

ABBHEY PARK

BUSINESS STUDIES

Program Overview:

The Abbey Park Business Specialist High Skills Major is a cross-curricular program that focuses on the integration of business studies with Mathematics, English, and experiential learning. It offers multiple pathways to all 4 post-secondary destinations, be it the workplace, apprenticeship, college or university.

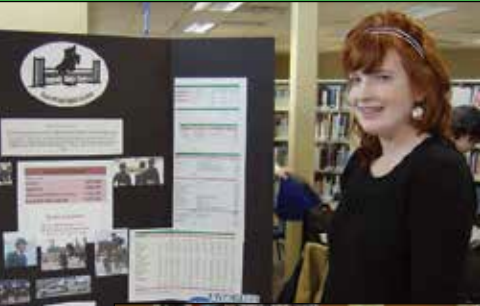
Students can elect 4 business studies courses from a wide variety of areas such as accounting, entrepreneurship, marketing, business leadership & management, information & communications technology. Depending on the courses selected, students will be exposed to a wide range of authentic business opportunities such as:

- Participating in the Regional Business Plan Competition
- Participating in the Sprott Business Competition (if available)
- Competing at the regional and provincial level with DECA
- Competing in the COIN exam offered through the Institute of Chartered Accountants
- Visit post-secondary business institutions, such as Sheridan College and McMaster University
- Participating in the GoVenture simulation
- Engaging with entrepreneurs and other business people
- Applying for Summer Company
- Participating in the WLU Stock Market competition

Regardless of post-secondary destination, students will:

- Complete a business-related internship
- Complete 6 certifications recognized by the business sector
- Job twin or job shadow in the business field
- Complete contextualized business units in both English and Math
- Develop problem solving, teamwork, management, and leadership skills in a business setting

The Business High Skills Major is the first of its kind: 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 Program:

Grade 11 – 2 major business credits are chosen in year one of the program. Your destination (i.e. apprenticeship, workplace, college, university) will affect which courses you may select.

BMI3C	Marketing: Goods, Services, Events
BDI3C	Entrepreneurship: The Venture
BAF3M	Financial Accounting Fundamentals
BAI3E	Accounting Essentials
BTA3O	Information and Communication Technology: The Digital Environment

Grade 12 - 2 major business credits are chosen in year two of the program

BAT4M	Financial Accounting Principles
BDV4C (online)	Entrepreneurship: Venture Planning in an Electronic Age
BOH4M	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals
BTX4E	Information and Communication Technology: Multimedia Solutions
CIA4U	Analysing Current Economic Issues

- Students will also take the appropriate Math and English courses in both years to support his/her chosen post-secondary destination.
- Students will complete 2 credits of co-operative education, which is also referred to as a business internship

Who would be interested in the program?

- Students who have successfully completed grade 10
- Students who are passionate about business studies
- Students looking to be engaged in authentic business experiences beyond the classroom
- Students who plan to incorporate business studies into his/her post-secondary goal, be it at the workplace, apprenticeship, college or university level

Timetable:

- All grade 11 SHSM Business students will have all of their business courses in first semester, along with their Math and English, leaving second semester open for their electives and their internship if they choose. The timetable for all grade 12 SHSM Business students will be determined based on the courses that are chosen.

Application Details & Contact Information:

Contact your Guidance Counsellor or Mark McVanel-Viney (mcvanelvinm@hdsb.ca) SHSM Program Lead at Abbey Park High School (905) 827-4101.

Additional Information:

- Students must apply in grade 10 for the SHSM Business program
- Applying to the SHSM Business program does not limit student choices should they wish to pursue other academic interests (e.g. science, arts, physical education)

