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HUMANITIES AT NIC

Learn how to think, not what to think. Humanities courses at NIC teach you how to ask big questions and deepen your understanding of the world in which we live.

By studying humanities, you will:

- ▶ Investigate the human condition
- ▶ Learn how to think critically and speculatively
- ▶ Develop skills sought after by employers including research skills and critical thinking



CURE CANCER WITH HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Christopher Manfredi, vice principal, academic, at McGill University says that, “what changed public favour against smoking wasn’t mounting data from the health sciences linking smoking to cancer. (...) It was a wide-ranging and life-saving public health strategy driven by disciplines in the social sciences and humanities.” – UA MAGAZINE, 2016, WWW.UNIVERSITYAFFAIRS.CA

“The faculty literally showed us a world beyond our own, opening our eyes to a new way of thinking and seeing. I am a better person because of my experiences at NIC.”

CHRISTY VANDEN
UNIVERSITY STUDIES STUDENT

NIC alumni say*

92%

that NIC's quality of instruction is high

90%

that they were well-prepared by NIC for further studies

SOURCE: DASCO SURVEY OF FORMER NIC DIPLOMA, ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE STUDENTS



“ *NIC challenged me to think bigger, providing me with tools to help me get to where I am today.*

James Flawith
Associate of Arts degree
alumnus and 2018 Top
20 Under 40 Community
Achievement Award
recipient



HUMANITIES DISCIPLINES

NIC offers a wide range of university courses that transfer to universities across BC and beyond. With an average class size of 18, supportive, teaching-focused faculty, and personalized education, you will be fully prepared for university and career success.

HISTORY

History provides us with context and perspective to understand how we arrived at where we are today and to better imagine where we might go tomorrow. It also challenges us to see through the eyes of others in our quest for wisdom and virtue. Explore history by examining particular geographic regions such as British Columbia or Canada, or by looking through the lens of civilization, war and peace, or mythology.

Did you know?

Studying history develops critical reasoning and analytical skills, and provides an invaluable educational foundation for a wide variety of careers, including librarian, archivist, museum curator, teacher, researcher, journalist, lawyer or historian.

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LIBERAL STUDIES

Liberal studies is a multi-discipline approach to topics to prepare you for a range of career opportunities. You'll study history, ancient texts, world civilizations, religions, culture and global citizenship.

Did you know?

Liberal studies will give you critical thinking and reasoning skills and a foundational knowledge to prepare for careers in education, research, political science, public policy, communication, public relations, business and non-profit work.

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PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy asks fundamental questions about ourselves, the world, and our place within it. Is mind distinct from body? What is the nature of knowledge, and what can we know? Does God exist? What is the right thing to do? What is art, and why is it valuable? As a philosophy student, you will learn how to think, discuss, and write about abstract ideas. You will develop reasoning skills, engage in conceptual analysis, and improve written and verbal communication.

Did you know?

Philosophy graduates have many career options available to them. Philosophy majors often find work outside their field of study. Given that a philosophy degree improves reasoning, literacy, and a variety of other skills, it prepares majors for work in fields such as education, writing, law, politics and business.

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LANGUAGES

The study of language is an opening to the world and its cultural diversity. It is a means to communicate values, beliefs and customs while allowing you to gain a more profound understanding of your own culture and language.

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Chinese

Chinese is one of the most spoken languages on Earth, with more than one billion speakers. Studying Chinese will broaden your international knowledge and cultural perspective and provide you with a competitive edge in your career choice both at home and internationally.

French

As one of Canada's two official languages, French is the second most-studied language in the world. Spoken on five continents, it is also the language of diplomacy in international organizations such as NATO, the UN, UNESCO, the IOC and the Red Cross. In Canada, being bilingual is essential if you are considering a career with the government or want to become a teacher.

Spanish

Spanish is one of the two most spoken languages in the world, with 577 million speakers in 21 countries around the world. NIC offers Spanish in beginner and intermediate with a focus on specific skills such as oral communication, reading and writing.

HANDS-ON RESEARCH

Be well-prepared for university with opportunities to participate in applied research activities that explore real-world issues and solve practical problems.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Earn academic credit at NIC while participating in educational exchanges to diverse locations such as Japan, Mexico, Chile, Denmark and Brazil. Or volunteer with Uniterra's Students Without Borders.

FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Study in person, by distance, online and via interactive television (ITV). Daytime and evening classes are offered in the Comox Valley, Campbell River, Port Alberni and Port Hardy.

LEARN FROM EXPERT FACULTY

NIC's highly qualified faculty include PhD's with international credentials. Thanks to small class sizes, they are able to provide you with deep learning experiences to inform academic choices and inspire your career.



ALIX CARREL, PHD

FRENCH & SPANISH CHAIR,
HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Alix Carrel holds a PhD in Comparative Literature and Languages from the University of Paris. Her specializations include language, translation, editing, culture and literature.



DAN HINMAN-SMITH, PHD

HISTORY

Dan Hinman-Smith holds a PhD in History from the University of North Carolina. His specializations include world history, world religion and mythology.



JEFF LAWRENCE, MA

PHILOSOPHY

Jeff Lawrence holds an MA in Philosophy from McMaster University. He was one of three faculty members instrumental in launching NIC's Institute of War and Peace and NIC's Philosopher's Film Series.

These are just a few of NIC's diverse faculty, all of whom are accessible, approachable and focused on student success. Read their full profiles at www.nic.bc.ca/about-us/nic-faculty

START UNIVERSITY AT NIC

With a wide range of study areas, small class sizes, expert instructors and exclusive transfer agreements, NIC is the perfect place for you to start your studies.

Transfer seamlessly to university.

Complete a two-year associate degree at NIC and graduate with a credential that is fully transferable to university.

Dual credit: start university courses in high school.

Dual credit is an early entry opportunity for high school students to complete university courses while still in high school. You receive credit towards your Grade 12 graduation requirements, as well as NIC credit. These credits are fully transferable to institutions across BC.

Why consider dual credit?

- Test drive college while getting support from your high school and NIC
- Lighten your course load in your first year of post-secondary
- College tuition fees may be covered by your school district

Be advised, every step of the way.

Our educational advising team has extensive knowledge of programs, funding options, career paths and post-secondary education pathways at NIC and beyond.



“NIC shaped me as a learner. It molded me into an academic who strives for excellence and questions the world we live in; it has been instrumental to my success.”

SYLVA FALK
NIC UNIVERSITY STUDIES GRAD

Prepare for success.

Develop university research skills and gain the confidence and skills to do well in university. With our small class sizes, supportive instructors, and competitive tuition, you'll be better prepared for university success.

START YOUR UNIVERSITY DEGREE WITH THE NIC ADVANTAGE

2 years

University Courses	1-2 years
Certificate	1 year
Diploma	2 years
Associate Degree	2 years



2 years

VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY

University of Victoria

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

UBC

SFU
SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Royal Roads UNIVERSITY

CAMOSUN COLLEGE

and many more across Canada and internationally

= Bachelor Degree 

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