Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Diploma in Criminology
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Program Description: A Diploma in Criminology will be awarded to students who complete the equivalent of two years of required first and second-year courses at Northern Lights College. The diploma is intended to prepare students for entry-level employment positions and for continued studies in academic and professional programs. Relevant areas of work and additional education include Corrections, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Forensic Studies, and Law Enforcement.

Admission Requirements:
To apply to the University Arts and Sciences Program or to register for individual courses within the Program:

-Prospective learners need to complete a College “Application for Admission” form. Admission forms can be obtained in person from Northern Lights College (NLC) Student Services or downloaded in PDF format from nlc.bc.ca/pdfs/application.pdf. A one-time application fee is required.

-Where available, secondary school and/or post-secondary transcripts should be provided to indicate that prerequisites for specific courses have been met.

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- In addition, all Diploma students must have successfully completed one of the following Math courses: One of Principles of Mathematics 11, Pre-Calculus 11, Foundations of Mathematics 12, Math 040, Math 108, or Management 111 or equivalent.

- Applicants who do not have secondary school and/or post-secondary transcripts that provide documentation of prerequisites should speak with a Northern Lights College Admissions Officer. In these situations, entry-level skills may be evaluated as required through the Writing Assessment, the College and Career Preparation Math Assessment, or other assessments.

**Length of Program:** (weeks and total hours)
60 weeks or two academic years of full-time study (September--April);
900 hours

**Program Intake:** (start/finish dates)
September, January, May.

**Available Seats:**
35.

**Application Deadline:**
Last day for late registration as indicated in the College calendar.

**Career Prospects:**
By taking a planned combination of Northern Lights College courses, students may gain entry-level employment in or prepare for continued study in the following fields: lawyer, sheriff, police officer, correctional services, parole officer, probation officer, border services, aboriginal liaison officer, or detachment clerk.

**Affiliations/Partnerships:**
Under the terms of an amended block-transfer agreement with Royal Roads University (RRU), Northern Lights College students who complete the Diploma will be eligible for block transfer into the third year of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Justice Studies at RRU, provided all other entrance criteria are met and space remains available. NLC students should understand that entrance to all programs at RRU is on a competitive basis.

Northern Lights College does not have a block transfer agreement with Simon Fraser University's (SFU) School of Criminology. However, the NLC diploma has been designed to meet lower-division requirements for SFU’s BA in Criminology. In this case, transfer credit is awarded on a course-by-course basis. Accordingly, NLC students who complete the diploma may also be eligible for admission into upper division course work
in SFU’s School of Criminology. Students planning to transfer to SFU should choose elective courses that articulate to SFU.

Note: NLC students are responsible for confirming admission requirements, application procedures, transfer credit, and graduation requirements at all receiving institutions.

Location:
Dawson Creek and Fort St. John (Fort Nelson and Chetwynd offerings are also available, but students at these locations must consult with the Program Chair before enrolling in the program to ensure course availability.)

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
None; access to a laptop is strongly recommended

Eligibility for Canada Student Loans: (Yes or No)
Yes

Required Minimum Grade: (overall and/or minimum within a course)
A minimum grade of D (50%) must be obtained for all courses counting towards the diploma. Students must also maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (C grade) in the Criminology Diploma program.

Residency Requirement: (percentage of courses which must be taken at NLC)
25%

Required Courses: (list courses required to complete credential and total hours for each course)
The Criminology Diploma is comprised of the following 20 courses, ten of which will have been completed as part of the Criminology Certificate:

CRIM 101 Introduction to Criminology (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 103 Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour (45 hours/3 credits)
CRIM 120 Research Methods in the Criminology (45 hours/3 credits)
    or SOSC 220 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (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)
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)
CRIM 230 Criminal Law (45 hours/3 credits)
ENGL 100 Academic Writing (45 hours/3 credits)
MATH 104 Introduction to Statistics (60 hours/3 credits)
   or SOSC 207 Introduction to Statistics in the Social Sciences (45 hours/3 credits)
POLI 100 Politics and Government (45 hours/3 credits)
   or POLI 101 Government of Canada (45 hours/3 credits)
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology I (45 hours/3 credits)
PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology II (45 hours/3 credits)
SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology I (45 hours/3 credits)
SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology II (45 hours/3 credits)
SOCI 205 Deviant Behaviour in Canadian Society (45 hours/3 credits)

Plus one of:
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); etc.

Plus one of:
PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy (45 hours/3 credits)
PHIL 110 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking (45 hours/3 credits)
PHIL 111 Contemporary Moral Issues (45 hours/3 credits)

Plus an additional three electives* at the 100- or 200-level, chosen from a variety of disciplines.

*Note that Northern Lights College students are encouraged to choose a Gender Studies course and a course that deals with Aboriginal peoples of Canada. Also note that Northern Lights College's CHEM 170 Introduction to Forensic Chemistry is relevant to the field of Criminology. Chemistry 170 articulates to SFU as unassigned 100-level Chemistry credits.
ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT for AA degree, SSWD diploma, CRIM diploma, Bus MGMT diploma, ARCH diploma; certificates

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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.