
ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

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POLICY

I. DEAN'S LIST

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) recognizes full-time students who earn superior grades in an academic semester as "Dean's List" students.

In programs that follow the Academic/Career/Developmental grading system, students who enroll in and successfully complete at least 15 credits during a semester, and who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better, are recognized as Dean's List students for that semester.

In programs that follow the Vocational Trades/Non-Trades Programs or Competency-Based grading systems, students who enroll in and successfully complete a full course load during a specific study term, who meet appropriate performance standards and are ranked in the top 10% of the students in their respective programs, may be recognized as Dean's List students.

II. GRADUATION WITH RECOGNITION

TRU recognizes students who complete certificate, diploma and degree programs with high academic performance as graduating with first or second class standing.

1. Students who complete the requirements for graduation from a TRU program with a GPA of 3.50 or better in all courses counted towards program requirements, or who have met appropriate performance standards and rank in the top 10% of their graduating classes in programs where program GPA measures are not appropriate, may be deemed to have graduated with First Class standing.
2. Students who complete the requirements for graduation from a TRU program with a GPA of at least 3.00 but less than 3.50 in all courses counted toward program requirements, or who rank in the top 25% but not the top 10% of their graduating classes in programs where GPA measures are not appropriate, may be deemed to have graduated with Second Class standing.

REGULATIONS

I. DEAN'S LIST

Dean's List students will be sent congratulatory letters by their respective Deans and will have the notation "Dean's List" posted on their transcripts at the end of each term in which they have met the relevant performance standard.

1. In programs that follow the Academic/Career Technical/Developmental Programs grading system:
 - a. Once final grades are posted for a semester, the Registrar's Office will generate a Dean's List from the student records system and will provide the names and addresses of Dean's List students to the respective Deans.
 - b. Programs that have full-time loads comprising fewer than 15 credits may, subject to approval by the Education Planning and Program Review Committee (EPPR) of Senate, elect to follow the procedures set out in (I) 2 below.
2. In programs that follow Vocational Trades/Non-Trades Programs or Competency-Based grading systems or that qualify under provision (I) 1.b above using semester end grades, it will be the responsibility of the respective Dean, in consultation with relevant Chairs, to identify the top 10% students and to notify the Registrar's Office of qualifying students at the end of each relevant program component.

II. GRADUATION WITH RECOGNITION

Students meeting the performance standards set out in this Policy will have the notation "Graduated with First Class Standing" or "Graduated with Second Class Standing", as appropriate, posted on their transcripts at the end of the respective program record.

For the purposes of determining eligibility for graduation with First or Second Class standing, all program GPA's will be calculated by dividing total grade points earned by total program credit attempts.

For programs in which GPA's do not provide appropriate indicators of program performance, it is the responsibility of the respective Dean, in consultation with relevant Chairs, to identify criteria and standards for graduation with First or Second Class standing and to file a statement of those criteria and standards with the EPPR.

Once a student has been approved for graduation from a TRU program, it will be the responsibility of the respective Dean to notify the Registrar's Office if that student has qualified for graduation with First or Second Class standing.