

# Bachelor of Fine Arts

**Online Tutorial  
Academic Advising**



**THOMPSON RIVERS  
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**KAMLOOPS, BC**



# The purpose of this tutorial is to.....

- Explain the admission and graduation requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree program at TRU
- Assist students in selecting appropriate courses and making a personalized education plan



# Main Topics

- Admission requirements
- Application and registration process
- Tuition, textbooks, and course fees
- Typical first and second year course plan
- Graduation requirements of BFA Degree
- Role of Academic Advisors
- Role of BFA Program Advisor
- Program options to earn a certificate, diploma or degree



# Admission Requirements

## BC Grade 12, or equivalent

- BC Adult Graduation Diploma
- Mature Student Status (19+ years of age and out of school for a minimum of two years out of school)

## English requirement:

73% on combined English 12 and Government Exam  
(within the last 5 years)

**or** Level 4 on the composition section of the LPI  
(within last 2 years) [www.lpitest.ca](http://www.lpitest.ca)

**or** completion of TRU ENGL 0600

**or** completion of *English as a Second or Additional Language* courses ESAL 0570 & ESAL 0580 with C+ minimum grade



# How to Apply

Apply anytime after October 1st  
Application can be made three different ways:

1. [Apply online](#)
2. Mail
3. In-person:

Admissions/Registration  
Old Main Building  
Room 1155  
Kamloops, BC

New students pay \$25.50 application fee

Submit all official transcripts

Complete application package and submit to Office of the Registrar



# Admission Process

- Once your application has been received and processed by the Admissions Office all **qualified** applicants will be sent a conditional letter of acceptance



# Registration for courses

**In May**.....students admitted to the BFA program will be mailed a letter directing them to online resources which help prepare for online registration through myTRU

**In June** .....Registration starts for students in the BFA degree and diploma in June. Each student is given a specific registration date and time to enrol for courses

.....Students need to enrol into **both** their **fall** and **winter semester** courses...in June.



# Tuition Deposit

- Prior to enrolling in any courses, students must first pay a \$300 tuition deposit
- This fee is a down-payment towards tuition fees
- Once admitted and assigned a registration date, students access their “[myTRU](#)” account to pay this deposit
- The deposit can also be paid in person at the campus cashier or by sending a cheque directly to TRU Campus Cashier....include your student number!
- Balance of Fall fees are due Friday before class begins
- Winter semester fees are due last day of Fall semester classes



# Tuition fees, textbook and supplies

- One 3 credit course will cost \$360 plus additional fees, or \$530
- One full semester of 5 courses, or 15 credits will cost approximately \$2280
- Textbooks and supplies vary with each course; budget approximately \$150 per course or \$1500 per year



# A typical First Year course plan...

(a maximum of 5 courses each semester)

## Fall Semester

September – December

ENGL 1100 Composition  
VISA 1010 2D Foundation  
VISA 1210 Drawing 1  
Non-VISA elective  
VISA 1110 History of Art 1 or  
VISA 1500 Intro to Visual  
Culture

## Winter Semester

January – April

ENGL 1110 or 1120 or 1140  
VISA 1020 2D Foundation 2  
VISA 1030 3D Foundation  
VISA 1120 History of Art 2  
VISA 1220 Drawing 2

**Download a copy of the**



**[BFA Advising Form](#)**

**[BFA Check Sheet](#)**

# Typical Second Year

## Fall Semester

September – December

VISA 2XXX Studio

VISA 2XXX Studio

VISA 2XXX Studio

VISA 2XXX Studio

Elective: Academic 1XXX or 2XXX  
(may be Art History or Theory)

## Winter Semester

January – April

VISA 2XXX Studio

VISA 2XXX Studio

VISA 2XXX Studio

VISA 2XXX Studio

Elective: Academic 1XXX or 2XXX

\*See next page for list of non-Visa electives



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## Elective List

**Humanities:** (minimum 3 credits) Chinese, Film, French, German, History, Japanese, Music, Philosophy, Spanish, Theatre

**Social Science:** (minimum 3 credits) Anthropology, Canadian Studies, Economics, Geography, Political Studies, Psychology, Sociology

**Math/Science:** (minimum 3 credits) Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Physical Geography, Geology, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics



# Advancement to Third Year

Minimum of 54 credits, including 24 credits of 2<sup>nd</sup> year studio courses (in at least two different studio disciplines)

Completion of 6 credits of English

Completion of lower level 'foundation' requirements:

VISA 1010, 1020, 1030, 1110, 1120, 1210, & 1220



# Third and Fourth Year Students...

- The BFA Program Advisor will help students select their upper level courses
- Students can not enrol in an upper level course without the approval of the BFA Program Advisor
- Student should book an appointment to meet with the BFA Program Advisor in April or May
- Once course approvals are in place, pay commitment fee, and register on assigned day in June ....using [myTRU](#)



# BFA Program Advisor

- For BFA Program Advising contact [bfamoreinfo@tru.ca](mailto:bfamoreinfo@tru.ca)
- Note: Students **must** consult with the BFA Program Advisor for course approval to take an upper level VISA course (3000/ 4000 level)

## BFA Advisor: Doug Buis

Office: Old Main Building  
Room 1523 A

Phone: (250) 828-5481

E-Mail: [dbuis@tru.ca](mailto:dbuis@tru.ca)



# BFA Total Credit Requirement

A minimum of 120 credits with a minimum grade point average (GPA) 2.0

A minimum of 48 credits must be upper level, including:

- 9 credits at the 3000/ 4000 level in History and Theory of Art, and
- 39 credits at the 3000/ 4000 level in VISA Studio Art courses

