

## Diploma of Northern Studies (w. optional Certificate of Liberal Arts)

### Instructions for Use

\*This planning guide aims to assist you in selecting courses each term. Read it carefully. Some courses only run in one term/year, while some are offered more frequently.

**\*The suggested sequencing plan and notes in this guide will help you choose your courses.**

Refer to Programs/Courses pages for more detailed course descriptions. Go directly: [yukonu.ca/programs/northern-studies](http://yukonu.ca/programs/northern-studies)

Explanations of academic words and phrases used in this guide may be found on pages 3 and 4.

### Graduation Requirements (effective 2020)

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**, or to meet first-year requirements, students must complete 30 credits as follows:

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

Certificate / first-year 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) as above
- Two Northern Studies (NOST) core courses (6 credits)
- Five Northern Studies (NOST) electives (15 credits)
- One Liberal Arts elective (3 credits)
- Two open/Liberal Arts electives (6 credits)

Diploma students must also

- ensure they have taken six courses (18 credits) at the 200 level or above;
- complete at least 50% of the work at Yukon University (no fewer than 30 credits); and
- maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C average).

**NOTE:** NOST core and elective courses may be used as open/Liberal Arts electives provided all other requirements have been met. Program planning 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. See more on our Yukon First Nations Core Competency (YFNCC) project online at [yukonu.ca/yukon-first-nations-core-competency](http://yukonu.ca/yukon-first-nations-core-competency)

This requirement may be met with one of the following Liberal Arts courses: ANTH 140, FNGA 100, HIST 140, NOST 202, SOCI 104, or WGST 202. Alternatively, select another LA elective with successful completion of the free-for-students online YFN 101 workshop.

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 the total of sixty credits required for graduation. NOST 202 has first-year prerequisites.

Certificate and Diploma		Diploma (4 more 200+L)	
ENGL 100		NOST Core/Elective (200L) <sup>5</sup>	
ENGL 101		NOST Core/Elective (200L)	
YFNCC <sup>1</sup>		Liberal Arts Elective (NOST) <sup>6</sup>	
Social Science or Science elective <sup>2</sup>		Liberal Arts Elective (NOST)	
Social Science or Science elective		Liberal Arts Elective (NOST)	
Science elective		Liberal Arts Elective (NOST)	
Science elective		Liberal Arts Elective (NOST)	
Liberal Arts Elective <sup>2</sup>		Liberal Arts Elective	
LA/Open Elective <sup>3</sup>		LA/Open Elective	
LA/Open Elective		LA/Open Elective	

This program plan lays out program requirements with space for course selection planning.

## Notes

1. The **YFNCC requirement** may be met with one of the following: ANTH 140, FNGA 100 or 101, HIST 140 or 220, NOST 202, SOCI 104, WGST 202 or completion of the online YFN 101 workshop or challenge (with an additional Liberal Arts elective to ensure 60 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, 140), *ASTR*, *ATHA*, *BIOL*, *CHEM*, COMM, CPSC, CRWR, ECON, ENGL, ENST, *ENVS*, *FNGA*, *GEOG*, *GEOL*, HIST, *KINE*, LANG, *MATH*, NOST, PHED, PHIL, *PHYS*, POLI, PSYC (*PSYC 202*), RELI, SOCI, SW (200 only), THEA, WGST. Certain LEAD and RRMT courses are accepted on the understanding that they 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 at least six courses (18 credits) at the 200 level or above.
5. For NOST Core, choose two of NOST 200, NOST 201 and NOST 202. Substitutes permitted.
6. NOST elective options can be found on the Northern Studies program page under Courses.

## Recommended Sequencing Plan

Below is a program plan table for your diploma. If you follow this plan, you would be able to graduate in two years, provided you successfully 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 is important to note that some courses are offered only in Fall or Winter while others are available in both semesters or in Spring.

Certificate LA (Year 1)		NOST Diploma (incl. 6 200+L courses) (Year 2)	
ENGL 100	Fall	NOST Core/Elective (200L)	Fall
ENGL 101	Winter	NOST Core/Elective (200L)	Winter
YFNCC	Either	LA Elective (NOST)	Fall
Social Science	Fall	LA Elective (NOST)	Winter
Social Science	Winter	LA Elective (NOST)	Fall
Science	Fall	LA Elective (NOST)	Winter
Science	Winter	LA Elective (NOST)	Fall
LA Elective	Fall	LA Elective	Winter
LA/Open Elective	Either	LA/Open Elective	Fall
LA/Open Elective	Winter	LA/Open Elective	Winter

## 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.

Read course descriptions carefully before you begin the registration process to ensure you have any necessary prerequisites. Pay attention to notes on mutually exclusive or cross-listed courses (pairs of courses for which credit will be awarded for only one).

## Academic Words and Phrases Explained

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 credits taken. See Academic Regulations 5.04 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, sometimes with a specific minimum 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, Semester Starts and Ends)

\*Note: Not all programs use three (3) terms as part of their study schedule — most programs at YukonU use only the Fall and 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 efficiently.

## Fields of Study Explained

- **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, geology, mathematics, environmental or earth sciences and physics.

## Semester Starts and Ends

- Fall = Late August/early September through December
- Winter = Early January through April (sometimes into early May)
- Spring/Summer = May to June, June to July, and/or May through August Note: The program area and course scheduling determines terms/semester exact dates.