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## Thompson Rivers University

### General overview

A city of about 85,000, Kamloops is conveniently located at the junction of three major highways and an airport, and is just hours away from major hubs in BC, Alberta and the United States (and maybe even the place you call home). Kamloops has the third lowest annual rainfall in all of Canada and over 2,000 hours of sunshine annually. The Kamloops region is enriched by the culture and traditions of more than 15 First Nations including the Secwepemc, on whose territory TRU is established. Set on 250 acres with stunning views of the North and South Thompson Rivers, TRU's main campus in the heart of our community offers plenty of opportunities to live, work, play and learn. TRU is a tapestry of cultures.

We welcome over 3,000 students from more than 90 countries to campus each year. The average class size for lower-level courses is 33. In upper-level courses, it's 29. There's a hundred student clubs to choose from — one for almost every interest. Thompson Rivers University has been granted accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). TRU is currently the highest-rated university in the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education's global Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System (STARS).

### Programmes available

Arts: <https://www.tru.ca/arts.html>

Tourism: <https://www.tru.ca/act.html>

Business: <https://www.tru.ca/business.html>

Science: <https://www.tru.ca/science.html>

### Module catalogue

<https://www.tru.ca/current/enrolment-services/course-schedule.html>

## **Deadlines and timelines**

Fall entry: nomination by March 25<sup>th</sup> - application by April 8<sup>th</sup>

Winter enter: nomination by August 19<sup>th</sup> - application by September 3<sup>rd</sup>

Letter of admission usually issued by email within 4 weeks of receipt of application; supporting documents issued after acceptance from our International Student Advising team.

## **Academic entry requirements**

Students must be at least 17 years of age to study at TRU.

## **Visa entry requirements**

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/helpcentre> If you don't need a study permit, you will need to obtain an ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization): <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/eta.html>

Study in Canada visit: [www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp) • Another tool to assist is to google "come to Canada wizard" • follow this link: [www.cic.gc.ca/ctc-vac/getting-started.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/ctc-vac/getting-started.asp) • Complete the survey and it will provide valuable information to prepare to come to Canada. Canadian Embassy locations around the world: <https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/voyage-travel/>

## **Language requirements**

Applicants are required to meet minimum English language proficiency requirements for direct entry into academic programs. Academic requirements - Admission requirements vary, but all TRU programs require secondary school completion for academic admission. Link to TRU English Language Requirements: <https://www.tru.ca/English-requirements.html> Students may meet this condition by either providing an acceptable English language proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS, etc.) or by achieving an acceptable score on the TRU English Placement Test (EPT). If students do not provide a test score in advance, they will be tested on arrival and their course placement decisions will be made at that time. Recommended to complete acceptable tests prior to arrival to improve course selection options, however this is not mandatory.

## **Language classes**

We offer English-as-a Second Language, English literature, Communications, and language courses in French, Spanish, Japanese and German.

## **Academic calendar**

<https://www.tru.ca/current/enrolment-services/dates-deadlines.html>

## **Student support**

<https://www.tru.ca/current/academic-supports.html>

<https://www.tru.ca/current/diversity-equity.html>

<https://www.tru.ca/current/wellness.html>

## **Accommodation**

Accommodations are booked on a first-come-first service basis. Meaning, if a student is wishing assistance and living in one of the 3 options, it is recommended to not delay and book immediately. Space is limited.

For all accommodation choices, security deposits may be non-refundable if a student cancels their accommodation. Fees are subject to change without notice.

TRU does not have an on-campus meal plan/program in place. The Homestay Program is the only accommodation option which provides accommodation and a meal plan. All housing options can be found at this link (please keep checking website as information is updated regularly):

<https://www.tru.ca/truworld/future-students/housing.html>

## **Orientation week**

Usually, 1st week of January for Winter; last week of August for Fall

## **Assessment**

Undergraduate Academic/Career/Developmental Programs Letter Grade Numerical Grade Grade Points Letter Grade Definitions A+ A A90–100 85–89 80–84 4.33 4.00 3.67 Excellent. Superior performance showing comprehensive, in-depth understanding of subject matter. Demonstrates initiative and fluency of expression. B+ B B77–79 73–76 70–72 3.33 3.00 2.67 Very good. Clearly above average performance with knowledge of principles and facts generally complete and with no serious deficiencies. C+ C 65–69 60–64 2.33 2.00 Satisfactory. Basic understanding with knowledge of principles and facts at least adequate to communicate intelligently in the discipline. C- 55–59 1.67 Pass. Some understanding of principles and facts but with definite deficiencies. D 50–54 1.00 Minimal pass. A passing grade indicating marginal performance.

Student not likely to succeed in subsequent courses in the subject. F 0–49 0.00 Unsatisfactory. Fail. Knowledge of principles and facts is fragmentary. DNC 0.00 Did not complete the course; less than 50% of course work completed, or mandatory course component(s) not completed. No official withdrawal.

## **Safety on campus**

<https://www.tru.ca/risk-management-services/security.html>

Donna McGrath - Associate Director International Student Services and Study Abroad: 1-250-852-6847

## **Cost of living**

<https://www.costofliving.workbc.ca/>

## **Cultural information**

- It might be friendlier than they are used to.
- Cities are far apart.
- We're close to nature.
- It gets dark early in the winter, and there's snow, ice and cold.
- Be prepared to buy reflective clothes, toques, and boots and embrace the fun of winter here by learning how to skate, ski and toboggan.

## **Travel information**

<https://www.tru.ca/future/what-to-expect.html>

## **Campus map**

<https://www.tru.ca/map.html>

## **Campus activities and events**

<https://trusu.ca/campus-life/clubs/directory/>

## **Local tourism**

<https://www.tourismkamloops.com/>

## **Fun fact about your city/country**

We have waterfalls and skiing!

## **International Office details**

[www.tru.ca/studyabroad](http://www.tru.ca/studyabroad)