

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

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Certificate in Social Sciences
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Program Description: The Social Sciences Certificate is the equivalent of one year of planned coursework. By taking a planned combination of courses, students may complete a full year of university-level courses and then transfer to a number of degree programs in Social Sciences offered at universities or other receiving institutions.

Admission Requirements:

A. Domestic students and students from counties that practice Standard Written English ([see Appendix A](#)) must have official transcripts demonstrating that they have met the English Requirements: One of the following with a 'C' grade or higher: English 12 or English Literature 12 or English First Peoples 12, ENGL 050, or ENGL 099. Alternatively, any university-level English course 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 who do not meet the requirement A above, and domestic students who received their secondary education in French or another language, must show that they have met the NLC English requirement: [see Appendix A \(General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements\)](#).

Note that some course options have specific prerequisites. Meeting the program entrance requirements does not ensure course prerequisites have been met for all available courses.

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) Length: 30 weeks (depending on intake start date)

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

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: The Certificate prepares students for continued Bachelor level studies at universities or other receiving institutions, continued studies in specific programs at NLC, continued studies in professional programs, or entry-level employment opportunities.

Transfer arrangements exist with universities, colleges and institutes throughout British Columbia. See the BC Transfer Guide. Course transfer beyond British Columbia is determined on a case-by-case basis. NLC students are responsible for confirming admission requirements, application procedures, transfer credit, and graduation requirements at all receiving institutions.

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' grade (60%) cumulative GPA; 'D' grade (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 and total hours for each course)

ENGL 100 and one baccalaureate level English course

Six Social Science courses (Anthropology, Archaeology, Criminology, Economics, First Nations Studies, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, Sociology, Women and Gender Studies) at the baccalaureate level

Two baccalaureate level open electives from the Humanities, Social Sciences, or Sciences.