

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

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:

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 \(General Academic English Language Proficiency Requirements\)](#).

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

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 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 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, 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
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.