

# Alberta High School Graduation Requirements

As a minimum to obtain an Alberta High School Diploma, students must have at least 100 credits as described below. Entry into post-secondary programs and workplaces may require additional and/or specific courses.

- 1. Core Courses: Fifty-six credits** must be comprised of the following and their prerequisites:
  - English Language Arts – 30-1 or 30-2 (15 credits)
  - Social Studies – 30 or 33 (15 credits)
  - Mathematics – Pure 20, Applied 20, or 24 (10 credits)
  - Science – 20 or 24 **or** Biology 20, Chemistry 20, or Physics 20 (10 credits)
  - Physical Education 10 (3 credits)
  - Career and Life Management (3 credits)
- 2. Optional Courses: Ten credits** in any combination must be from the following:
  - Career and Technology Studies (CTS)
  - Fine Arts
  - Second Languages (maximum 25 credits)
  - Physical Education 20 and/or 30
  - Locally developed and/or acquired and locally authorized courses in CTS, fine arts, or second languages, Knowledge & Employability or IOP
  - Knowledge & Employability or IOP occupational courses
  - Registered Apprenticeship Program
- 3. Other Courses: Ten credits in any 30-level course** (in addition to English Language Arts and Social Studies) must be from the following:
  - 35-level locally developed and/or acquired and locally authorized courses
  - Career and Technology Studies, Advanced Level 3000 series
  - 35-level Work Experience (maximum 15 credits)
  - 30-4 level Knowledge & Employability courses or 36-level IOP courses
  - 35-level Registered Apprenticeship Program
  - 30-level Green Certificate Specialization

The **science requirement** (Science 20 or 24 or Biology 20, Chemistry 20, or Physics 20) may also be met with the 10-credit combination.

Only 15 credits in **Work Experience** may be used to meet the 100-credit requirement for the Alberta High School Diploma.

Students taking **Knowledge & Employability** courses (previously known as Integrated Occupational Program courses) who wish to transfer to an Alberta High School Diploma route at any time must meet the requirements outlined previously.

Official details are available from Alberta Education at [http://education.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/PDF\\_files/GuidetoEd.pdf](http://education.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/PDF_files/GuidetoEd.pdf)

Students in **Francophone programs** should consult “Alberta High School Diploma Graduation Requirements (French First Language – Francophone)” in *Guide to Education*: <http://education.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/guide.asp?id=061010>

**Mature students** (19 years of age or older as of September 1 of current school year) should consult Alberta Education’s Program of Studies for applicable graduation requirements: <http://www.education.gov.ab.ca/educationguide/guide.asp?id=063001>