



Thames Valley
District School Board

SCHOOL WITHIN A UNIVERSITY (SWAU)



Huron



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**PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR
2026 – 2027**



School Within a University

Diverse High School Programming in a University Environment



The School Within a University (SWAU) program offers senior students the opportunity to take university preparation high school courses in a university setting, both through classroom setting and format (i.e. lecture and tutorials.) All courses are taught by TVDSB secondary school teachers face-to-face over multiple terms within the secondary school year calendar.

In collaboration with SWAU teachers, both Huron and Western Universities provides guidance, admission and career education programming and sessions to prepare our students for their transition to postsecondary. Students are also provided access to a Learning Support Teacher and a School Support Counsellor through TVDSB staff who visit the SWAU classroom on a regular basis and is on call in case of emergencies.

Students are considered full-time day school students and can apply to OUAC through the 101 application. Assistance is provided for post-secondary applications and applications to financial assistance, bursaries and awards. Students from SWAU have successfully applied to institutions across Canada, the US and the UK.

SWAU students are also part-time Western students and will have access to Health and Wellness Services, Student Accessibility Services and Learning Development Services through the university. In addition to these services, students receive access to libraries, recreational facilities and can use the various spaces at both Huron and Western for studying.

2025-2026 Course Offerings and Timetables

OSSD courses will be offered to SWAU students in one of two formats: in-person and online. In-person courses will have two morning lectures and one tutorial a week either in the morning or afternoon. Course content will also be available online through the TVDSB Brightspace online learning platform. **Every SWAU student must be taking at least one in-person course per term.**

University Courses

Students starting in Term 1 will be taking a first-year university course, Philosophy 123 – Reasoning and Critical Thinking.

We rely on reasoning to solve problems, make decisions and manage our opinions. This class aims to make you better at it. To this end, we will adopt an exemplary model of learning. That is, we will look at people who are, intuitively, very good at reasoning and try to identify the cognitive principles and methods they employ, the intellectual attitudes they hold and the epistemic virtues they exemplify. We will then try to follow their lead with a series of exercises. Some obstacles to reasoning well will be flagged along the way.

Upon successful completion, students will receive both a university credit and an OSSD credit (HZT4U). **This is a mandatory course for all students participating in the SWAU program.**



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Students starting in Term 3 will also be taking a first-year university course, History 1818 – Treasure: Objects of Desire in Global History.

This course explores how precious objects such as religious relics, ancient artifacts, luxury goods, and commodities have shaped global history. The possession and pursuit of scarce and precious commodities, or objects that confer political power, cultural legitimacy, or sacred meaning, are recurring sources of conflict throughout history. Using a variety of global case studies, students will investigate how diverse cultures have interpreted, competed over, and used objects of desire in religion, diplomacy, trade, war, imperialism, and migration. Treasure is a global history course that explores the meaning and uses of valuable objects across the world and in many different cultures. It explores the human relationship to sacred or precious objects of desire as well as the pursuit of valuable commodities to introduce academic history and the role of material culture in the study of the past.

Upon successful completion, students will receive both a university credit and an OSSD credit (CHY4U). **This is a mandatory course for all students participating in the SWAU program.**

Hybrid Courses

Hybrid courses are designed for students to work to both in-person and online on an OSSD course with guidance and tutoring from a SWAU teacher. Students will have a weekly conferences with their teacher for in-person instruction, assessments and opportunity for extra support.

Grade 11	Grade 12
MCF3M – Functions and Applications	BOH4M – Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals
MCR3U – Functions	EW4U – The Writer’s Craft
SBI3U – Biology	HHG4M – Human Development throughout the Lifespan
SCH3U – Chemistry	OLC4O – Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course
SPH3U – Physics	

Extra Student Supports, Experiential Learning and Information Sessions

Finally, throughout each month there will be available student supports (i.e. guidance meetings, make-up for missed assessments or classes, etc...) and scheduled experiential learning experiences put on by Huron and Western for the SWAU students.



