

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

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Certificate in Criminology
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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.

A Criminology Certificate is awarded to students who complete ten of the designated courses, the equivalent of one year of planned first and second-year courses, at Northern Lights College. The certificate is intended to prepare students for entry-level employment positions as well as continued studies in professional programs, including Corrections, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Forensic Studies, and Law Enforcement at university or university-college transferring institutions.

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 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)

The Criminology 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: 35 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 transfer to corrections, criminology, criminal justice, forensic studies, and law enforcement programs offered at provincial universities and university-colleges.

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: Dawson Creek, Fort St. John; delivery to Fort Nelson and Chetwynd can be arranged through the Program Chair.

Additional Requirements/Supplies: (fees, supplies, materials)

None

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)

ENGL 100 Academic Writing (45 hours/3 credits)

CRIM 101 Introduction to Criminology (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)

PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology I (45 hours/3 credits)

SOCI 101 Introduction to Sociology I (45 hours/3 credits)

Plus THREE of the following:

CRIM 103 Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour (45 hours/3 credits)

CRIM 120 Research Methods in Criminology (45 hours/3 credits)

or SOSC 220 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (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)

PSYC 102 Introduction to Psychology II (45 hours/3 credits)

SOCI 102 Introduction to Sociology II (45 hours/3 credits)

Plus ONE of the following:

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)