

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

**Program Name:** University Arts and Sciences  
**Credential/Certification:** Certificate in Humanities  
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**Program Description:** The University Arts and Sciences program at Northern Lights College (NLC) 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 Humanities Certificate is awarded to students who complete 30 credits of planned courses, with an emphasis on the Humanities. The certificate is intended to prepare students for continued university-level studies leading to a Bachelor's Degree.

**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.

\*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 Humanities 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:** 30 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 complete a full year of university-level courses and then transfer to a number of university degree programs.

**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:** Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, and Fort St. John campuses  
(NOTE: all courses are not available at each campus)

**Additional Requirements/Supplies:** (fees, supplies, materials)

NIL

**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 (60%) 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)

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

HIST 103 Canada, Pre-Confederation (45 hours)

HIST 104 Canada, Post-Confederation (45 hours)

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy or PHIL 110 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking or PHIL 111 Contemporary Moral Issues (45 hours)

Plus 15 additional credits (five courses) selected from 100- or 200-level academic, University Arts and Sciences courses. One course with content on the First Nations peoples (FNST 100, FNST 102 or ANTH 203) and one course with content in the area of Women and Gender Studies (WGST 100) are recommended. A maximum of two courses can come from the traditional sciences (e.g., biology, physical geography); a maximum of one course can be from computer sciences or math or statistics.

University Arts and Sciences courses include offerings in Anthropology (ANTH), Archeology (ARCH), Biology (BIOL), Computer Science (CPSC), Criminology (CRIM), Economics (ECON), Education (EDUC), English (ENGL), First Nation Studies (FNST), Geography (GEOG), History (HIST), Humanities (HUMA), Mathematics (MATH), Philosophy (PHIL), Political Science (POLI), Psychology (PSYC), Sociology (SOCL), Social Science (SOSC), Social Work (SOWK), and Women and Gender Studies (WGST). Other University Arts and Science courses may become available.

University Arts and Sciences courses do not include offerings in Business Management (MGMT), Early Childhood Education (ECEC, ECED, ECTA), Education Assistant (EDAS), Environmental Planning (ENPL), Health Administration (HADM), Human Development Education Caring (HDEC), Information Technology (ITC, ITEC), Practical Nursing (PNUR), and Social Services Worker Diploma (SSWD).

## 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)<sup>1</sup>; to diplomas in Archaeology, Business Management,<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup>

A. Domestic students<sup>4</sup> and students from countries<sup>5</sup> 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 course<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

<sup>2</sup>Not applicable to the Executive Assistant Diploma.

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

<sup>4</sup>Except those whose secondary education was conducted in French or in another language.

<sup>5</sup> Australia, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Wales, United States of America.

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