Visiting Student Program





Thompson Rivers University (TRU) is located in Kamloops, British Columbia. It is a 45-minute flight from Vancouver. The natural beauty surrounding the city and the many popular outdoor recreation activities make TRU a popular destination for students from around the world.

The Visiting Student Program gives you the opportunity to experience studying abroad in Canada. Your courses may be counted for university credit at your home institution based on the agreement between TRU and the partner institution. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate and any academic electives completed are eligible for credit from TRU.

Duration:

• One Semester: September 2 - December 11, 2020 *Exam period to follow. Other dates available.

Program Structure:

- · Five courses:
 - · Intercultural Communications
 - · Leadership Skills
 - Global Employment Skills
 - · TRU academic or ESL elective
 - · Language Studies (8-weeks)

Admission Requirements:

- Complete at least two semesters at a partner institution, with a GPA of 2.67 (70%) or higher.
- Meet English language requirements and course pre-requisite for TRU elective.
- TOEFL (iBT 61), or IELTS (5.0), or a letter from a partner institution confirming student's ability to take selected courses at TRU.

Program Fees (in Canadian dollars)

- Tuition Fee: \$5,800 / semester
- General fee (library, activity, Student Society, U-Pass, etc.): \$270
- Estimated medical insurance: \$300/semester
- Homestay (three meals per day, a private furnished room in a Canadian family home) \$875/month
- Estimated textbooks: \$300

Completion:

- Receive a certificate of completion at TRU and credits at a partner institution (based on an agreement between two institutions).
- Receive credits from TRU for TRU academic elective.

Additional Information:

• All program fees are subject to change

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Intercultural Communications

This course is designed to equip you with the skills you need to communicate effectively with business associates from around the world. After exploring different elements of culture and communication, you will learn practical techniques for reducing communication barriers and eliminating misunderstandings. Upon completion, you will have a much deeper appreciation of similarities and differences that exist among a range of cultures.

Leadership Skills

In this course you will explore different leadership styles, understand the fundamentals of team-based organizations, consider motivational strategies, experiment with group dynamics, and participate in problem-solving. This is a hands-on course where you will have many opportunities to learn by doing. Activities include self-assessment, reflection, role-plays, and team-building tasks.

Global Employment Skills

Rather than taking a traditional approach to entering the workforce and preparing for successful careers, this course emphasizes the importance of future work skills. Research shows that while content knowledge related to a specific career is important, there is a greater need for "broad skills". These include but are not limited to critical thinking skills, creativity, the ability to locate and evaluate information, the ability to work successfully in teams, problem-solving skills, etc. Working through a series of project-based tasks, you will have an opportunity to develop and expand your proficiency in these areas. Upon completion, you will have greater awareness of opportunities and challenges, a collection of essential documents, increased competency, and greater confidence.

Language Studies

To maximize opportunities for academic success and ease the transition to Canada, English language classes will be provided for the first eight weeks of this program. Though emphasis will be on speaking and listening skills, you will also be able to develop and expand your reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary skills.

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