

Diploma of Northern First Nations Studies (with two certificate options) - 2020

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 and Yukon First Nations Core Competency

While completing a Diploma of Northern First Nations Studies (NFNS), **students may optionally earn a Certificate of Liberal Arts or a Heritage and Culture Certificate** for the completion of 30 credits.

To be awarded the **Certificate of Liberal Arts**, students must complete 30 credits as follows:

- ENGL 100 and ENGL 101 (6 credits)
- Two science electives (6 credits)
- Two social science electives (6 credits)
- ANTH 140 (satisfies the Yukon First Nations Core Competency requirement) (3 credits)
- One Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
- Two open or Liberal Arts electives (6 credits)

To be awarded the **Heritage and Culture Certificate**, students must complete 30 credits as follows:

- ENGL 100 (3 credits)
- Five Heritage and Culture core courses: HIST 140, ANTH 140, FNST 140 or LANG 140, ARCV 140, and FNPA 100 or PADM 140 or substitute (15 credits)
- One field school, ANTH 144, or approved practicum (6 credits)
- Two open or Liberal Arts electives (6 credits)

In either case, 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 First Nations 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 electives (6 credits)
 - ANTH 140 (satisfies YFN Core Competency requirement) (3 credits)

- One Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
- Two open or Liberal Arts elective (6 credits)
- Two Northern Studies core courses (6 credits)
- One NFNST Area I elective (3 credits)
- Two NFNST Area II electives (6 credits)
- Two NFNST Area III electives (6 credits)
- One Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
- Two open or Liberal Arts electives (12 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 not chosen to meet core requirements may be used as NOST. Northern studies electives may be used as Liberal Arts or open electives. Courses may not be double counted, though a single course may satisfy core and YFN Core Competency requirements at the same time (e.g., NOST 202). Program planning, with course planning, should be done in consultation with a program advisor in advance of online registration.

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](#).

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. The Diploma requires ANTH 140 and HIST 140, so this requirement is met by the program. No selection of a suitable course is required.

LA Certificate and Diploma			
Course Requirement	Credit	Usual Term	Done
ENGL 100	3	Both	
ENGL 101	3	Both	
ANTH 140 ¹	3	Fall	
One of FNGA 100, FNGA 101, HIST 140 or substitute	3	Both	
Science elective ²	3	Both	
Science elective	3	Both	
Social science elective ²	3	Both	
Liberal Arts elective ²	3	Both	
Open or Liberal Arts elective ³	3	Both	
Open or Liberal Arts elective	3	Both	
Total Credits	30		

Diploma ⁴			
Course Requirement	Credit	Usual Term	Done
NOST Core ⁵	3	Both	
NOST Core	3	Both	
FNST Area I: Law, Politics, and Self-Government ⁶	3	Both	
FNST Area II: Culture, History and Arts	3	Both	
FNST Area II: Culture, History and Arts	3	Both	
FNST Area III: Contemporary Issues	3	Both	
FNST Area III: Contemporary Issues	3	Both	
Liberal Arts or NOST elective ⁷	3	Both	
Open or Liberal Arts elective	3	Both	
Open or Liberal Arts elective	3	Both	
Total Credits	60		

Notes

1. This course meets the requirement for Yukon First Nations Core Competency.
2. A **Liberal Arts elective** is a 100-level course and above offered by the schools of Liberal Arts or Science in the following subjects (**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. For the **three FNST topic areas**, please **see the lists of courses on the last page**. Substitutes may be permitted.
7. **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 (both certificate options shown)

Shown below are sample sequences of courses for your diploma with either Liberal Arts or Heritage and Culture certificates as an interim credential. 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 sequences below are an 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 to NOST DIPLOMA FALL*	LA CERTIFICATE to NOST DIPLOMA WINTER
ENGL 100	ENGL 101
ANTH 140 ¹	Liberal Arts elective ²
Science elective ²	Science elective
One of FNGA 100, FNGA 101, HIST 140	Social science elective
Open or Liberal Arts elective ³	Open or Liberal Arts elective
H&C CERTIFICATE to NOST DIPLOMA FALL	H&C CERTIFICATE to NOST DIPLOMA WINTER
ENGL 100	ENGL 101
HIST 140	ARCV 140
ANTH 140	One of FNGA 100, FNGA 101
FNST 140 or LANG 140	ANTH 144 or Practicum (usually only offered in Spring semester)
Science elective ²	
NFNST DIPLOMA FALL⁴	NFNST DIPLOMA WINTER
NOST Core ⁵	NOST Core
NFNST Area required course ⁶	NFNST Area required course
NFNST Area required course	NFNST Area required course
NFNST Area required course	Liberal Arts elective ²
Open or Liberal Arts elective ³ (NOTE: science elective for the Heritage and Culture certificate option)	Open or Liberal Arts elective
LA CERTIFICATE and NFNST DIPLOMA SPRING (Optional)	
ENGL 100 normally available	
HIST 140 and ANTH 144 (H&C required course; program advising required) normally available	
Open and Liberal Arts electives normally available	

