ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT for AA degree, SSWD diploma, CRIM diploma, Bus MGMT diploma, ARCH diploma; certificates

English is the language of instruction in all programs at NLC, thus it is imperative that NLC students meet minimum English Language Proficiency requirements.

In University Arts and Sciences, it is understood that the minimum English Language Proficiency requirement is that required to graduate from a Canadian high school program conducted in English.

Domestic students,¹ and students from countries² which practice Standard Written English (SWE), must have official transcripts demonstrating they have met one of the following English Requirements with a "B" grade or higher: English 12, English Studies 12, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, English 050, or English 099; alternatively, any university-level English course³ with a "C" grade or higher. Students who do not meet one of the above English requirements must complete the NLC Writing Assessment for appropriate course placement.

International students, as well as domestic students who received their secondary education in French, or another language, must show that they have met the NLC English requirement by one of the following:

- Showing documentation of an IELTS result with an overall score of 6.0 or higher with no band less than 5.5. (Students with a writing band of 6.0 or less are required to complete English 099 with a "B" grade or higher before enrolling in any English courses required for program completion; the necessity for completing this upgrade can extend the length of the program.) NLC may accept as equivalent a TOEFL iBT of 78, Canadian Academic English Assessment (CAEL) 60 overall band, Canadian Language Benchmark Assessment (CLBA) 8 in each section, Pearson Test of English (PTE) 57, Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB) 76, Cambridge-Michigan Language Assessment (CaMLA) 68.

- Showing documentation of completing a post-secondary credential that is assessed as equivalent to a similar program from a reputable Canadian institution with its own appropriate English Language requirement.

- Showing documentation of completing the last three years of full-time secondary school education in English in Canada with a minimum grade of “B” in English 12 or its equivalent.

- Completing the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 060 level certificate. Students who are unable to provide an appropriate IELTS score or equivalent will be conditionally enrolled in an NLC program, and upon arrival at NLC will be assessed by the ESL department and placed in the appropriate level of the EAP program.

¹ Except those whose secondary education was conducted in French or another language.
² England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, USA.
³ From reputable institutions in Canada and the same list of SWE countries.