

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR: ARTS AND CULTURE

(Design Specialization or Performance Specialization)

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Arts and Culture (specializing in Design or Performance) is a unique opportunity for students. As well as completing your diploma requirements, the Arts and Culture SHSM offers extensive learning opportunities and community/post-secondary connections to further your Applied/Graphic Design or Drama/Music in performance education.

Courtice Secondary School currently offers Arts and Culture (Design or Performance specialization), making this a unique and specialized opportunity. Courtice SS was selected as a launch site based on evidence of an established program, strong community and post-secondary education partnerships, the delivery of sector-recognized certifications, and a cooperative education component.

Students in the Arts & Culture Design Specialization or Performance Specialization SHSM will complete the following 5 required components while fulfilling the requirements of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD):

1. Defined Bundle of Credits (please see Arts and Culture program chart)

9 credits during grade 11 and grade 12 including:

- **4 credits** in an “area” of major study that provide knowledge and skills in the field of Arts/Design or Performance
- **3 credits** with contextualized units (grade 11 and 12 English and grade 11 Business/Entrepreneurship or Canadian and World Studies)
- **2 credits** in Cooperative Education

2. Sector recognized Certifications and Training Programs: SHSM students will be given the opportunity to gain sector-recognized certification awareness and training.

3. Engage in Experiential Learning consisting of planned learning experiences that take place outside of the traditional classroom setting such as working with Explore Design trade show, Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, McLaughlin Gallery, local design businesses, etc. The R.E.A.L. Program, the C.L.I.C.S. Program, etc. Learning can also include job shadowing, job twinning, work experience, virtual work experience, and Cooperative Education.

4. Engage in ‘Reach Ahead’ experiences to provide opportunities for learning experiences directly related to their desired postsecondary destination such as workplace or postsecondary institution visits/ presentations and design-related conferences.

5. Use the Ontario Skills Passport (OSP) to track their development of Essential Skills and Work Habits and will benefit students as they make the transition from school to their postsecondary destination.

AVAILABLE CREDITS FOR THE SHSM – Arts and Culture

Arts and Culture SHSM at Courtice SS	Apprenticeship Training Pathway		College Pathway		University Pathway		Workplace Pathway	
	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	GRADE 11	GRADE 12	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
Major credit	Choose 2: ADC3M1 AVI3O1 AWD3M1 TGJ3M1 TMJ3E1	Choose 2: ADC4M1 AVI4E1 AWD4E1 AWD4M1 TGJ4M1 TMJ4E1	Choose 2: ADC3M1 AVI3M1 AVI3O1 AWD3M1 TGJ3M1	Choose 2: ADC4M1 AVI4M1 AWD4M1 TGJ4O1	Choose 2: ADC3M1 AVI3M1 AWD3M1 TGJ3M1	Choose 2: ADC4M1 AVI4M1 AWD4M1 TGJ4M1	Choose 2: AVI3O1 AWD3O1 TGJ3O1 TMJ3E1	Choose 2: AVI4E1 AWD4E1 TGJ4O1 TMJ4E1
English credit(s)	ENG3C1	ENG 4C1	ENG3C1	ENG 4C1	ENG3U1	ENG 4U1	ENG3E1	ENG 4E1
Business or Canadian and World Studies (Either in grade 11 or grade 12)	Choose 1: BDI 3C1 BMI 3C1		Choose 1: BTA3O1 BDI3C1 BMI3C1 CGG3O1 CHW3M1 CLU3M1 CHY4C1		Choose 1: BAF3M1 BAT4M1 BBB4M1 CHW3M1 CLU3M1 CHY4U1 CLN4U1		Choose 1: BTA3O1 CGG3O1 CHM4E1	
Co-op credits	2 Credit Co-op tied to SHSM Sector		2 Credit Co-op tied to SHSM Sector		2 Credit Co-op tied to SHSM Sector		2 Credit Co-op tied to SHSM Sector	