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Term 1 (Sept – Nov)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30	Guidance Meetings and/or Asynchronous Work Through Brightspace	English (ENG4U)	English (ENG4U)	Grade 11 Science (SBI3U, SCH3U or SPH3U)	Grade 11 Science (SBI3U, SCH3U or SPH3U)
9:30 - 10:00					
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00		Grade 11 Math (MCR3U or MCF3M)	Grade 11 Science (SBI3U, SCH3U or SPH3U)	Hybrid Course	English (ENG4U)
11:00 - 11:30					
11:30 - 12:00					
12:00 - 12:30		Philosophy 1230A (HZT4U)	Hybrid Course	Grade 11 Math (MCR3U or MCF3M)	Philosophy 1230A (HZT4U)
12:30 - 1:00					
1:00 - 1:30					
1:30 - 2:00			Grade 11 Math (MCR3U or MCF3M)		
2:00 - 2:30					
2:30 - 3:00					
3:00 - 3:30					
3:30 - 4:00					
4:00 - 4:30					

Term 2 (Nov – Jan)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30	Guidance Meetings and/or Asynchronous Work Through Brightspace	Challenge and Change in Society (HSB4U)	Challenge and Change in Society (HSB4U)	Chemistry (SCH4U)	Chemistry (SCH4U)
9:30 - 10:00					
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00		Advanced Functions (MHF4U)	Chemistry (SCH4U)	Hybrid Course	Challenge and Change in Society (HSB4U)
11:00 - 11:30					
11:30 - 12:00					
12:00 - 12:30		Philosophy 1230A (HZT4U)	Hybrid Course	Advanced Functions (MHF4U)	Philosophy 1230A (HZT4U)
12:30 - 1:00					
1:00 - 1:30					
1:30 - 2:00			Advanced Functions (MHF4U)		
2:00 - 2:30					
2:30 - 3:00					
3:00 - 3:30					
3:30 - 4:00					
4:00 - 4:30					



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Term 3 (Feb – Apr)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30	Guidance Meetings and/or Asynchronous Work Through Brightspace	Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U)	Biology (SBI4U)	Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U)	Studies in Equity and Social Justice Literature (ETS4U & HSE4M)
9:30 - 10:00					
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00			Hybrid Course		
11:00 - 11:30		History 1818G (CHY4U)		History 1818G (CHY4U)	Biology (SBI4U)
11:30 - 12:00			Studies in Equity and Social Justice Literature (ETS4U & HSE4M)		
12:00 - 12:30		Biology (SBI4U)			Calculus and Vectors (MCV4U)
12:30 - 1:00				Studies in Equity and Social Justice Literature (ETS4U & HSE4M)	
1:00 - 1:30		Hybrid Course			
1:30 - 2:00					
2:00 - 2:30					
2:30 - 3:00					
3:00 - 3:30					
3:30 - 4:00					
4:00 - 4:30					

Term 4 (Apr – Jun)

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30	Guidance Meetings and/or Asynchronous Work Through Brightspace	Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U)	Nutrition and Health (HFA4U)	Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U)	English (ENG4U)
9:30 - 10:00					
10:00 - 10:30					
10:30 - 11:00			Hybrid Course		
11:00 - 11:30		History 1818G (CHY4U)		History 1818G (CHY4U)	Nutrition and Health (HFA4U)
11:30 - 12:00			English (ENG4U)		
12:00 - 12:30		Nutrition and Health (HFA4U)			Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U)
12:30 - 1:00				English (ENG4U)	
1:00 - 1:30		Hybrid Course			
1:30 - 2:00					
2:00 - 2:30					
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SWAU Application, Interview and Confirmation Process

- Students can apply online through the following link or scanning the QR code below:
 - [School Within a University Application Form](#)



- Students should be prepared to provide the following for the application:
 - Contact information (i.e. email address, cell number, etc...)
 - Official school contact (i.e. guidance counsellor) for copy of Credit Counselling Summary.
- Students who apply will be contacted by the program coordinator to be informed about the details of the SWAU program and to answer any questions the student may have. If the student wishes to continue with the application, they will be granted an interview with a SWAU teacher.
- Approved and confirmed students and their official school contact will be notified by a SWAU staff member via email.

For more information regarding the SWAU program please contact:

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