

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 are successfully admitted to the **Bachelor of Social Work at UNBC for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar**.

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."

NLC Course Number & Name		UNBC Equivalence <sup>1</sup>
<b>Semester One</b>		
<b>All of:</b>		
ENGL 100	Academic Writing	ENGL 170-3^
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology I	PSYC 101-3^
One Social Work Elective Minimum credits: 3.0 <sup>2</sup>		
One Open Elective Minimum credits: 3.0^		
<b>And one of:</b>		
SSWD 110	Introduction to Social Service Work	SOSC 1XX-3
IHSW 101	Introduction to Human Service Work	SOCW 200-3
<b>Semester Two</b>		
<b>All of:</b>		
PSYC 102	Introduction to Psychology II	PSYC 102-3^
SSWD 120	Ethics and Practice	SOCW 1XX-3
One Social Work Elective Minimum credits: 3.0 <sup>2</sup>		
One Open Elective Minimum credits: 3.0^		
<b>And one of:</b>		
ENGL 105	Nonfictional Prose	ENGL 1XX-3^
ENGL 110	Intro to Workplace Communications (Online)	COMM 200-3^
ENGL 111	Poetry and Drama	ENGL 102-3 or ENGL 1XX-3^
ENGL 112	Prose Fiction	ENGL 1XX-3^
ENGL 230	Technical Writing	NRES 100-3^
<b>Semester Three</b>		
<b>All of:</b>		
SOWK 200	Introduction to Social Work Practice	SOCW 200-3 <sup>2</sup>
SSWD 210	Methods of Intervention and Practice Areas	SOCW 2XX-3
<b>And one of:</b>		
WGST 100	Women and Gender Studies	WMST 100-3^
PHIL 111	Contemporary Moral Issues	PHIL 1XX-3^
<b>And either of:</b>		
PSYC 211	Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211-3^
HDEC 101 & HDEC 104	Human Development 1 & 2	SOCW 2XX-3 & SOCW 421-3 <sup>2</sup>
<b>And one of:</b>		
SSWD 215	Interpersonal Communications	SOCW 1XX-3 <sup>2</sup>
PSYC 220	Interpersonal Communications	PSYC 1XX-3^
HDEC 121	Interpersonal Communications	EDUC 101-3^

## Semester Four

### All of:

SOWK 201	Introduction to Social Welfare	SOCW 201-3 <sup>2</sup>
SSWD 220	Practicum and Seminar	SOCW 2XX-3

### And one of:

HIST 104	Canada, Post-Confederation	HIST 211-3 <sup>^</sup>
POLI 101	The Government of Canada	POLS 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>

### And one of:

FNST 100	Aboriginal Peoples of Canada	FNST 100-3 <sup>^</sup>
FNST 102	Treaties and Aboriginal Rights	FNST 100-3 <sup>^</sup>
ANTH 202	Ethnography of Canada's First Nations People	ANTH 2XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
ANTH 203	Contemporary Canadian Native Peoples	FNST 203-3 <sup>^</sup>

### And one of:

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

## Social Worker Electives

ANTH 101	Cultural and Social Anthropology I	ANTH 102-3 <sup>^</sup>
ANTH 102	Cultural and Social Anthropology II	ANTH 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
CRIM 101	Introduction to Criminology	SOSC 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
CRIM 103	Psychological Explanations of Criminal and Deviant Behaviour	PSYC 2XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
CRIM 131	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	SOSC 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
CRIM 135	Intro to Canadian Law and Legal Institutions	SOSC 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
CRIM 210	Youth and the Criminal Justice System	SOCW 2XX-3 <sup>2</sup>
IHSW 103	Indigenous Wellness & Healthy Practice	FNST 100-3 or SOCW 1XX-3 <sup>2</sup>
IHSW 104	Social & Health Issues in Indigenous Communities	FNST 100-3 or SOCW 1XX-3 <sup>2</sup>
PHIL 110	Introduction to Logic & Critical Thinking	PHIL 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology I	SOSC 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
SOCI 102	Introduction to Sociology II	SOSC 1XX-3 <sup>^</sup>
SOSC 220	Research Methods for the Social Sciences	SOSC 2XX-3 <sup>^</sup>

## Open Electives

Open electives are courses in any area and at the baccalaureate level. Generally, these are courses that are numbered 100 or higher and are transferable to a university. See the [BC Transfer Guide](#) for transferability. For further information on possible choices, please contact your Program Chair.

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<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.

Note: Above based on NLC 2025 Social Services Worker Diploma webpage information.

## 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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## Transfer Credit Breakdown – Admission for the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar:

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 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 it is necessary to obtain a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from UNBC.

^ This symbol indicates that this course will be counted towards the Liberal Arts & Science credit – 14 courses total and 42 credits. This number is dependent on what students choose to take as their electives. Course work that transfers to UNBC as SOCW (social work) course work is not counted towards the Liberal Arts & Science requirement (For example: SOCW 200-3 & SOCW 201-3 are not counted towards the Liberal Arts & Sciences requirement but are pre-requisites to the program and included in the diploma completion total).

**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 are 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!**