

Diploma of Northern Studies (with optional Certificate of Liberal Arts)

Instructions for Use

This planning guide is to assist you in selecting courses each term. Read carefully, as some courses are only offered in one term/year, and some are offered in multiple terms/years.

***The recommended sequencing plan and note section in this guide will be beneficial in helping you select courses.**

Refer to your program page on the main website under programs/courses for a more thorough description of each course.

A glossary (description) of common words and phrases used in this guide, can be found on the last page.

Graduation Requirements & Yukon First Nations Core Competency

While completing a Diploma of Northern Studies, students may optionally earn a Certificate of Liberal Arts, the first year of a Diploma of Northern Studies.

To be awarded a **Certificate of Liberal Arts**, students must complete 30 credits as follows and apply for graduation:

- ENGL 100 and ENGL 101 (6 credits)
- Two science courses (6 credits)
- Two social science courses (6 credits)
- One course that satisfies the Yukon First Nations Core Competency or, if the competency is achieved by online workshop or challenge, one NOST or Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
- One Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
- Two open or Liberal Arts electives (6 credits)

Certificate students must also

- complete at least 50% of the work at Yukon University; and
- maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C average).

To graduate with a **Diploma of Northern Studies**, students must complete 60 credits as follows:

- All first-year (certificate) requirements (30 credits):
 - ENGL 100 and ENGL 101 (6 credits)
 - Two science electives (6 credits)
 - Two social science courses (6 credits)
 - One course that satisfies the Yukon First Nations Core Competency or, if the competency is achieved by online workshop or challenge, one NOST or Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
 - One Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
 - Two open or Liberal Arts electives (6 credits)
- Two Northern Studies core courses (6 credits)
- Five Northern Studies (NOST) electives (15 credits)
- One Liberal Arts elective (can be a NOST elective course) (3 credits)
- Two open or Liberal Arts electives (6 credits)

Diploma students must also

- ensure they have taken six courses (18 credits) at the 200 level or above (second- and third-year courses);
- complete at least 50% of the work at Yukon College/Yukon University (not less than 30 credits); and
- maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C average).

NOTE: NOST core courses and NOST electives may be used as Liberal Arts or open electives provided all other requirements have been met. Program planning, with course selection, should be done in consultation with a program advisor.

Yukon First Nations Core Competency

Yukon University recognizes that a greater understanding and awareness of Yukon First Nations history, culture and journey towards self-determination will help to build positive relationships among all Yukon citizens. As a result, you will be required to achieve core competency in knowledge of Yukon First Nations.

For details, visit [Yukon First Nations Core Competency](#) online.

As noted above, this requirement may be met with one of the following courses: ANTH 140 or 220, CRIM 219, ELCC 100, FNGA 100, FNST 100 or 140, HIST 140 or 220, NOST 202, SOCI 104, or WGST 202. Alternatively, select another LA elective with successful completion of the free-for-students online YFN 101 workshop.

For NOST diploma students, NOST 202, a core competency course, is also a NOST core course. It, therefore, satisfies two requirements. An additional first-year elective will be required to ensure a total of thirty and sixty credits required for graduation. NOST 202 has first-year prerequisites.

Certificate and Diploma				Diploma ⁴			
Course Requirement	Credit	Usual Term	Done	Course Requirement	Credit	Usual Term	Done
ENGL 100	3	Both		NOST Core ⁵	3	Both	
ENGL 101	3	Both		NOST Core	3	Both	
YFN Core Competency ¹	3	Both		NOST elective ⁶	3	Both	
Science elective ²	3	Both		NOST elective	3	Both	
Science elective	3	Both		NOST elective	3	Both	
Social science or science elective	3	Both		NOST elective	3	Both	
Social science or science elective	3	Both		NOST elective	3	Both	
Liberal Arts elective ²	3	Both		Liberal Arts elective	3	Both	
Open or Liberal Arts elective ³	3	Both		Open or Liberal Arts elective	3	Both	
Open or Liberal Arts elective	3	Both		Open or Liberal Arts elective	3	Both	
Total Credits	30			Total Credits	60		

