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- International Days—tru.ca/internationaldays
[youtube.com/mytruworld](https://www.youtube.com/mytruworld), playlist "International Days at TRU"
- Get to know Canada Guide
cic.gc.ca/english/newcomers/before-canada.asp
- Living in Canada Guide—What you should know:
cic.gc.ca/english/resources/publications/welcome/wel-16e.asp
- Newcomers' Guide to BC
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Baihua Chadwick

Associate Vice President and
Chief Executive Officer, TRU World Global Operations

On behalf of all the staff at TRU World, I am pleased to welcome you to Canada and to Thompson Rivers University.

You have made a brave choice to study away from home, and we are happy you have chosen TRU. We appreciate the trust you have placed in us. While you will certainly be required to study hard while you are here, I hope you take some time to participate in some of the many activities that are planned each semester. Please be sure to visit the ISAP Desk to find out what extra-curricular activities the team has planned. This is a great way to learn about the different cultures at TRU, and you may find that you make some lifelong friends in the process!

Please remember you can count on the support of the International Student Advisors (ISAs). Our ISAs, many of whom were once TRU students themselves, are ready and eager to assist you with any issue you may encounter. Turn to your ISA whenever you need advice on any issue, from relationships to accommodation concerns to assistance with learning the about Canadian lifestyle; they are an invaluable resource for you now, and in the months and years to come.

You are here as an ambassador of your country. I encourage you to share your culture with others, and to take some time to learn about some of the many cultures we celebrate on campus. Education happens in more places than a classroom. We have students here from over 85 countries and regions; there is much we can learn from each other!

My sincerest wish for you is that you learn much, share much and enjoy your time with us. Once again, a warm welcome to Canada, to TRU!

Sincerely,

Baihua

► For other important dates visit tru.ca/registration/dates

International Students English Language Proficiency Requirements for Academic Studies at TRU

TOEFL			IELTS	TRU Placement
iBT	Paper-based	Computer-based		
88+ with no sections below 20	570+ TWE 4.5+	230+ Essay 4.5+	Students with 6.5+ but no bands below 6.0	Direct entry to academic programs (direct entry students)
80+	550–569 TWE 4.0+	213–229 Essay 4.0+	6.0+ but no bands below 5.5	Direct entry into Level 5 ESL <i>2 ESL courses and 3 academic courses</i>
71+	530–549	213–229 Essay 4.0+	5.5+ but no bands below 5.0	Direct entry into Level 4 ESL <i>4 ESL courses and 1 academic course</i>
61+	500–529	173–196	5.0+	Direct entry into Level 3 ESL <i>5 ESL courses and no academic courses</i>

*EPT sample questions available at: collegeboard.com/student/testing/accuplacer

Student Computer Accounts

Account Type	Login Name	Password
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Network login to lab computers • Wireless access (tru or eduroam) • Email—mywebmail.mytru.ca • Remote Access to your private storage drive f:/ & Instructor share drive h:/ • Moodle—moodle.tru.ca 	<p>TRU ID (Starts with a T Example: T00123456)</p>	<p>The initial password for new students is TRUddmmmyy (birthdate) Example: TRU01sep96</p> <p>To change your password, login to your TRU Outlook email: mywebmail.mytru.ca. This changes your password for Computer Lab Network login, Wireless, Email, Remote Access and Moodle</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • myTRU—mytru.ca 	TRU ID	The initial password is your birthdate: yymmdd
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackboard—blearn.tru.ca 	TRU ID	Birthdate: yymmdd

List of TRU Services

Wellness Centre

The Wellness Centre is a place for students to enjoy some quiet time, have a cup of tea, ask questions and learn about staying healthy. Located in OM 1479, Contact Chelsea Corsi 250.828.5010 or ccorsi@tru.ca

Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides feedback on your writing including: understanding assignment requirements; tips on brainstorming and idea generation; feedback on organization, sentence structure, grammar, and punctuation; resources for academic citations and avoiding plagiarism; and strategies for effective revision. Located in OM 2674, 250.371.5689 or writing_ctr@tru.ca. To book an appointment visit tru.ca/writingcentre

Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation

The Centre for Student Engagement supports students' learning by focusing on learning both inside and outside the classroom through a wide array of programs. Located in OM 1468, Contact 250.828.5272 or engagement@tru.ca

Counselling Services

Counsellors support and promote the career development, academic success and personal growth of all TRU students. Located in OM 1631, Contact Val Jacobs at 250.828.5023 or studentservices2@tru.ca

Student and Judicial Affairs

Judicial Affairs is responsible for matters relating to student conduct within the boundaries of TRU policies and procedures. Book appointment at the Student Services desk in OM 1631, Contact Dona Lemieux at 250.377.6164 or studentaffairs@tru.ca

TRUSU

TRU Students' Union is the membership organization providing students with advocacy, services and entertainment to ensure that students are valued and supported. Located in Independent Centre IDC273, Contact Member Services Desk at 250.828.5289 or info@trusu.ca

Career Education

The Career Education Department is dedicated to providing career education programs and services to TRU students and alumni. Located in OM 1712, Contact at 250.371.5627 or careereducation@tru.ca

TRU Recreation

TRU Recreation organizes and implements a variety of special events, Intramural sports, and free fitness classes for the university community. Located in TRU Gym 303, Contact Pina Russo at 250.828.5271 or campusrec@tru.ca



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GLOSSARY

- ISA International Student Advisor
- DES Direct Entry Students

- ISAP International Student Activity Program
- EPT English Placement Test
- ESL English As a Second Language



IB International Building
 CAC Campus Activity Centre
 OM Old Main Building

AE Arts and Education Building
 HL Brown Family House of Learning (new library)
 TCC Tournament Capital Centre

MONDAY APRIL 25, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Group
9:30 - 10 am	Breakfast	Terrace Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
10 - 11:30 am	Summer Orientation Opening (Registration and Document Scanning, Academic Advising, BBA, MBA, Tourism & SoBE)	Terrace Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch	Terrace Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
1 - 4 pm	ISA Sessions: Hindi/Punjabi: IB 1015 and 1020 Mandarin: IB 1010 Russian: IB 1014 English: IB 1008	By Language Preference	

TUESDAY APRIL 26, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Group
8:30 - 9 am	Students and ISAs Meet at OM for EPT exam preparation	Student Street, OM	▲
9 am - 12 pm	MBA Individual Advising Session	Trades & Technology, Room 155	MBA Students
9 am - 12 pm	EPT Exam	Computer Lab, OM 1327	▲ ●
9 am - 12 pm	Volunteer Lounge	AE, Room 104	Optional
12 - 1 pm	Lunch	Terrace Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
1 - 3 pm	ISA Sessions - Important Form Filling: Hindi/Punjabi: IB 1015 and 1020 Mandarin: IB 1010 Russian: IB 1014 English: IB 1008	By Language Preference	
1 - 4 pm	Oral English Test	Guided by student volunteers	▲ ●
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Campus Tour	ISAP desk, IB	Optional

WEDNESDAY APRIL 27, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Group
9 - 11 am	TRU Community Presentation: Writing Centre, Student Career Development, Volunteer Kamloops, ISAP	Barber Center, HOL 1st Floor	▲ ◆ ●
11 am - 12 pm	Safety in Canada	Barber Center, HOL 1st Floor	▲ ◆ ●
12 - 1 pm	Lunch	Terrace Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
1 - 3 pm	EPT exam - Individual Placement Interview	Guided by student volunteers	▲ ●
1 - 4:30 pm	Volunteer Lounge	Panorama Room, IB	Optional
1 - 4:30 pm	ISA Session - Form Filling & Orientation	IB 2004 & 2006	▲ ◆ ●

