

# Types of Courses

## Interpreting a Course Code

Courses use a 6-character course code for identification. The first 5 characters of the course code are set out by the Ministry of Education. The sixth character is used by school boards to identify a specific characteristic of the course, for example, Cooperative Education.

Examples below explain how to decode the course code for Grade 9 Applied Science – SNC 1P1.

## What does the Course Code mean?

Every course has 6 characters.

The code identifies:

- the subject area
- the grade level
- the academic level
- the credit value or school-based code



The first letter of the first 3 letters denotes the course's department areas:

Characters	①	②	③
Codes	S	N	C

subject area

These three letters identify the **subject**.

Subject Codes: the first letter in the course code denotes the course's department area.

- A = Arts
- C = Candian & World Studies
- F = French
- H = Humanities & Social Sciences
- M = Mathematics
- S = Sciences

The 3 letters combined identifies the subject within the department.



④	⑤	⑥
1	P	1

grade level

This number identifies the **grade**.

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

course level

This number identifies the **course type**.

### Grades 9-10

- D = Academic
- L = Locally Developed
- O = Open
- P = Applied

### Grades 11-12

- C = College
- E = Workplace
- M = University/College
- O = Open
- U = University

credit value or school-based code

The course is worth 1 credit.