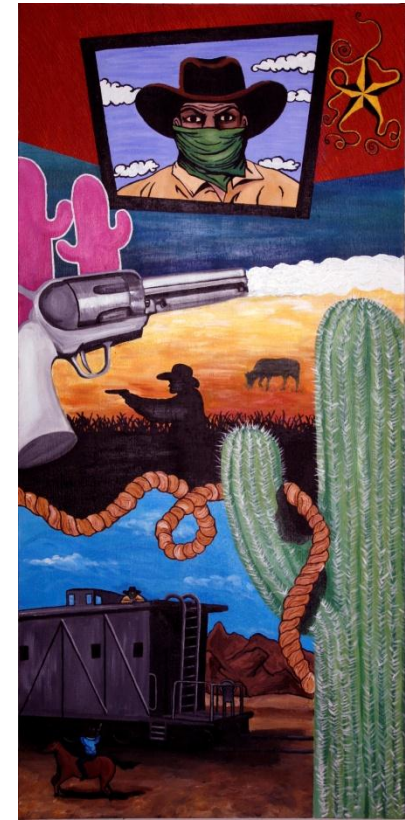


# BFA Requirements cont'd...

## *General Education Requirements*

### 24 Credits of General Education Requirements

- ✓ 6 credits of first year English (ENGL 1100 plus one of ENGL 1110, ENGL 1120, or ENGL 1140)
- ✓ 9 credits of Humanities and Social Sciences (minimum 3 credits in each)
- ✓ 3 credits of Math/ Science
- ✓ 6 credits of academic elective (3 credits may be Visual Arts History or Theory of Art)



# BFA Requirements Cont'd

## History & Theory of Art *requirements*

### 18 Credits of History and Theory of Art (HTA) Requirements

9 credits at lower level (maximum)

- ✓ must include VISA 1110 & VISA 1120 (History of Art 1 & 2)
- ✓ One HTA elective

9 credits (minimum) at upper level

- ✓ must include VISA 4990 (6 credits)



# BFA Requirements Cont'd

## Studio *requirements*

### 78 Credits of Visual Arts Studio Requirements

- 15 credits of Visual Arts Foundation courses  
**VISA 1010, 1020, 1030, 1210 and 1220**
- 24 credits maximum at the second year level of VISA studio courses
- 12 credits for **VISA 4910** (all year course)
- 27 credits minimum of upper level **studio electives**



# Now the Work Begins...

1. Before enrolling in your courses and/or to prepare for your meeting with the BFA Program Advisor, you need to refer to the course requirements in the current online [Calendar](#)
2. Review each course description; check course prerequisites
3. Go to the TRU website to check the Fall and Winter semester [Course schedule](#) to see what courses are being offered



# Expect a registration package in the mail

- Sometime in late May you should receive a letter explaining the process to enrol into classes
- If you do not receive one, please contact the Admissions Office to check the status of your application



# Successfully enrolling at TRU.....

## Learn how to Prepare a Conflict Free Timetable:

Students enrolling for the first time, should read through the online **'Timetabling Tutorial.'** It explains how to create a conflict free timetable and how to read the online schedule.



Do the [Online Timetabling Tutorial](#)



# Learn how to Register Online

## BFA Students register for their courses using the TRU Online

Learn how to register by:



Reading about [myTRU](#)



Taking the online [Registration Tutorial](#)



Checking the [Schedule of Credit Courses](#) to make sure your choices are still open for registration



# Learn more about Registration

- Go to the TRU website and learn about registration priority and fees



Learn more about [registration!](#)

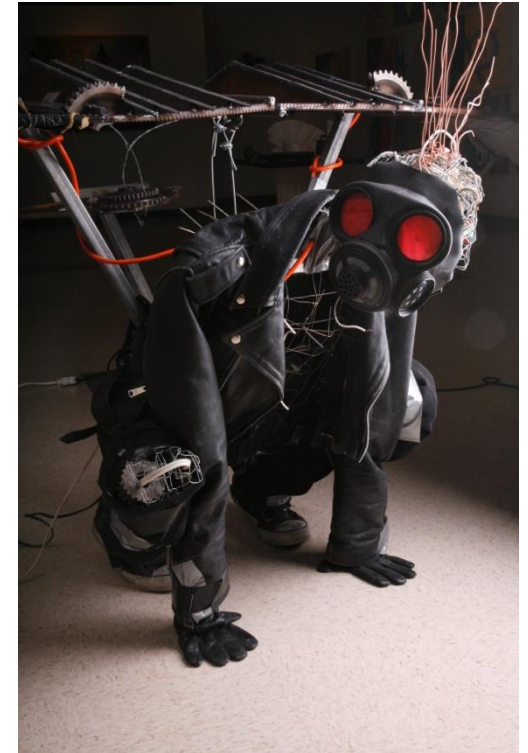


# Visual Arts Credentials

All students apply to the BFA program.

Students have the option of exiting after:

- 30 credits with a **Visual Arts Certificate**  
... or
- 60 credits with a **Visual Arts Diploma**  
... or
- 120 credits with a **Bachelor of Fine Arts**  
(Visual Arts)



# Visual Arts Studio Certificate

Minimum 30 credits

VISA 1010/1020/1030 (Foundation)	9 credits
VISA 1210 (Drawing 1)	3 credits
VISA 2XXX (studio) courses	<u>18 credits</u>
	30 credits

The Certificate requires a minimum four semesters of part time study to complete



# Still have questions.....need help?

Contact the Academic Advising Centre

## Academic Advisors

In Person:

Kamloops Campus,  
Old Main Building, Room 1100

Email: [advising@tru.ca](mailto:advising@tru.ca)

Phone : (250) 828-5075

For International Students – email

[internationaladvising@tru.ca](mailto:internationaladvising@tru.ca)

For more information go to: <http://www.tru.ca/advising>





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**Thank you for taking the BFA online Tutorial**