

From: **Northern Lights College (NLC)**  
Social Services Worker Diploma

To: **University of Northern BC (UNBC)**  
Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

The following list of course equivalents will appear on the transfer credit summary for students who have successfully completed **Northern Lights College Social Services Worker Diploma** and pursue a **Bachelor of Social Work at UNBC** seeking admission in **September of 2023**.

Information in this handout is unofficial and should be used as a guide only. For questions regarding admission to UNBC or course selection please contact Student Recruitment & Advising at 250-960-6306 or [advising@unbc.ca](mailto:advising@unbc.ca).

NOTE: *As per UNBC Undergraduate Calendar Regulation number 14, "Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours of upper division UNBC course work to receive a UNBC degree."*

<b>NLC Course Number &amp; Name</b>		<b>UNBC Equivalence<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Semester One:</b>		
ENGL 100	Academic Writing	ENGL 170-3
SSWD 110	Introduction to Social Service Work	Part of Block Credit
or IHSW 101	Introduction to Human Service Work	SOCW 200 <sup>2</sup>
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology I	PSYC 101-3
One of the following:		
ANTH 101	Cultural and Social Anthropology I	ANTH 102-3
ANTH 102	Cultural and Social Anthropology II	ANTH 1XX-3
CRIM 101	Introduction to Criminology	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 103	Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 131	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 135	Intro to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 210	Youth and the Criminal Justice System	SOSC 2XX-3
IHSW 103	Indigenous Wellness & Healthy Practice	FNST 1XX-3
IHSW 104	Social & Health Issues in Indigenous Communities	FNST 1XX-3
PHIL 110	Introduction to Logic & Critical Thinking	PHIL 200-3
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology I	SOSC 1XX-3
SOCI 102	Introduction to Sociology II	SOSC 1XX-3
SOSC 220	Research Methods for the Social Sciences	SOSC 2XX-3
One open elective (choose one elective course in any area at the baccalaureate level) <sup>3</sup>		
<b>Semester Two:</b>		
One of:		
ENGL 105	Nonfictional Prose	ENGL 1XX-3
or ENGL 110	Intro to Workplace Communications (Online)	COMM 200-3
or ENGL 111	Poetry and Drama	ENGL 102-3 or ENGL 1XX-3
or ENGL 112	Prose Fiction	ENGL 103-3
OR ENGL 230	Technical Writing	ENGL 1XX-3
SSWD 120	Ethics and Practice	Part of Block Credit
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology II	PSYC 102-3

One of the following:

ANTH 101	Cultural and Social Anthropology I	ANTH 102-3
ANTH 102	Cultural and Social Anthropology II	ANTH 1XX-3
CRIM 101	Introduction to Criminology	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 103	Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 131	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 135	Intro to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions	SOSC 1XX-3
CRIM 210	Youth and the Criminal Justice System	SOSC 2XX-3
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**Semester Three:**

SOWK 200	Introduction to Social Work Practice	SOCW 200-3
SSWD 210	Methods of Intervention and Practice Areas	Part of Block Credit
WGST 100	Women and Gender Studies	WMST 100-3
or PHIL 111	Contemporary Moral Issues	PHIL 1XX-3
PSYC 211	Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211-3
or HDEC 101 & HDEC 104	Human Development 1 & 2	SOCW 421-3 <sup>2</sup>

One of:

SSWD 215	Interpersonal Communications	SOCW 1XX-3 <sup>2</sup>
or PSYC 220	Interpersonal Communications	SOSC 1XX-3
or ECTA 121	Interpersonal Communications	ENGL 1XX-3

**Semester Four:**

SOWK 201	Introduction to Social Welfare	SOCW 201-3
SSWD 220	Practicum and Seminar	Part of Block Credit
HIST 104	Canada, Post-Confederation	HIST 211-3
Or POLI 101	The Government of Canada	POLS 200-3

One of:

FNST 100	Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	FNST 100-3
or FNST 102	Treaties and Aboriginal Rights	FNST 1XX-3
or ANTH 202	Ethnography of Canada's First Nations People	ANTH 2XX-3
or ANTH 203	Contemporary Canadian Native Peoples	ANTH 2XX-3 or FNST 100-3

One of:

PSYC 235	Structure and Dynamics of the Family	SOSC 2XX-3
or SOCI 204	The Family in Canada	SOSC 2XX-3
or IHSW 102	Indigenous Family and Parenting	FNST 1XX-3
or ECEC 201	Building Professional-Family Partnerships	SOCW 1XX-3 <sup>2</sup>

**Notes:** Students should consider post-diploma plans when choosing program-specific and open electives. In particular, students moving on to degree programs are advised to consult with receiving institutions to ensure students have selected required courses for a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program.

Students wanting to have an indigenous focus on Indigenous studies should select four of the following courses:

- ANTH 202: Ethnography of Canada's First Nations People (3 credits/45 hours)
- ANTH 203: Contemporary Canadian Native Peoples (3 credits/45 hours)
- IHSW 101: Introduction to Human Service Work (3 credits/45 hours)
- IHSW 102: Indigenous Family and Parenting (3 credits/45 hours)
- IHSW 103: Indigenous Wellness and Healthy Practices (3 credits/45 hours)
- IHSW 104: Social and Health Issues in Indigenous Communities (3 credits/45 hours)
- IHSW 105: Community Helping Project (3 credits/45 hours)
- FNST 100: Aboriginal Peoples of Canada (3 credits/45 hours)
- FNST 102: Treaties and Aboriginal Rights (3 credits/45 hours)

\*\* Students who have completed the first 3 semesters of NLC's Early Childhood Education and Care diploma program (fifteen three-credit courses), and graduates of NLC's Education Assistant Certificate, will be granted course credit for SSWD 110; also, as indicated above, HDEC 101 & HDEC 104 will substitute for PSYC 211, ECTA 121 for SSWD 215, and ECEC 201 for either PSYC 235 or SOCI 204. These courses may impact transfer to other institutions; check the BCCAT transfer guide for information about transfer credit at <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>

<sup>1</sup> Course equivalencies were determined through the articulation process and are listed on the BC Transfer Guide, [www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca). Student will need to choose coursework appropriately so as not to receive duplicate Transfer Credit.

