of focus for the program:
Choice of Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Accounting, Business Leadership, International Business, Law and Economics

Application Details and Contact information:

To apply for the SHSM Business Studies program at OTHS, log onto www.onsorts.ca.

For more information, please contact the Student Services Department at Oakville Trafalgar High School, **(905) 945-2875**