* The note numbers in the tables above refer to the notes on the previous page.

Diploma Content Areas

The Diploma of Northern First Nations Studies asks students to take courses in three broad content areas to ensure breadth of study. The lists below identify courses that will present an introduction to aspects of that topic. Students may, of course, take additional courses that fulfill elective requirements, in areas of especial interest to them.

NFNST Area I: Law, Politics, and Self-Government

Choose one (some courses may have prerequisites) of the following (substitutions may be approved):

FNGA 100	FN Governance & Public Admin
FNGA 101	Governance and Land Claims
FNGA 207	Public Policy
FNGA 209	Intergovernmental Relations
FNGA 302	Power and Influence
HIST 140	History of Yukon First Nations and Self-Government
NOST 229	Special Topics in Northern Studies
POLI 230	Indigenous Political Thought
POLI 330	Indigenous Politics in Canada

NFNST Area II: Culture, History and Arts

Choose two (some courses may have prerequisites) of the following (substitutions may be approved):

ANTH 140	Introduction to the Fields of Anthropology
ANTH 144	Heritage/Culture Field School
ANTH 220	Peoples and Cultures of the Subarctic
ANTH 221	Subarctic Archaeology
ATHA 101	Introduction to Native Languages I
ATHA 102	Introduction to Native Languages II
ARCV 140	Archives and Collections Management
ENGL 140	First Nations Literature in English
ENGL 230	Survey: First Nations Lit
ENST 200	Environmental Perspectives
ENST 201	Environmental Ethics
FNST 140	Preservation of Traditional Knowledge
HIST 140	History of Yukon First Nations and Self-Government
HIST 220	History of the Canadian North
HIST 221	History of the Yukon
LANG 140	Language and Culture Preservation
LANG 240	Language Activism
NOST 229	Special Topics in Northern Studies
RRMT 120	Tradition and Change
WGST 202	Women in Indigenous Societies

NFNST Area III: Contemporary Issues

Choose two (some courses may have prerequisites) of the following (substitutions may be approved):

CRIM 219	Aboriginal People and the Canadian Criminal Justice System
ENST 223	Principles and Practices of Heritage Interpretation
FNGA 100	First Nations Governance and Public Administration
FNGA 101	Governance and Land Claims
FNGA 200	Organization and Community Wellness
FNGA 207	Public Policy
FNGA 209	Intergovernmental Relations
FNGA 240	Indigenous Peoples and Research
FNST 140	Preservation of Traditional Knowledge
LANG 140	Language and Culture Preservation
LANG 240	Language Activism
NOST 101	Introduction to the Circumpolar World
NOST 202	Social History of the North
NOST 229	Special Topics in Northern Studies
NOST 324	Contemporary Circumpolar Issues I
NOST 325	Contemporary Circumpolar Issues II
NOST 328	People and Cultures of the Circumpolar World I
NOST 329	People and Cultures of the Circumpolar World II
PHIL 230	Bridging Knowledges
POLI 230	Indigenous Political Thought
POLI 330	Indigenous Politics in Canada
RRMT 120	Tradition and Change
SOCI 104	Social Problems
WGST 202	Women in Indigenous Societies

The School of Liberal Arts also offers NOST 229, a special-topics course, which can provide student with the opportunity to work with a faculty member on a program of directed readings or independent study or research. Students interested in undertaking a personal project should consult a program advisor about developing a study plan and identifying a suitable mentor.

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).

Program Advising

For information about the program or to discuss program requirements, pathways and destinations, including transfer matters, please contact the School of Liberal Arts to make an appointment with a program advisor:

School of Liberal Arts - Advising can be done in person or by phone.

t. 867.668.8770

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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 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.

Program Planning Guide Revisions

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