

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

Program Name: University Arts and Sciences
Credential/Certification: Certificate in Humanities
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Program Description: The University Arts and Sciences program at Northern Lights College (NLC) 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 Humanities Certificate is awarded to students who complete 30 credits of planned courses, with an emphasis on the Humanities. The certificate is intended to prepare students for continued university-level studies leading to a Bachelor's 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 Humanities 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 university degree programs.

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: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, and Fort St. John campuses
(NOTE: all courses are not available at each campus)

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)
'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 (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)

ENGL 100 Academic Writing (45 hours)

ENGL 105 Nonfictional Prose or ENGL 110 Introduction to Workplace Communications or ENGL 111 Poetry and Drama or ENGL 112 Prose Fiction (45 hours)

HIST 103 Canada, Pre-Confederation (45 hours)

HIST 104 Canada, Post-Confederation (45 hours)

PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy or PHIL 110 Introduction to Logic and Critical Thinking or PHIL 111 Contemporary Moral Issues (45 hours)

Plus 15 additional credits (five courses) selected from 100- or 200-level academic, University Arts and Sciences courses. One course with content on the First Nations peoples (FNST 100, FNST 102 or ANTH 203) and one course with content in the area of Women and Gender Studies (WGST 100) are recommended. A maximum of two courses can come from the traditional sciences (e.g., biology, physical geography); a maximum of one course can be from computer sciences or math or statistics.

University Arts and Sciences courses include offerings in Anthropology (ANTH), Archeology (ARCH), Biology (BIOL), Computer Science (CPSC), Criminology (CRIM), Economics (ECON), Education (EDUC), English (ENGL), First Nation Studies (FNST), Geography (GEOG), History (HIST), Humanities (HUMA), Mathematics (MATH), Philosophy (PHIL), Political Science (POLI), Psychology (PSYC), Sociology (SOCL), Social Science (SOSC), Social Work (SOWK), and Women and Gender Studies (WGST). Other University Arts and Science courses may become available.

University Arts and Sciences courses do not include offerings in Business Management (MGMT), Early Childhood Education (ECEC, ECED, ECTA), Education Assistant (EDAS), Environmental Planning (ENPL), Health Administration (HADM), Human Development Education Caring (HDEC), Information Technology (ITC, ITEC), Practical Nursing (PNUR), and Social Services Worker Diploma (SSWD).