



Understanding Ontario Course Codes

Ontario high school course codes are a standardized way to identify and categorize courses. They follow a specific format: "**XXX#X**", where each part of the code has a specific meaning.

The first three letters represent the subject of the course. For example:

- **ENG** for English
- **MTH** for Mathematics
- **SNC** for Science
- **HIS** for History

The fourth character indicates the grade level and/or difficulty.

- **1** = Grade 9
- **2** = Grade 10
- **3** = Grade 11
- **4** = Grade 12

The final character specifies the course type or its level of difficulty:

- **U** = University preparation (Academic)
- **M** = University/College preparation (Mixed)
- **C** = College preparation
- **O** = Open (available to all students)
- **E** = Workplace preparation
- **L** = Locally developed

For example:

- **ENG1D**: This is an English course at Grade 9 (1), with a University preparation focus (D).
- **MTH3U**: This is a Grade 11 (3) Mathematics course, University preparation (U).
- **SNC2P**: This is a Grade 10 (2) Science course, College preparation (P).

References

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