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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Together, Humanities faculty and students investigate and probe the *human condition*. It is an exploration of languages, histories, cultures, philosophies and foundational texts which together help to broaden our understanding of the world.

Our goal as your faculty is to help you learn how to think, not what to think, and support you as you ask (and start to answer) the ‘big’ questions. You’ll develop strong critical thinking and research skills that will serve you well through your academic journey and into your career.

We’re so excited to welcome you to NIC to explore the many paths you can take studying the Humanities. If you have any questions, for any of the Humanities faculty, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you in class

– Alix Carrel, Department Chair, English, Humanities & Social Science

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 experience at NIC.

CHRISTY VARDEN

**NIC STUDENT TRVELLED TO GREECE AND
TURKEY TO EARN ACADEMIC CREDIT WHILE
EXPLORING ANCIENT CULTURES**





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 on-campus or digitally. NIC offers a range of delivery methods to suit your schedule.

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	 UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	 SFU SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
 Royal Roads UNIVERSITY	 CAMOSUN COLLEGE	
and many more across Canada and internationally		

= Bachelor Degree 

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.

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.

Transfer seamlessly to university

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

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.

Get started in high school - Dual Credit

Dual credit is an opportunity for high school students to begin post-secondary programs and courses while they are still in high school.

Most dual credit students are Grade 12 students that take a program or course in their second semester (February) of their Grade 12 year.

Learn more: www.nic.bc.ca/dual-credit

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



LEARN FROM EXPERT FACULTY



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PHILOSOPHY

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These are just a few of NIC's 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

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