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- **Take the English Placement Test (EPT) - for ESL courses**
How: Meet with your ISA to book for a test.
- **Select your academic courses**
How: Meet with you Academic or Program Advisor.
- **Register for courses**
How: Go to the International Admissions office to register your courses after it has been approved by the academic/program advisor.
- **Activate myTRU**
How: This can be done online. If you face any difficulties visit the help desk at OM1326.
- **Print your course schedule**
How: This can be done online via myTRU.
- **Medical insurance: Sign up for insurance or opt-out if you have your own**
How: Meet with your ISA. Medical insurance is mandatory at TRU.
- **Submit a copy of your Study Permit and first page of your passport**
How: Email it to your ISA.
- **Get your student ID and UPass**
How: Go to the CAC and to TRUSU to pick them up.

THURSDAY APRIL 28, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Group
9 am - 12 pm	MBA Individual Advising Session	Trades & Technology, Room 155	MBA Students
9 am - 12 pm	Late EPT Test	Computer Lab, OM 1487	▲ ●
9 - 11 am	Intercultural Campus	Barber Centre, HOL	▲ ◆ ●
11 am - 12 pm	Citizenship and Immigration Canada Workshop	TBA (IB Computer Labs)	▲ ◆ ●
12 - 1 pm	Lunch	Terrace Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
1 - 4 pm	SoBE Business Info Session	Trades & Technology, Room 155	▲ ◆ ●
1 - 4:30 pm	Volunteer Lounge	AE, Room 104	Optional
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Individual Placement Interview	Guided by student volunteers	▲ ●

FRIDAY APRIL 29, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Group
10 am - 12 pm	Late EPT Test & Placement	OM, Room 1487	▲ ●
10 am - 12 pm	Building Your Career in Canada	IB 1008	▲ ◆ ●
12 - 2 pm	Welcome Gathering	Mountain Room, CAC	▲ ◆ ●
2 - 4 pm	Volunteer Lounge	AE, Room 104	Optional
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Individual Placement Interview	Guided by student volunteers	▲ ●

SUNDAY MAY 1, 2016

Time	Activity	Location	Group
11 am - 3 pm	ISAP Picnic in the Park	Meet at ISAP Desk, IB to catch bus to Riverside Park	▲ ◆ ●

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International Admissions and Records Officers

TRU's dedicated admissions officers ensure timely and professional admissions processing and registration assistance.

Please see our office in Old Main OM1412 for the following services:

- Tuition fees inquiries
- Confirmation of Attendance letters
- Transfer Credit applications
- Official transcript requests
- All student are requested to submit official transcripts upon arrival as a part of the conditions of admission.

International Academic Advisors

TRU's International Academic Advisors provide program planning, registration, and study skills counseling for international students in their first and second year of studies. We have three advisors dedicated to working with international students. These academic advisors will help you plan your program, select your courses and will work with you to help ensure you are able to make the most of your studies at TRU. Located in OM 1100, contact 250.828.5075 or email internationaladvising@tru.ca.

Program Advisors

Department	Contact Information		Room Number
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Bachelor of Computing Science	250.377.6022	mlee@tru.ca	HL 424
Bachelor of Education	250.377.6048	edadvising@tru.ca	AE 364
Bachelor of Fine Arts	250.828.5481	dkalynka@tru.ca	OM 1547
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies	250.377.6072	mwallin@tru.ca	HL 322
Bachelor of Journalism	250.377.6017	chays@tru.ca	OM1871
Bachelor of Natural Resource Science	250.828.5467	jkarakatsoulis@tru.ca	S 212
Bachelor of Science	250.828.5407	elittley@tru.ca	S 206
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	250.377.6169	dclare@tru.ca	S120
Bachelor of Social Work	250.371.5598	jrobertson@tru.ca	AE285
Bachelor of Tourism Management	250.371.5988	tourismadvising@tru.ca	HL248

