

# WELCOME TO OPEN LEARNING



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Welcome to Thompson Rivers University (TRU) and thank you for your interest in this calendar of programs and courses that can be completed by distance education through our Open Learning Division.

Many institutions offer distance courses. The unique advantages TRU offers are open access and the ability to enrol at any time, as well as the way we allow students to bring together credits and other learning experiences from a wide variety of sources to complete our certificate, diploma and degree programs. These qualities make TRU a truly “open” institution, with the flexibility to meet the needs and objectives of all learners.

Adult learners often find themselves in need of a couple of credits to add to those they previously earned from another university or college or they may be interested in building their two-year college diploma into a bachelor’s degree. Completing a degree with TRU becomes a

very practical experience as credit is given for previous learning meaning that students only have to complete the courses they still require.

TRU’s distinctive Bachelor of Technology (Trades and Technology Leadership) program is an example of our flexible approach. This program allows students with trades credentials, such as electricians, carpenters, welders and others, to complete their degree with TRU in a relatively short period of time, with full recognition of what they have already learned.

At TRU we are proud to offer the advantage of flexible and open access to a variety of credentials, to students of all ages and from all backgrounds and professions. Thank you in advance for choosing to discover your opportunities with TRU, Open Learning.

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As Vice President of Open Learning at Thompson Rivers University, I invite you to review the more than 52 programs and 400 courses we currently offer and continue to expand. Whether you are looking to complete a degree, certificate or diploma program, add to your current education through single courses, or simply take the opportunity to participate in higher education for the first time, our Enrolment Services personnel will be happy to help you find what you are looking for. Call us today at 1.866.581.3694 or e-mail us at [student@tru.ca](mailto:student@tru.ca).

At TRU-OL we pride ourselves on making higher education available to anyone, anytime and anywhere. Therefore we ensure students can:

- Enrol 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year
- Enrol in courses without having to enrol in a program
- Study at a time and place that is convenient for you
- Receive credit for education achieved through prior work and learning experiences
- Transfer and gain recognition for credits from other recognized institutions



Judith Murray  
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Our mission is to be the institution of choice for open, distance and online education. We intend to get there by providing exceptional service to our learners. So challenge the norm and give Open Learning through TRU a try. We will be happy to serve you and your learning needs.

# 2008–09 TRU-OL CALENDAR

## Calendar Notice

The *2008–09 Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning (TRU-OL) Calendar* is effective as of July 1, 2008, and describes courses and programs offered through TRU-OL at the time of publication. Refer to the HTML version of the TRU-OL calendar on the web at [www.truopen.ca](http://www.truopen.ca) for up-to-date information about new courses and programs as well as changes to courses, programs and/or regulations and policies which may occur after publication of the print calendar.

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## Student Notice

Every student accepted for registration with Thompson Rivers University, Open Learning will be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the regulations and policies of the university and of the program, if applicable, in which that student is enrolled.

## Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

Personal information about students is collected and used under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (1992) for admission, registration and other purposes consistent with Thompson Rivers University's educational mandate.

A completed TRU-OL Course Registration form or TRU-OL Program Admission/Transfer Credit form submitted by an applicant gives Thompson Rivers University permission to use the personal information on the form for the above-stated purposes. Under the *Act*, this personal information is also protected from unauthorized disclosure.

Contact TRU's Office of the Associate Vice-President, Legal Affairs (phone 250.828.5002) for more information about Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy at TRU-OL.

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The federal *Statistics Act* provides the legal authority for Statistics Canada to obtain access to personal information held by educational institutions. The information may be used only for statistical purposes and the confidentiality provisions of the *Statistics Act* prevent the information from being released in any way that would identify a student. Students who do not wish to have their information used are able to ask Statistics Canada to remove their identification and contact information from the national database.

For more information, refer to the Statistics Canada website at [www.statcan.ca](http://www.statcan.ca) or write to the Post-Secondary Section, Centre for Education Statistics, 17 Floor, R. H. Coats Building, Tunney's Pasture, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6.

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The goal of the participating institutions is to serve students efficiently and effectively in their educational plans. In particular, the institutions seek to ensure that students are always treated justly, courteously and sympathetically.

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