



English – Rhetoric & Writing

The study of English introduces students to a wide range of human creative activity, from the writing of earlier times to the most recent developments in media communication and creative writing. As well, English forms a natural fit with other areas of study, including history, Canadian Studies, philosophy, fine arts, sociology and psychology

Program Overview

English Program

We offer courses in English language and literature. Our aim is to prepare you to communicate and create new knowledge in the many different communities-academic and business, personal and international—in which you live and work. Many of our students have gone on to achieve distinction in the creative arts, teaching, journalism, business, and graduate study.

Our English Major has a strong national reputation for undergraduate teaching. You can choose to specialize in one of two options: the literature Option, with historical coverage of writers from the medieval period to the present day; and the Rhetoric and Professional writing option, with a focus on writing practice, creative writing, and language theory.

The Department sponsors a number of informal groups devoted to reading and writing-and a lecture series in which scholars, poets, and fiction writers present their work. In addition, we are committed to providing service learning and undergraduate research assistant opportunities for outstanding students in their 3rd and 4th years. English and modern language students are often employed in editing, researching, and tutoring in the Language Lab and the Writing Centre.

Our program actively encourages students to consider Study Abroad opportunities. Our student exchange partnership with the University of Chichester, for example, allows students to complete up to a year's study in England—with the course work taken at Chichester counting toward their TRU degree.

Potential Careers

The English major is traditional preparation for careers in education, journalism, publishing, law, advertising, public relations, librarianship, theatre, government, and creative and technical writing—all areas where excellent communication skills are important.

English and TRU Start

We are pleased to report that the program is now ongoing. This unique program enables outstanding high school students in School District 73 to receive "dual credit" For courses taught by faculty at Thompson Rivers University. Students successfully completing a dual credit course in English 110 or English 111 will receive 4 credits toward their high school graduation as well as credit for a university course. This initiative enables students to begin their university journey early, take university courses tuition free, and experience a sampling of university life while still enrolled in high school.open learning division.

Students Publish New Book

You would expect to find aspiring authors and editors in a third-year university writing class. You might not expect some those students to take the next step and publish their own book. Focusing Lines—Women's Creative Non-Fiction is the collection of essays compiled and edited third-year English students. All English Majors may take up to 6 credits of Service Learning toward the completion of their degree.



Admission Information

Academic Requirements

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Admission to the BA.

Rhetoric and Professional Writing Option

First Year:

1. 2 of English 110, 111, 112, 114, or 121 or a B or better in 6 credits of Business Communications English (Please note: students with credit for English 121 may not receive credit for English 112 and 114.)
2. Second Language

Recommended electives:

Anthropology 121 (Cultural Anthropology), Music 100 (Theory of Music), Political Studies 121 (Contemporary Ideologies), Visual Arts 150 (Introduction to Visual Culture), Visual Arts 111/112 (History of Art)

Second Year:

1. Second-year survey in British, Canadian, or American Literature
2. English 229 or 230 or 201 or 202

Recommended electives:

2nd year language, English 209/210 (Creative Writing), English 214/224 (Biblical & Classical backgrounds), Anthropology 215 (Ethnography), Anthropology 219 (Ancient North Americans), Philosophy 224 (Cyberphilosophy), Political Studies 222 (Political Philosophy)

Third and Fourth Years:

Thirty 300/400-level credits required as specified. As in the Literature option, RPW students may take up to 42 credits in senior English courses. Courses taught by the departments of Anthropology, Journalism, Philosophy, and the Visual and Performing Arts, and are listed in Group I, II, or III, may be taken for either program credit or elective credit.

1. At least nine credits in one principal area of concentration (see the calendar for the content of group I, II, or III)
2. At least six credits in a second area of concentration
3. At least three credits in literature before 1900
4. At least three credits in literature after 1900
5. Completion of capstone course in Career Preparation (to be taken in the final two years of study) Pass/Fail credit.*

Recommended electives:

Anthropology 400 (History of Anthropology), Journalism 360 (Social Issues), Philosophy 339 (Philosophy of Art), Visual Arts 351 (Etching and Book Production)

Admission to TRU

TRU is a unique, comprehensive university offering undergraduate and graduate degrees and two-year professional diplomas, along with certificates, trade-entry and apprenticeship training and university preparation courses.

Applications for Admission to most programs are accepted starting Oct. 1 each year for programs that begin in August or September of the following year. Check the website for application deadlines, program start dates, and detailed admissions processes.

Applications to the TRU Bachelor of Arts program are available from:

Academic Admissions Office
Thompson Rivers University
900 McGill, PO Box 3010
Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 5N3
Tel: 250.828.5251
Email: kjago@tru.ca

Program Costs

(based on 2009-2010 fees)

Tuition fees: \$115.67 per credit hour

Student fees: \$ 19.97 per credit hour

Student union fees: please see the current calendar for details

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Additional Information

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