Research and Graduate Studies

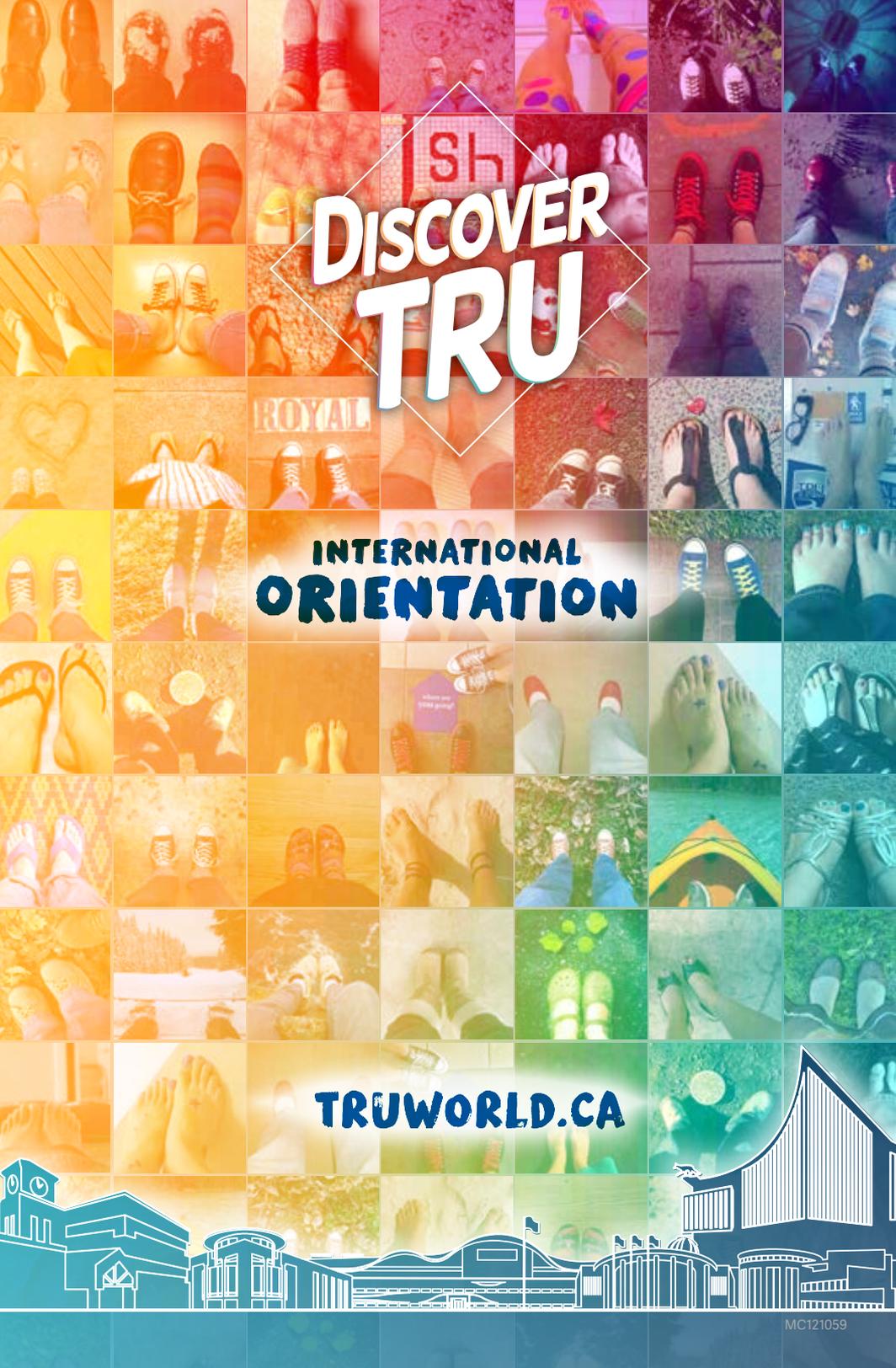
Contact	Contact Information		Room Number
General Inquiries	250.828.5402	tru.ca/research/grad_studies	CT224

International Student Services Team

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	Eric Kim 250.371.5788 ekim@tru.ca	International Student Services Supervisor

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