<sup>2</sup> Students who take this course will be short 3 credits of Liberal Arts and Sciences. This course may, however, be used to complete a UNBC Degree requirement course.

<sup>3</sup> Students will need to pick coursework that transfers to UNBC and that is not Social Work coursework – please use the BC Transfer Guide to determine coursework.

### Recommended courses to take when given a choice as noted above:

NLC Course	NLC Course Name	UNBC Equivalence <sup>1</sup>
FNST 100	Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	FNST 100-3
WGST 100	Women and Gender Studies	WMST 100-3

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Note: Above based on NLC 2019 Social Services Worker Diploma webpage information.

### Transfer Credit Breakdown:

Total Transferable Credits<sup>1</sup> – 60 credits

Liberal Arts & Sciences<sup>2</sup> – 42 credits

Diploma Completion – 18 credits

<sup>1</sup> Transfer credit is based on students taking all of the recommended course work noted above.

<sup>2</sup> Students are required to complete a minimum of 48 credit hours of liberal arts and sciences coursework. This breakdown is based on accreditation and is necessary to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from UNBC.

**Please note:** Completing this diploma will result in being 6 credits short of the Liberal Arts & Sciences admission requirement for UNBC. These credits can be completed while you are working on your UNBC Bachelor of Social Work Degree, these credits **must** be completed before you will be eligible to graduate from UNBC.

## Top 10 things you should know and do for a successful, smooth transfer to UNBC:

### 1. **Haven't applied to UNBC and have questions?**

Contact [futurestudents@unbc.ca](mailto:futurestudents@unbc.ca) or visit <https://unbc4u.unbc.ca>. Our UNBC Recruitment team is happy to answer questions and help you apply to your desired program.

### 2. **Once you have been admitted and have received your Transfer Credit Summary, touch base with your Student Advisor.**

Your Student Advisor can help discuss how your transfer credits will be applied towards your UNBC program, any and all resources available to you and ultimately guide you through things you might not know about transferring to UNBC! Don't know who your student Advisor is? Find out here:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>

### 3. **Read carefully through all the details of your Pathway.**

We have included many details in this document about multiple aspects of the transfer process. Have a question? Email [transfercredit@unbc.ca](mailto:transfercredit@unbc.ca).

### 4. **Use the BC Transfer Guide!**

The BC Transfer Guide ([www.bctransferguide.ca](http://www.bctransferguide.ca)) allows you to search how your post-secondary coursework might transfer to UNBC. In conjunction with your pathway/arrangement document, we highly recommend using the BC Transfer Guide to explore how your previous post-secondary courses might transfer to UNBC!

### 5. **Know what 'Academic Calendar' means.**

When admitted to UNBC, you are following the program requirements of the Academic Calendar of your admit year. For example, if you are admitted for September 2022, you will be following the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar throughout the entirety of your undergraduate degree. Please ensure you are not simply "Googling" your program requirements, but using the appropriate Academic Calendar by visiting [www.unbc.ca/calendar](http://www.unbc.ca/calendar). **To learn more about your academic calendar, touch base with your Student Advisor.**

### 6. **Hold onto your previous institution's course outlines!**

It's very possible that you have taken a course that needs to be reviewed. If this is the case, we may ask for course outlines in order to give you the most accurate and up-to-date information. Additionally, if you receive 'UNSP' credit as the course has never been reviewed, you can submit your course outlines to [transfercredit@unbc.ca](mailto:transfercredit@unbc.ca).

### 7. **Understand the terminology!**

Not sure what 'UNSP' means? Confused by the course numbering assigned to your transfer credit (ie. 2XX)? Be sure to visit our Transfer Credit Definitions page to learn more about your transfer credit:

<https://www2.unbc.ca/registrar/transfer-credit-definitions>

### 8. **Be Patient!**

Great things take time. Similarly, it can take up to 6 weeks for courses to be articulated once you have submitted course outlines.

### 9. **Understand your Degree Evaluation!**

Your Degree Evaluation is available once course registration opens/is open for your first semester at UNBC. Your degree evaluation organizes your course work for you, showing you how your transfer credit is being use and can help you track your progress to graduation.

<https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/understanding-your-degree-evaluation>

### 10. **Want to find out how many courses you have remaining to complete a Bachelor degree?**

Completing a two-year diploma program does not automatically mean that you will only have 2 years remaining of a Bachelor's degree. Remaining coursework is very subjective as each transfer student might have taken different courses. This means that it is very possible that you may have to take first year courses at UNBC. For a smooth

transfer into the program, we highly recommend completing any courses listed under the 'Recommended Courses to take' section of the pathway if applicable. Contact your Student Advisor for more information!

### Questions? Here's who to contact:

Admissions – [admissions@unbc.ca](mailto:admissions@unbc.ca)

Transfer Credit – [transfercredit@unbc.ca](mailto:transfercredit@unbc.ca)

Degree Evaluation and Advising Questions:

- Find out who your Advisor is: <https://www2.unbc.ca/advising/contact>
- Then reach out and send them an email!

## We are looking forward to seeing you at UNBC!