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TRU Global Competency allows students to earn formal recognition for their intercultural and international experiences – from Study Abroad, to learning a second language, to volunteer work.

Create your own global experience at TRU.



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What Is It ?

Global Competency Distinction is a credential that can be earned in tandem with any credit program – undergraduate or graduate – offered by Thompson Rivers University.

The credential formally recognizes the global competencies – knowledge, skills and attitudes of a globally-minded citizen – acquired by students through their educational experiences.

Students earning this credential will have it formally noted on their official TRU transcript and will also receive a “Certificate of Recognition – Global Competency.”

How Do I Earn It ?

The program uses a portfolio approach that allows each student to track a number of different educational and personal experiences grouped into four categories. To earn this credential, a student must have earned 12 or more points in at least 2 of the categories.

Category A:	Additional Language
Category B:	International Experiences – Abroad
Category C:	Experiences at TRU with an intercultural or international focus
Category D:	Experiences EXTERNAL to TRU with an intercultural or international focus

Students working toward this credential must also prepare a presentation or other suitable communications piece that lets the TRU community know about how the Global Competency experience has helped them develop the knowledge, skills and, attitudes of a globally-minded citizen.

When Can I Receive It?

If you are interested in earning this credential, you are encouraged to plan your TRU experience with the objective of gaining global competence. There is no formal admissions requirement, but students must start by attending an Information Session. Check the Global Competency website for dates and times of Global Competency Information Sessions each semester.

Once you have completed all the requirements, submit your completed portfolio to the Student Services Office (OM 1631). Students will normally receive their Global Competency certificate at convocation. If you are graduating, your portfolio should be submitted no later than the end of March 31st for Spring Convocation or August 31st for October Convocation.

Graduates have up to one year (12 months) after graduation to complete their application for Global Competency.



Global Competency: Categories and Points

The following is a summary of the relevant activities in each of the four categories and the points awarded for achieving each activity. Detailed information, including a description of what is considered relevant for each activity and verification processes are on the website: www.tru.ca/global

Category A – Additional Language Proficiency

▶ Academic course work: 12 credits in ONE language; OR	5 Points
▶ Proficiency (validated by other means)	5 Points

Category B – International Experiences Abroad

▶ Study Abroad – Per Semester (for credit)	5 Points (first Semester) 2.5 Points (second Semester)
▶ Co-op, Internship or Practicum Abroad	5 Points
▶ TRU international Field Course (for credit)	3 Points
▶ TRU International Field Trip (not for credit)	2 Points
▶ International Volunteer Experience – MORE than 1 month	3 Points
▶ International Volunteer Experience – UP to 1 month	2 Points
▶ Other International Experiences	2 Points
▶ Military Service	2 Points

Category C – Experience in Canada with an intercultural or international focus completed via TRU

▶ Credit Courses offered by TRU **	2 Points (first course) 1 Point (second course)
▶ Service Learning Course offered by TRU	2 Points
▶ Volunteer or Employment for TRU	2 Points

Category D – Experience in Canada with an intercultural or international focus completed via an organization external to TRU

▶ Credit Courses completed at another Canadian institution	2 Points (first course) 1 Point (second course)
▶ Service Learning Course at another Canadian institution	2 Points
▶ Volunteer or Employment in Canada	2 Points

** This program is designed to **recognize existing courses and activities** that contribute towards Global Competency. To identify suitable TRU courses for your portfolio, check the Global Competency website for a list of current courses that would be considered eligible for points. In the future, eligible courses will be flagged in the online course schedule for easier identification.





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Why Earn this Recognition?

Your university experience should include more than just classes and assignments. There are many opportunities to take part in meaningful intercultural experiences on campus, in the community, and abroad.

Don't graduate with just a degree, diploma, or certificate; at TRU, we want you to launch your career with a résumé full of the relevant learning experiences that employers value today. Global Competency gives you just that – documented evidence of knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a globally-minded citizen.

How Do I Get Started?

1. Attend an Information Session (check the website for dates of upcoming sessions) where you will be able to get your Application Portfolio;
2. Print your Application Form and all other forms you need to “self-manage” the required documentation on the website: **www.tru.ca/global**;
3. Review the four categories to see what points you might have earned already in one or more of the four categories. [You need to earn 12 total points within at least 2 categories.]
4. If you do qualify for points already, start your portfolio by completing the verification form for those categories. The verification form will tell you what documentation you need.
5. Start planning your TRU experience to include other activities that will qualify you for points. As soon as you have achieved a qualifying activity, add it to your verification form with the documentation you need.
6. Submit your portfolio along with the \$100 registration fee at the Student Services office (OM 1631).

▶ Still have questions?

- ▶ Send an email to global@tru.ca
- ▶ Drop in at OM 1631
- ▶ Call us at 250.371.5778

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