

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

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences

Credential/Certification: Certificate in Arts

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Program Description: The University Arts and Sciences program at Northern Lights College 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.

An Arts Certificate is awarded to students who complete 30 credits of planned coursework, with an emphasis on the Arts. The certificate is intended to prepare students for continued studies at the Bachelor's level.

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) The Arts 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 Arts Degree programs offered at universities.

Affiliations/Partnerships: Transfer arrangements exist with universities throughout BC (see BC Transfer Guide www.bctranserguide.ca). Course transfer beyond BC is determined on a case-by-case basis (students should speak with an Admissions Officer).

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

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)

A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 ("C") or better must be obtained from all courses applied toward the Arts Certificate

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)
At least 15 credits (5 courses) from:

CRWR209 (Introduction to the Art of Writing I)
CRWR210 (Introduction to the Art of Creative Writing II)
ENGL105 (Nonfictional Prose)
ENGL111 (Poetry and Drama)
ENGL112 (Prose Fiction)
FILM100 (Introduction to Film)
THEA100 (Introduction to Acting)
VSAR113 (Visual Culture I)
VSAR123 (Visual Culture II)

Plus up to 15 credits (5 courses) from any other first or second-year Arts and/or Social Sciences courses, for a total of 30 credits.