

YukonU Program Planning Guide

School of Academic and Skill Development



Yukon First Nations Art Certificate Program 2026-2027

Instructions for Use

This planning guide is intended 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 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.

Definitions of common words and phrases used in this guide can be found on the last page.

Graduation Requirements and Yukon First Nations Core Competency

To graduate from the YFNA certificate program, students must:

- Pass all of the courses in the YFN Arts certificate program.
- maintain a minimum 2.7 cumulative GPA (B- average, 65%-69%).

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: www.yukonu.ca/yukon-first-nations-core-competency.

Note: The Yukon First Nations Core Competency can be satisfied by taking the YFN 101 workshop, which is free for students.

Recommended Sequencing Plan

The program information shown below is a recommended sequence for your certificate. If you follow this plan, you should be able to graduate in one year, provided you complete all the courses indicated in each term. Please note that the English and Math courses may be substituted for other electives depending on your current literacy and numeracy skills.

Year 1 – Fall Term				Year 1 – Winter Term			
Course Requirement	Credit	Term	Done	Course Requirement	Credit	Term	Done
MATH 030: Basic Mathematics	6	Fall		ENGL 050: College Writing Skills	3	Winter	
ENGL 030: Communication Through Reading and Writing	3	Fall		BUS 052: Managing Your Art Career 2	1.5	Winter	
BUS 051: Managing Your Art Career 1	1.5	Fall		FINA 054: Fine Craftwork	1.5	Winter	
FINA 050: Beadwork	1.5	Fall		FINA 055: Drawing and Carving	1.5	Winter	
FINA 051: Sewing	1.5	Fall		FINA 055: Small Crafts and Product Development	1.5	Winter	
FINA 052: Traditional Footwear	1.5	Fall					
Total Credits	15			Total Credits	9		

Year 1 – Spring/Summer Term			
Course Requirement	Credit	Term	Done
ENGL 060: Composition and Literature	3	Spring/Summer	
Total Credits	3		

Prep Courses (where applicable)

Students should have completed MATH 020: Mathematics Fundamentals and ENGL 020: English Fundamentals or have achieved set benchmarks for Accuplacer reading and sentence skills assessments.

Student Responsibility

You are responsible for the completeness and accuracy of your 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).

Program Advising

Advising is a necessary step for placement into the appropriate Math and English courses as well as to determine overall suitability for the program.

For more information and to book an advising appointment: <https://www.yukonu.ca/programs/yukon-first-nations-arts>

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 taken either before or during your studies.
- **Prerequisite** is a course that must be completed 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.