



BUSINESS SHSM

Program Overview:

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Program in Business 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.

Regardless of post-secondary destination, students will:

- Select 4 Business Studies courses from a wide variety of areas such as Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Business Leadership, Information & Communications Technology, Economics and Law
- Complete a business-related co-op
- Complete 6 certifications recognized by the business sector
- Complete a variety of Experiential Learning Opportunities and Reach Ahead Experiences designed to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences and career possibilities
- Complete contextualized learning activities in both English and Math
- Develop problem solving, teamwork, management and leadership skills in a business setting

Who would be interested in this program?

The Business SHSM is the first of its kind: an experiential education program with a business focus. Business SHSM students will engage in learning and experiences that will be an asset for a future career in business.

The program is designed for:

- 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 their post-secondary goal, be it at the workplace, apprenticeship, college or university level

Learning Outcomes:

The SHSM includes completion of **Contextualized Learning Activities (CLAs)** in compulsory courses such as Math and English, that reinforce and extend the student's learning with a multi-disciplinary approach.

The SHSM also includes mandatory **Sector-Recognized Certifications, Safety Awareness Training** and **"Reach Ahead" experiences**, connecting to post-secondary and career opportunities. Depending on the courses selected, students will be exposed to a wide range of authentic business experiences such as:

- Participating in a variety of business competitions including DECA
- Visiting post-secondary business institutions
- Engaging with entrepreneurs and other business people
- Participating in Junior Achievement programs
- Completing business related field trips

Course Selections:

Your destination (i.e. **Apprenticeship, Workplace, College, or University**) will affect which courses you may select. A SHSM requires you to take 9 credits (4 SHSM Major credits, Gr 11 Math, Gr 12 Math, Gr 12 English and 2 Co-op credits), according to your pathways destination.



Upon completion of SHSM, students will receive a special SHSM seal on their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

Grade 11

BMI3C	Marketing: Goods, Services, Events (College)
BDI3C	Entrepreneurship: The Venture (College)
BAF3M	Financial Accounting Fundamentals (University/College)
BAI3E	Accounting Essentials (Workplace)
BTA3O	Information & Communication Technology: The Digital Environment (Open)
CLU3M/E	Understanding Canadian Law (University/College and Workplace)

Grade 12

BAT4M	Financial Accounting Principles (University/College)
BDV4C	Entrepreneurship: Venture Planning in an Electronic Age (College)
BOH4M	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals (University/College)
BBB4M	International Business (University/College)
BTX4C/E	Information & Communication Technology (College and Workplace)
CIA4U	Analysing Current Economic Issues (University)
CLN4U	Canadian & International Law (University)

Grade 11/12 Mandatory
2 Co-op Credits

