

**NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE
REGISTRAR'S OFFICE
PROGRAM INFORMATION AND COMPLETION GUIDE**

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Certificate in Criminology
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Program Description: The University Arts and Sciences program at Northern Lights College serves individuals and communities by providing university-level learning opportunities that reflect the intellectual and creative modes of inquiry practiced in the arts and sciences. A wide variety of first- and second-year courses enable learners to pursue numerous credential and career options, and to engage in personal enrichment.

A Criminology Certificate is awarded to students who complete ten of the designated courses, the equivalent of one year of planned first and second-year courses, at Northern Lights College. The certificate is intended to prepare students for entry-level employment positions as well as continued studies in professional programs, including Corrections, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Forensic Studies, and Law Enforcement at university or university-college transferring institutions.

Admission Requirements:

*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 and Related Programs, it is understood that the minimum English Language Proficiency requirement is that required to graduate from a Canadian high school program conducted in English. This is defined in the English Language Requirement document.

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A. Domestic students must have official transcripts demonstrating the following Math Requirement: One of the following with a 'C' grade (60%) or higher: Pre-calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, Foundations of Math 11, Math 040, or equivalent. Alternatively, readiness for MATH 050 as determined by the CCP Math appraisal.

B. International students must have documentation demonstrating the following Math Requirement: One of the following with a 'C' grade (60%) or higher: Pre-calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, Foundations of Math 11, Math 040, or equivalent. Alternatively, readiness for MATH 050 as determined by the CCP Math appraisal.

*Note that some University Arts and Sciences courses elective courses have specific pre-requisites. Meeting the entrance requirements for the University Arts and Sciences program does not ensure course pre-requisites have been met for all available courses.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours)

The Criminology Certificate involves 450 hours of class time and may be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Where learners are attending full time, the credential may be completed in 30 weeks.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates)

Start: September, January, May

Finish: December, April, June

Available Seats: 35 per course

Application Deadline: Last day for late registration as indicated in the NLC Calendar. International students should contact the International Department for deadlines specific to their situation.

Career Prospects: By taking a planned combination of Northern Lights College courses, students may transfer to corrections, criminology, criminal justice, forensic studies, and law enforcement programs offered at provincial universities and university-colleges.

Affiliations/Partnerships: Northern Lights College courses transfer individually to other colleges, universities, and institutes in British Columbia. Students will receive transfer credit for courses as noted in the BC Transfer Guide (see <http://www.bctransferguide.ca>).

Location: Dawson Creek, Fort St. John; delivery to Fort Nelson and Chetwynd can be arranged through the Program Chair.

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
None

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)
Yes, for domestic students. No, for international students.

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
C (60%) cumulative GPA; D (50%) minimum in a course.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
25%; note that a minimum 60% or 'C' grade is required for courses to be considered for transfer into this program. The age of the course will also be considered in course transfer.

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential)
ENGL 100 Academic Writing (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 101 Introduction to Criminology (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 131 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 135 Introduction to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions (45 hours/3 credits)
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology I (45 hours/3 credits)
SOC1 101 Introduction to Sociology I (45 hours/3 credits)

Plus THREE of the following:

CRIM 103 Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 120 Research Methods in Criminology (45 hours/3 credits)
 or SOSC 220 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 210 Youth and the Criminal Justice System (45 hours/3 credits)
 or CRIM 213 Women and the Criminal Justice System (45 hours/3 credits)
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology II (45 hours/3 credits)
SOC1 102 Introduction to Sociology II (45 hours/3 credits)

Plus ONE of the following:

ENGL 105 Nonfictional Prose (45 hours/3 credits)
ENGL 110 Introduction to Workplace Communications (45 hours/3 credits)
ENGL 111 Poetry and Drama (45 hours/3 credits)
ENGL 112 Prose Fiction (45 hours/3 credits)

General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements

1. Overview

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 and additional baccalaureate-level programs, students are required to have English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, ENGL 050, or an equivalent course. Required final grades are specified by program.

2. Select Baccalaureate-Level Programs

The following English Language Requirement applies to the Associate of Arts Degree (general)¹; to diplomas in Archaeology, Business Management,² Criminology, Interactive Technologies and Game Design, Land and Water Resources, and Social Services Worker; and to certificates in Business Management and University Arts and Sciences.³

A. Domestic students⁴ and students from countries⁵ that practice Standard Written English must have official transcripts demonstrating that they have met one of the following English Requirements with a "B" grade or higher: English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, English 050, or English 099; alternatively, any university-level English course⁶ 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.

B. International students and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language must show that they have met the NLC English requirement for baccalaureate-level programs specified above by demonstrating one of the following:

- An IELTS result with an overall score of 6.0 or higher with no band less than 6.0. Students with a writing band of 6.0 are required to complete English 099 with a "B" grade or higher in their initial semester. Alternatively, NLC will accept 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) 69 plus NLC's Writing Assessment.
- Documented completion of 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.
- Documented completion of the last two years of full-time Canadian secondary school education in English with a minimum grade of "B" in English 12, English Studies 12, English Literature 12, English 12 First Peoples, or equivalent.
- Completion of NLC's English for Academic Purposes (EAP) 060-level Certificate.

Where international students and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language are unable to provide an appropriate IELTS score or equivalent, such students may be conditionally enrolled in an NLC program with permission of the Chair. Upon arrival at NLC, these students will be assessed by the ESL department and transferred to the appropriate level of the EAP program as necessary.

¹Not applicable to the Associate of Arts Degree (Health Studies) or to the Associate of Science Degree.

²Not applicable to the Executive Assistant Diploma.

³Not applicable to the Engineering Certificate, the Engineering Studies Certificate, the General University Arts and Sciences Certificate, the Indigenous Human Services Worker Diploma.

⁴Except those whose secondary education was conducted in French or in another language.

⁵ Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales, United States of America.

⁶ From reputable institutions in Canada or from the above list of countries that practice Standard Written English.