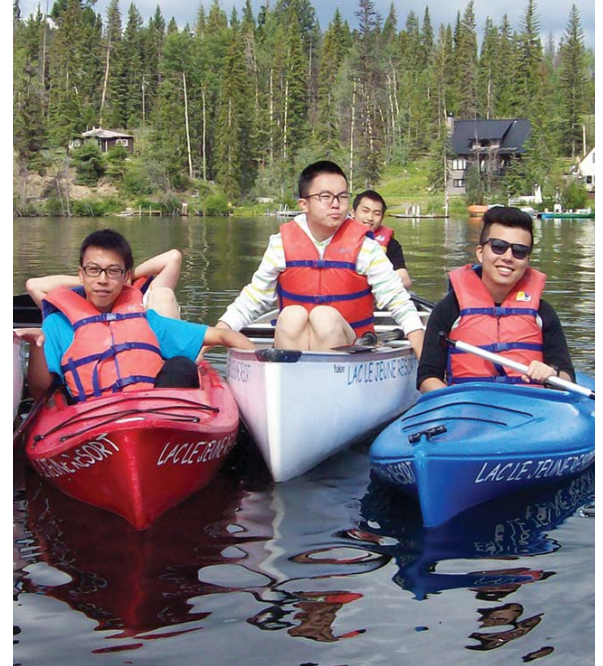


Offshore School Enhancement Program



This summer, students can have an adventure in Canada and get a head start on their BC program coursework! Thompson Rivers University has designed a special program that will support BC English and Social Studies classes. It will also provide students the opportunity to develop skills for success on their provincial exams and future studies at university. The four-week program, which is designed and overseen by experienced BC Offshore School teachers, is a perfect mix of classroom lessons and real life Canadian activities that will support what has been learned in the classroom.

Orientation

The goal of the Orientation portion of the program is to welcome students and help them adjust to their new surroundings. In the first few days, students will be given tours of the university campus and the downtown area of the city. They will also be equipped with practical information and skills that will allow them to function successfully in the community during their stay and when they return to Canada for university. Topics will include money, shopping, public transit, tips for communication, etc.

English

A carefully-selected series of lessons and activities will enable students to develop and expand their English skills. Course

content will focus on Speaking and Listening, Writing and Representing, Reading and Viewing, and Synthesis Writing to enhance the skills taught by their BC teachers; this course will provide specific instruction on developing skills required to be successful on the BC provincial exams.

Social Studies

In keeping with the established goals and objectives of the BC Social Studies curriculum, students will have an exciting opportunity to explore relevant issues related to Canada's history and identity. Students will be engaged in provincially examinable themes such as Politics and Government and Society and Identity. By the end of the course, students will have a much greater understanding of Canada's past, present and future.

Cultural Studies

There is no doubt that globalization will continue to expand as the 21st century progresses. To meet the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead, students will need to be equipped with a fundamental knowledge of culture theory and have some experience with intercultural communication. During their four-week stay students will be given opportunities to meet and mix with other TRU students from other cultures.

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Study Skills

Academic success can be greatly enhanced when students are given an opportunity to pause and consider their own study habits and how those habits compare with cutting-edge techniques. Students will be given new strategies for developing critical thinking skills, for collaborating with peers, for managing time, and for processing information.

Activities

The purpose of the scheduled activities is to acquaint students with unique aspects of Canadian culture that reinforce and connect important concepts learned in the Social Studies and English curricula. Possible activities include a visit to the courthouse to watch the legal system in action, a First Nations Residential School, a horse riding session, gold panning, canoeing, etc.

Closing Ceremony

A brief closing ceremony will provide students with an opportunity to showcase their newly improved English skills and understanding of Canadian society. In addition, certificates and awards will be issued at this time.

What is included?

- Homestay accommodations (meals included)
- Pick up and drop off at Kamloops airport
- Free wireless internet on campus
- Support of instructors in the classroom and during activities
- Costs of all scheduled cultural activities

Offshore School Enhancement Program Various dates available \$3200				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Welcome Reception 9-10 a.m. Orientation/Tour 10 a.m. – noon Program Orientation 1-3 p.m.	Orientation 9 a.m. – noon Self-directed city tour 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9 a.m. – noon Cultural Studies 1-3 p.m.	Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon Horseback riding 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9 a.m. – noon Study Skills 1-3 p.m.
Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon Dream Catchers 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9 a.m. – noon Study Skills 1-3 p.m. Movie Night 6:30-9 p.m.	Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon Cultural Studies 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9 a.m. – noon Study Skills 1-3 p.m.	Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon First Nation Museum and Residential school tour 1-3 p.m.
North Barriere Lake Resort <i>Great Canadian Outdoor Adventure</i> 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Social Studies 9-11:30 a.m. Study Skills 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9 a.m. – noon Cultural Studies 1-3 p.m.	Social Studies 9-11:30 a.m. Study Skills 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9 a.m. – noon Gold Panning 1-3 p.m.
Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon Court house tour 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9-11:30 a.m. Study Skills 1-3 p.m.	Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon Cultural Studies 1-3 p.m.	English Studies 9-11:30 a.m. Study Skills 1-3 p.m.	Social Studies 9 a.m. – noon Closing Reception 1-3 p.m.

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