Notes

1. This requirement may be met with one of the following: ANTH 140 or 220, CRIM 219, FNGA 100, FNST 100 or 140, HIST 140 or 220, **NOST 202** (also satisfies one NOST Core), SOCI 104, WGST 202 or completion of the online YFN 101 workshop or challenge (requires a Liberal Arts elective to ensure 30 credits total).
2. A **Liberal Arts elective** is a 100-level course and above offered by the School of Liberal Arts or the School of Science in the following subject areas (**science fields** in italics; **social science fields** underlined): ANTH (*ANTH 101*), ARCV, ASTR, ATHA, BIOL, CHEM, COMM, CPSC, CRIM, CRWR, ECON, ENGL, ENST, ENVS, FNGA, GEOG, GEOL, HIST, KINE, LANG, MATH, NOST, PHED, PHIL, PHYS, POLI, PSYC, RELI, SOCI, SW (200 only), THEA, WGST. Certain courses in LEAD and RRMT may be acceptable on the understanding that such courses might not be transferable to other institutions and programs.
3. An **open elective** is a 100-level course and above offered in any School that is open to students in other programs. Check the prerequisites for these courses carefully. Note that such courses might not be transferable to other institutions and programs.
4. Diploma students must take a **minimum of six courses at the second-year level or above**.
5. For the **NOST Core**, choose two of NOST 200, NOST 201 and NOST 202. Substitutes may be permitted.
6. **NOST electives** may sometimes be identified by having a 2 in the second place of the course number (i.e., HIST 220). Refer to course titles and descriptions to confirm northern content. There are suitable courses in ANTH, ATHA, COMM (200 only), CRIM, ENGL, ENST, ENVS, FNGA, GEOG, HIST, LANG, NOST, PHED, PHIL, POLI, SOCI, SW, WGST, etc.

Recommended Sequencing Plan

Shown below is a sample sequence of courses for your diploma. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in two years, provided you complete ten courses per academic year (up to three semesters per year). The sequence below is one example of how you could complete your core and elective requirements; you may find that a different sequence works as well, though it's important to note that some courses are offered only in Fall or Winter while others are available in both or more (see the "Usual Term" column in the program plan on the previous page).

PREPARATORY COURSES

MATH 105 requires Math 11 (or Yukon University MATH 050). Math 12 and/or Yukon University MATH 130 are highly recommended preparation.

LA CERTIFICATE and NOST DIPLOMA FALL*	LA CERTIFICATE and NOST DIPLOMA WINTER
ENGL 100	ENGL 101
YFN Core Competency ¹	Liberal Arts elective
Science elective	Science elective
Social science elective (NOST 101 highly recommended)	Social science elective
Open or Liberal Arts elective ³	Open or Liberal Arts elective ³
NOST DIPLOMA FALL ⁴	NOST DIPLOMA WINTER
NOST Core ⁵	NOST Core
NOST elective ⁶	NOST elective
NOST elective	NOST elective
NOST elective	Liberal Arts elective
Open or Liberal Arts elective	Open or Liberal Arts elective
LA CERTIFICATE and NOST DIPLOMA SPRING (Optional)	
ENGL 100 normally available	
HIST 140 and ANTH 144 (requires permission of the instructor) normally available	
Open and Liberal Arts electives normally available	

* The note numbers in the tables above refer to the notes on top of this page.

Student Responsibility – Online Registration

Students are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of course selection and registration and for determining the requirements of your program. Always read course descriptions before you register to determine if you have the necessary prerequisites and pay attention to notes on mutually exclusive and cross-listed courses (pairs of courses in which credit will be awarded for only one).

Common Words and Phrases

- A **Credit** is the unit of weight for university courses and range from 1 to 15 credits.
- **Grade Point Average (GPA)** is a representation of academic achievement produced by dividing the total number of grade points earned over a period, usually a semester, divided by the number of courses or credits taken. See page 18 of the Academic Regulations for a fuller explanation.
- **Highly Recommended Course** is a course that would be beneficial to your learning and should be take either before or during your studies.
- **Prerequisite** is a course that you must complete with a satisfactory grade before enrolling in a subsequent course.
- A **Semester** is a portion of an academic year, during which an educational institution holds classes. Many people use the word 'term' interchangeably. We have three semesters per year. (Fall, Winter & Spring/Summer – see below)
*Note: not all programs use three (3) terms as part of their study schedule – most programs at YukonU use only the Fall & Winter term.
- **Recommended Sequencing Plan** shows a program's courses arranged according to year and semester (Fall, Winter, Spring) and are recommended to be taken in this order to complete a certificate, diploma or degree.
- **Fields of Study**
 - **Humanities** is the study of unique products of human culture and expression and include history, literature, language, philosophy, the visual arts, theatre, dance, and music.
 - **Social Science**, sometimes called the behavioural sciences, is the branch of academic study that looks at human activity in societies and seeks to understand the causes and consequences of social phenomena. Many social sciences have a social justice agenda in that they also seek to find and offer solutions to social problems. Social science disciplines include anthropology, criminology, economics, political science, sociology, psychology, and women and gender studies.
 - **Science** deal with the study of natural phenomena through observation, experimentation and use of scientific methods and include study in fields such as astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics environmental sciences and physics.
- **Semester Starts and Ends**
 - Fall = Either Late August or early September through December
 - Winter = Early January through April (Sometimes into early May)
 - Spring/Summer = May through August

Note: Your program area determines terms/semester exact dates.