

## **ADLC Course Challenge**

From the Guide to Education:

“The course challenge provision allows any student registered in senior high school to challenge the outcomes of a course by participating in a formal assessment process, rather than taking the course. This provision allows senior high school students who believe that they have acquired the knowledge, skills and attitudes as defined by the program of studies for a given course (and are ready to demonstrate that achievement) to participate in a summative assessment/evaluation process.

The course challenge process must assess a student's achievement of the depth and breadth of the outcomes of the course. Assessment procedures for course challenges must include a variety of formats and strategies.”

### **ADLC Course Challenge Process**

Students wishing to avail themselves of course challenge will make their request through the ADLC Principal. Students of school age must not be enrolled in a school as identified in PASI (in which case all course challenges are directed to that school) and all students wishing to challenge a course must pay a \$100 fee before an assessment is undertaken.

Students approved to challenge a course will be required to provide, and successfully complete, each of the following elements of a course challenge:

- 1) A portfolio that provides demonstration of understanding of the full breadth of the curriculum (format and content to be determined at the Department level).
- 2) An interview with teachers from the Department whose course is being challenged.
- 3) A summative assessment (typically a mid-term and/or final exam)

A student who is successful in all elements will have a course challenge with a final mark submitted to Alberta Education.

A student who is not successful in all elements will not be permitted to re-challenge the course for a period of one calendar year, but may take the course in the interim.