

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

Program Name: University Arts & Sciences
Credential/Certification: Associate of Arts Degree (Psychology)
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Program Description: The Associate of Arts Degree – Psychology provides students with a foundational understanding of psychological principles, theories, and practices. The program emphasizes critical thinking, research skills, and effective communication. Graduates may pursue entry-level positions in various fields or continue their education toward a bachelor's degree in psychology or related disciplines. The program also prepares students for further studies in counselling, social work, and education.

Admission Requirements:

A. Domestic students and students from countries 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 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 \(General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements hyperlink\)](#).

C. Math Requirement: One of the following with a 'C' grade (60%) or higher:

- Pre-calculus 11, MATH 040 or equivalent
- Principles of Mathematics 11, Foundations of Math 11 or equivalent.
- Readiness for MATH 050 as determined by the CCP Math appraisal.

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

Length of Program: (weeks and total hours) 2 years (60 weeks) and at least 900 hours

Program Intake: (start/finish dates) Start: September, Finish: April.

Standard intakes occur in September every year. Students may begin their studies off cycle in January or May, but this may lead to a study period of greater than 2 years to complete the credential depending on course offering schedules.

Available Seats: n/a

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 Associate of Arts (Psychology) Degree provides introductory, university-level education for many different careers, particularly in Psychology. I

Affiliations/Partnerships: In British Columbia, completion of an Associate of Arts Degree (Psychology) offers several transfer advantages:

*Most universities in BC guarantee 60 transfer credits to holders of an Associate Degree, even if all of the courses taken towards the degree do not transfer individually to that institution.

*Priority Admission: Additionally, at some institutions, Associate Degree holders may be offered priority admission over other students in the college transfer admission category, subject to GPA criteria developed by the receiving institution.

*Note that transferring students must still meet all 100- and 200-level course requirements for specific degree programs at receiving institutions. Accordingly, students are encouraged to check the specific degree requirements of the individual receiving institution. For more information on the advantages of an Associate Degree, see <http://bctransferguide.ca/associate/transfer.cfm>

Students anticipating transfer to Alberta or another province should consult with the Chair, or the institution they are planning to transfer to, regarding out-of-province transfer.

Location: Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Chetwynd, and Fort Nelson, where resources and interest permit

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)
Lab fees may apply to science courses

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)
50%; 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)

General Requirement: 60 credits of first-and second-year courses (normally 20 courses). These must include a minimum of 18 credits (6 courses) in Arts at the second-year level, in two or more subject areas.

Specific Requirements:

A. 6 credits in 100-level English: ENGL 100, and 3 credits (1 course) from ENGL 105, ENGL 110, ENGL 111 OR ENGL 112)

B. 9 credits (3 courses) in Science at the 100- or 200-level, including:
- minimum of 3 credits in a 100-level or 200-level lab science

C. 36 credits (12 courses) in Arts, including:
- 6 credits (2 courses) in 100- or 200-level Humanities other than English but including the Creative/Performing Arts
- 6 credits (2 courses) Psychology: PSYC 101 (3 Credits) & 102 (3 Credits).
- 24 additional credits (8 courses) in Arts

- D. 9 credits (3 courses) in University level Psychology, including:
PSYC 201 (3 Credits) OR SOSC 220 (3 Credits)
AND
6 credits (2 courses) in University level Psychology at the second-year level.

Concentrations: Associate of Arts (Psychology) Degrees with a concentration or specialization require a minimum of 15 credits in Psychology; normally, 6 of these credits must be at the second-year level.

Note: An individual course may not be used to fulfill more than one of the "specific" requirements listed above.