

Master of (Environmental) Science

2016 - 2017 ADMISSION INFORMATION

Program Description

The TRU M.Sc. in Environmental Sciences program fills local, regional, provincial, national and international needs for environmental professionals. The program is designed to produce graduates who are innovative and have multi-disciplinary skills and broad knowledge in the field of environmental science. It is structured to be unique, flexible and relevant.

The M.Sc. in Environmental Science is a thesis-based degree with three areas of specialization: 1) Ecology and Evolution; 2) Physical Sciences; and 3) Policy and Management. Because of our broad range of expertise, TRU is superbly positioned to train students to approach specific sub-disciplines using techniques ranging from molecular techniques to ecosystem ecology to policy, management, and ethical considerations.

Intake dates:

Fall (September)/Winter (January)/Summer (May)

Admission Requirements

To be admitted to the TRU M.Sc., students must meet **all** of the following:

- **Identify a thesis supervisor:** The M.Sc. program is based heavily on the student conducting research that will lead to their written thesis. A faculty member at TRU must be interested and willing to supervise and quite often fund the research. **An applicant is expected to contact and discuss potential supervision BEFORE they apply.** Applicants **will not** be admitted into the M.Sc. unless a supervisor has been confirmed.
To view a list of eligible faculty visit: www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces/faculty
- Four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum GPA of 3.3 on a scale of 4.33 (B+ or minimum 77%) in the most recent 60 credits taken. Students with a lower GPA may be considered if the applicant can demonstrate significant academic growth and training since their graduation
- English language proficiency of IELTS 6.5 with no bands below 6.0 or equivalent

How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online at <https://apply.educationplannerbc.ca/tru.jsp>
2. **Pay the application fee:**
 - \$100.00 for International Students
 - \$28.15 for Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents
3. **Submit the following required documentation:**
 - A personal resume
 - A letter of intent (350 words max.) that should clearly state why you are pursuing a Master's of Science at TRU and should include an indication of the type of thesis topic being targeted, i.e. particular field of study, and why a certain faculty member is appropriate for supervision.
 - Two letters of recommendation (academic or professional references) using the form at [tru.ca/ shared/assets/reference_form8274.pdf](http://tru.ca/shared/assets/reference_form8274.pdf).
Note: A proposed supervisor cannot act as a referee. However; in addition to the required two letters, they may provide a letter of support if they wish to highlight the applicant's circumstances and/or qualifications.
 - Proof of English language proficiency if undergraduate degree was awarded in a country that does not consider English to be its first official language. (Instruction in English is not sufficient for waiving the language requirement)
 - Proof of undergraduate degree awarded if the credential is not indicated on official transcripts
 - Copy of official academic transcripts for all post-secondary education in both English and original language (secondary school transcripts are not required)

NOTE: We accept scanned copies of official transcripts for application purposes only. However, if you have official transcripts that are still sealed in envelopes from the issuing institution and have never been opened, we recommend you consider sending these to us via courier.

All required documentation must be received by the Graduate Admissions Office in order for your application to be considered complete and ready for processing.

Next Steps:

Once all required supporting documentation has been received by the Graduate Admissions Office, your application will be processed and sent to the program selection committee for a decision regarding admission to the program. When a decision has been provided by the committee, you will be contacted by email. The application process takes between two and six weeks.

Need Help? Contact Us

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Further information regarding the Master of (Environmental) Science program can be found at www.tru.ca/science/programs/msces

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

Program Application Admissions Checklist

Please include all of the following:

- Application form
- Application fee
- Personal resume
- Letter of intent (350 words max.).
- Two letters of reference using the form found at tru.ca/_shared/assets/reference_form8274.pdf
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Proof of graduation - approved bachelor degree
- Copy of official academic transcripts for all post-secondary education in both English and original language (secondary school transcripts are not required)