

English as a Second Language Academic Preparation Program (ESAL)

2018 – 2019 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Program Description

TRU offers an academic English as a Second or Additional Language (ESAL) program designed to provide specific and appropriate language training for English as a Second Language speakers who plan to proceed to post-secondary study, focusing on English for academic purposes. Our courses are designed to help prepare students for successful study in the Canadian university context.

Successful completion of the program means that a student has a sufficient level of English-language proficiency to undertake studies at English-speaking colleges or universities. The program offers five levels of study ranging from beginner to advanced. Core courses at each level focus on reading, grammar, writing, speaking and listening skills. These are complemented by ESL elective courses that include Vocabulary for Academic English, Pronunciation, and Advanced English for Business communication.

Intake Dates: Continuous Fall (September), Winter (January), and Summer (May)

Admission Requirements

Academic Requirements:

- English Placement Test (EPT)
- All new students are required to attend the Testing and Orientation Week, which is held at TRU the week prior to the beginning of each semester. EPT Test Waivers are also possible with appropriate TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Enter with TOEFL PBT: 550 TOEFL CBT: 213 TOEFL iBT: 80 IELTS: 6.0	→	+ 3 ESL or Academic Elective Courses Level 5 ESL Core Courses
Enter with TOEFL PBT: 530 TOEFL CBT: 197 TOEFL iBT: 71 IELTS: 5.5	→	+ 1 ESL or Academic Elective Course Level 4 ESL Core Courses
		Level 3 ESL Core Courses
		Level 2 ESL Core Courses
Suggested Entry Requirement TOEFL PBT 350	→	Level 1 ESL Core Courses
TOEFL Exam Formats		
Paper-based exam = TOEFL PBT		
Computer-based exam = TOEFL CBT		
Internet-based exam = TOEFL iBT		

How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online at www.tru.ca/admissions/apply
2. **Pay the application fee** \$26.68

Next Steps:

1. You will be contacted within 2-3 weeks to let you know that we have received your application.
2. Once Admissions has reviewed your application and supporting documents, we will notify you about the admission decision.

Need Help? Contact Us

Email: admissions@tru.ca

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Phone: 250.828.5036

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Enrolment Services

Thompson Rivers University

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Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

Students are encouraged to contact an Academic Advisor at advising@tru.ca or 250.828.5075

Further information regarding the University

Preparation Program can be found at

www.tru.ca/hse/esl/academic_esal

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Additional information regarding various TRU support services, including Disability Services, Aboriginal Services, Counselling, Student Awards and Financial Aid, as well as Housing can be found at www.tru.ca/services

Program Application Admissions Checklist

Please check off and include all of the following:

- Application form
- Application fee \$26.68
- English Placement Test (EPT)