

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKAGE – 2018 - 2019

Program Description

The Faculty of Arts at TRU offers a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies Program that allows students an opportunity to design their own curriculum customized to their interests and goals.

Students are admissible for this program after completing two years with at least 54 transferable credits (60 transferrable credits preferred), of undergraduate study.

This flexible program gives students the opportunity to:

- Customize their undergraduate studies to a specific career or post-graduate program in consultation with the program coordinator: students applying to professional programs or graduate school can adapt their curriculum to their future goals. Streams within the BIS are numerous, including pre-architecture, pre-medicine, pre-law, and pre-urban planning, for example.
- Receive credit for past work experience: returning adult professionals with diplomas and work experience relevant for the degree may receive credit for workplace learning.
- Build on the diploma or associate degree currently held.

For further information regarding the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies visit:

www.tru.ca/arts/bachelor-of-interdisciplinary-studies.html

Intake Dates

September (Fall semester)

January (Winter semester)

Application Deadlines

If you are considering the TRU Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree, you must submit all required documents to TRU Admissions Office no later than Mar. 30, 2018 (for the Sept. 2018) and Nov. 30, 2018 (for the Jan. 2019 intake). If space permits, late applications may be considered.

Academic Requirements

Educational Requirements

- BC Grade 12 (or equivalent) or Mature Student Status,
- BC English 12/English 12 First peoples with a minimum of 73% (B), or equivalent,
- Two-year (54 minimum credits, 60 credits preferred) diploma with a minimum GPA of 2.5; an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5; or completion of 60 university credits with a minimum GPA of 2.5. Minimum credits accepted is 54.

For assistance in developing your academic plan to meet the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program requirements, please contact Academic Advising at advising@tru.ca or 250-828-5075. Additional information is available at www.tru.ca/advising

How to Apply

1. **Submit your application** online through our website: www.tru.ca/admissions/apply
2. **Pay the application fee:** \$28.68 for Canadian citizens or permanent residents. This fee is non-refundable.
3. **Submit official high school transcripts**
4. **Submit all official post-secondary transcripts other than TRU.**
5. **Submit BIS coversheet and Personal statement.**

Next Steps

1. You will be contacted within 2-3 weeks to confirm we have received your application.
2. Once admissions have reviewed your application and applicable supporting documents, they will notify you about the admission decision.
3. Admitted students will be required to pay a tuition deposit fee of \$300 to secure your seat and enable you to register online in courses.

Need Help? Contact Us

Email: admissions@tru.ca

Old Main Student Street
Phone: 250-828-5036
Fax: 250-371-5960

Mailing Address

Admissions Office
Thompson Rivers University
805 TRU Way
Kamloops, BC V2C 0C8

BIS Program Contact

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Support Services

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

Program Checklist

The Admissions office encourages you to submit an Application for Admission form and related documentation as soon as you complete each of the requirements.

However, the minimum documentation which will be accepted, is as follows:

- Completed Application Form
- \$28.68 Application Fee

Supporting documentation required to complete admissions requirements are:

- Official high school transcripts
- Official post-secondary transcript(s)
- BIS Coversheet and Personal Statement
(see next page)

**Faculty of Arts
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
Program Personal Statement Cover Sheet**

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Are you currently a TRU student? yes no

TRU student number: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT GUIDELINES

All applicants must submit this cover sheet with their personal statement.

The Personal Statement assists the BIS Steering Committee to assess the individual's qualifications, experience, academic/professional objectives, and plans for the BIS program. Members of the BIS Steering Committee may request an applicant to attend an interview.

Respond in a double-spaced typed statement of approximately 500 words:

1. Outline the reasons why you are interested in interdisciplinary studies.
2. Briefly describe how your academic qualifications and/or work experience, and your academic and professional objectives make you a suitable candidate for this program.
3. Which area of concentration you intend to pursue and why.
4. Sign your statement to verify that the content was developed and written by you.