



Economic & Political Studies

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Program Overview

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Economic and Political Studies has emerged as the most important area of study for students to understand the various processes of Globalization. This combined Major provides students with the necessary analytical and theoretical tools to understand how changes in the structuring of the global economy effect governments and economies at the national, provincial and local levels.

Fields of Study

Canadian Politics & Economy involves the study of the institutions and processes of Canadian politics and government. The focus is on developing a critical understanding of how politics and government policies are structured in this country and our economic and political relationship with other nations.

Political and Economic Theory is the examination and discussion of important ideas. The emphasis is on the critical analysis of the theories of classical political philosophy as well as the ideas of contemporary political and economic thinkers.

Comparative Studies is a multidimensional field incorporating studies of institutions and processes, public policy theories of the state and economic development. This field deals with studies of Developing Nations and Developed nations, with studies of a single foreign country e.g. United States of America, Mexico.

International Studies is one of the oldest fields of economic and political study. It involves the study of relations between states, diplomacy, war, peace and, of course, international organizations and international political economy.

Public Policy and Administration is probably the newest part of the discipline. The emphasis is on explaining the outputs of government--what governments do (and do not do). As well there is an

attempt to assess policy making structures with an eye towards prescription as well as analysis.

Economic & Political Studies at TRU

Courses are offered in Economics and Political Studies at all levels of undergraduate education. The offerings in first and second year are quite broad providing interested students with a wide ranging introduction to both Economics and Political Science. In addition, we continue to develop new courses at the upper-level in areas of community development, the environment and sustainability, and area studies.

Career Options

The Major in Economics and Political Studies provides excellent opportunities for employment or further study in the following areas:

Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of government

Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) - national and international levels

Crown corporations and private sector firms

Graduate Studies in Political Science, Economics, or Business

Preparation for Law School

Admission Information

Academic Requirements

Major in Economics and Political Studies

The Major in Economics and Political Studies is a unique cross-disciplinary degree offering which provides students with the political and economic skills and knowledge for a broad range of government and private sector jobs.

The Major in Economics and Political Studies program requires the completion of at least 57 credits in Economics and Political Science, of which a minimum of 30 credits must be at the upper-level (300 and 400 level) and of which no less than 6 credits must be at the 400 level. The program consists of core and elective courses.

Sample Courses:

POLI 3520: The Politics of Developing Nations

POLI 3640: Introduction to the Politics of the Middle East

ECON 3650 / POLI 3650: Government and Business

ECON 3710: Economics of the Environment

ECON 4560: International Macroeconomics and Finance



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: Open, Limited and Selective.

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: 250.828.5091
Fax: 250.371.5513
Email: admissions@tru.ca

Program Costs

Tuition fees: please see the current calendar for details

Student fees: please see the current calendar for details

Student union fees: please see the current calendar for details

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