



Social Science

Anthropology

Criminology

Geography

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Women's Studies

SOCIAL SCIENCES AT NIC

Learn how to ask big questions and deepen your understanding of the world in which we live.

In social sciences, you will:

- ▶ Learn to collect data to better understand society and human behaviour
- ▶ Learn to assess and adapt to change, analyze trends and solve complex problems
- ▶ 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.”

SOURCE: 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



SOCIAL SCIENCE 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.

ANTHROPOLOGY

The study of humans in the past and present, anthropologists look at human behaviour and societies to find answers to how early humans lived, why we behave the way we do in the present and how that could impact our future. Cultural anthropology looks at topics such as linguistics, society, religion and politics, while physical anthropology includes the subfields of archaeology and forensic anthropology, exploring culture through the examination of physical remains

Did you know?

NIC students visit archaeological sites, learning language, culture and history in annual field schools. In 2015 and 2016, they travelled to Greece to explore ancient Minoan civilization.

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CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology involves the study of crime, criminal behaviour and responses to law-breaking. The principle elements of criminology are social science theory, institutional and systems impacts and research methods that explore all aspects of crime, criminal behaviour and justice issues.

Studying criminology is the first step toward careers in the criminal justice system or related fields, such as immigration, insurance adjuster and youth court worker.

Did you know?

Every semester, NIC students participate in mock trials and visit court rooms, prisons and community organizations to learn fundamental principles of criminal law and corrections.

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GEOGRAPHY

Geography is a broad discipline that integrates knowledge from a wide variety of fields to make sense of the world. Geographers study both the human and physical features of Earth and although they view the world from many different perspectives, the spatial and ecological perspectives are at the core of the discipline.

Studying geography prepares you for work in a variety of physical and social sciences and the humanities. Some examples of the many and varied career options for geographers include: environmental researcher, spatial data analyst, medical geographer, heritage interpreter, park naturalist, urban or community

planner, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist, climatologist, hydrologist, forestry technician, resource management specialist and sustainable tourism specialist.

Did you know?

NIC students have taken part in hands-on, primary research to examine social, economic, political and ethical perspectives on climate change.

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Political science is a social science which looks at the systems and practice of politics, including governance, political activities, thoughts and behaviours, institutions and power structures. The study of political science includes law and public policy, international relations, the administration of justice and the electoral process.

With a focus on critical thinking and analysis, political science is essential for careers in government and public policy, and is beneficial in a variety of fields including law, market and social research and public affairs.

Did you know?

Political scientists study how governments and political systems

work. Many become educators or work as consultants for lobbying groups, non-profit organizations and government agencies.

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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.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior and mental processes and how they are affected by an organism's physical state, mental state, and social context.

Psychology is an essential subject for virtually all disciplines. Studying psychology is necessary if you are considering becoming a psychologist, but is also helpful for careers that involve working with and understanding people, including human resources, business, social work, law enforcement or health care.

Did you know?

In 2015, 100 NIC psychology students used applied research skills to study public perceptions on the validity of climate change.

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SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of society, including culture and social relationships. Sociology encourages you to think more deeply about the relationship between personal and public issues. It looks at social institutions and the system in which we, as individuals, live and how those institutions influence individuals and vice versa.

Studying sociology develops your critical thinking and research skills and is beneficial if you're looking for a career in human resources, counselling, social work, education or research.

Did you know?

Students participate in activities and simulations in both the classroom and the community to learn sociological concepts first-hand.

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GO GLOBAL

Travel the world while you study and earn credit. NIC offers study abroad opportunities in close to 50 countries, both short and long term. There is also financial support available to help you get international experience and take your learning to a new level.

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.

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Women's studies is an interdisciplinary field which looks at the political, economic, socio-cultural and historical issues, as they relate to women and gender. Through an examination of women's experiences and a feminist lens, students explore topics such as gender identity, power dynamics, systems of privilege and oppression and health issues.

Women's and gender studies are helpful if you are considering a career in advocacy or social service related positions, education, law, health care, business, non-profit sectors and government.

Did you know?

Students and faculty come together every March as part of International Women's Day to celebrate all that women have accomplished.

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HISTORY, WOMEN'S STUDIES

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

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