

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

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Associate of Arts Degree
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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 engage in personal enrichment.

The Associate of Arts Degree enables students to focus on humanities or social sciences disciplines. This provincially recognized credential provides a well-rounded educational experience that prepares students for work, citizenship, and further study.

For students intending to pursue further studies, the Associate of Arts Degree comprises the first two years (60 credits) of a four-year degree program (120 credits). All 60 credits of the Associate Degree receive complete block transfer at post-secondary institutions throughout British Columbia. Accordingly, the Associate of Arts Degree enables Northern Lights College students to complete the first half of a degree program while remaining in their home communities.

Students transferring to a post-secondary institution may still be required to meet specific first- and second-year requirements for certain degree programs, so students should plan their course selection accordingly to meet these requirements while enrolled at NLC in the Associate of Arts Degree.

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 Associate of Arts Degree involves approximately 900 hours of class time and may be completed on a part-time or full-time basis. Where learners are attending full-time, the credential can be completed in two academic years or 60 weeks.

Program Intake: (start/finish dates)

Start: September, January, and May

Finish: December, April, and June

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 Degree provides introductory, university-level education for many different careers. It can also transfer to degree programs at other post-secondary institutions, provided pre-requisites are met for the chosen course of study at the receiving institution.

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

*Block transfer: All 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. 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 <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/learn-more-about/associate-degrees/transfer/>

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

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' 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)
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

B. 9 credits (3 courses) in Science at the 100- or 200-level, including:
- 3 credits in Mathematics, Computer Science, or Statistics (a Statistics course could

- be in a discipline other than Math, e.g., Business or Psychology)
- minimum of 3 credits in a 100- 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) in 100- or 200-level Social Sciences
 - 24 additional credits (8 courses) in Arts
- D. 9 credits (3 courses) in Arts, Science, or other areas (ie., Business, etc.)

Concentrations: Associate of Arts Degrees with a concentration or specialization require a minimum of 15 credits in a single discipline; 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.