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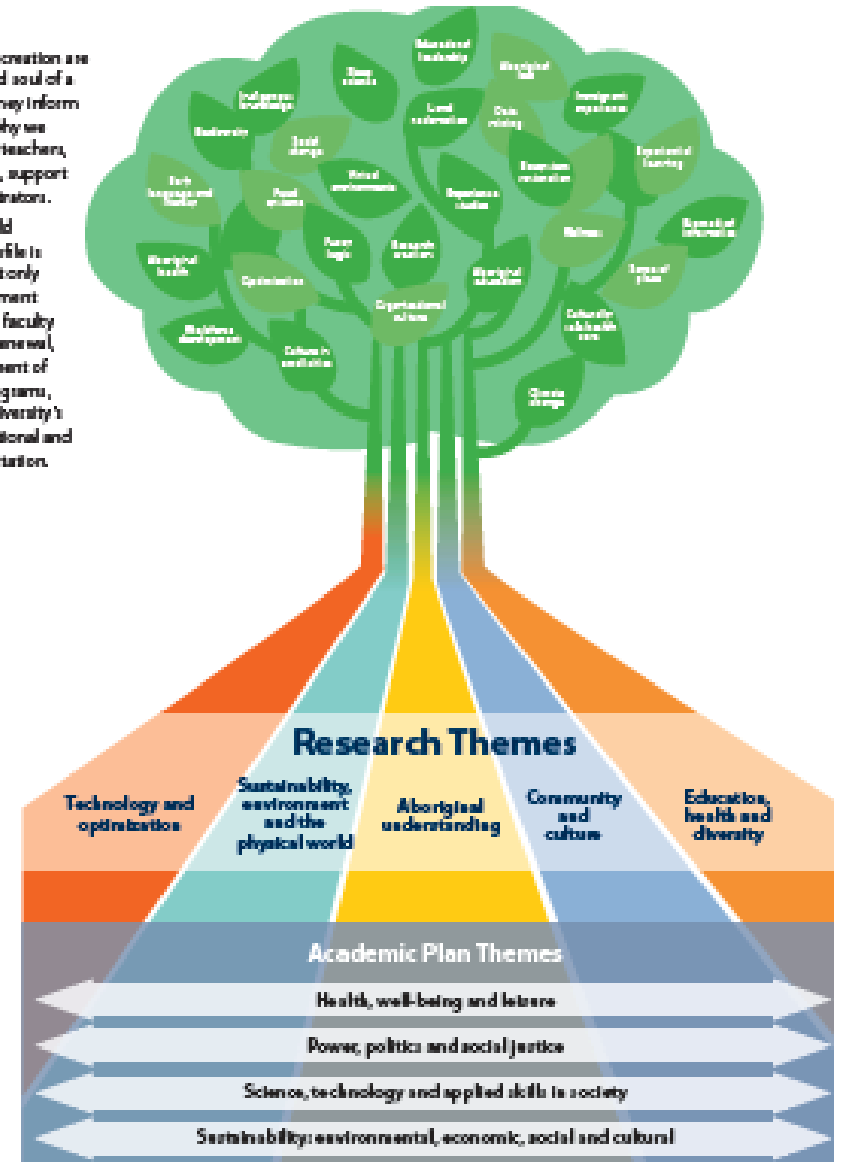
THE CRITICAL MASS OF RESEARCH THAT IS BOTH CURRENTLY OCCURRING AND EMERGING WITHIN THE FACULTY OF LAW.

Faculty of law mission and vision

Our vision is to be known as a law school that provides students a well-rounded, **practice-relevant** education in the fundamental knowledge and core competencies that lawyers need to succeed and to serve their clients well, and to lead the way towards a more **accessible, citizen-focused justice system** through our teaching, research and **service**.

Research and creation are the heart and soul of a university. They inform who we are and why we do what we do as teachers, scholars, students, support staff, and administrators.

Continuing to build TRU's research profile is seen as crucial not only to student recruitment and engagement, faculty progression and renewal, and the development of new graduate programs, but also to our university's local, regional, national and international reputation.



What is the purpose of law?

Organise society

Provide protection

The entire legal system supports those ideas

In law, all these themes need to co-exist

Currently, main themes

Administrative,
constitutional
law, and civil
liberties

Property, tort,
and
commercial
law

Labour,
employment,
and human
rights

Aboriginal law

Legal history
and legal
theory

Law and
technology

Access to
justice

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constitutional
law, and civil
liberties***

**Academic plan themes:
Power, politics and social
justice
Science, technology and
applied skills in society**

Major: Law and religion, including the Canadian Charter of Human Rights and international human rights

Marsden: Migrant workers' rights, access to justice and legal competencies

Diab: national security law and counter-terrorism, police powers, sentencing, digital privacy and encryption, health law and the Charter, and free speech and internet governance

Jones: The process and psychology of adjudication, the role of subconscious bias in judicial decisions and forensic system design, disparities in the rate and consequences of discipline of racialized lawyers in British Columbia and other jurisdictions.

Pillar: access to civil justice in Canada

Property, tort, and commercial law

Academic plan themes:

- Power, politics and social justice**
- Science, technology and applied skills in society**
- Aboriginal understanding**

Millard; Consumer protection and fairness in insurance law

Sykes: animal welfare in international trade law, innovation and technology in law, online court for BC

Dagne: intellectual property law and emerging technologies, how copyright law affects accessibility of 3D printing in public-facing institutions, Farmers' access and control over data in precision agriculture; role of copyrights law in enabling and hindering access

Hunt: development of common law and statutory privacy torts in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth, various aspects of the law of obligations, especially contract law, unjust enrichment and equitable wrongdoing.

Spitz: the social construction of personal, community, national, and regional borders, translating these concepts into indigenous law

Chambers: property law, including Aboriginal title

Labour, employment, and human rights

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Gauthier: Interaction between sports law, competition law, labour law and international law, sports governance and integrity issues (including human rights violations)

Dhand: mental health law (civil and forensic), human rights law, health law and policy, disability law, access to justice, the impact of race, culture, ethnicity and other intersectional factors upon the law, clinical legal education and science and law.

Kamphuis: environmental and human rights issues connected to the industrial-scale extraction of natural resources, with a focus on mining, oil and gas operations in the Global South. Research aimed at identifying legal mechanisms and avenues to strengthen community-self-determination and improve corporate and state accountability

A boriginal law

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Aboriginal understanding**

Morse: Rights of Indigenous peoples within the Canadian legal system, along with other common law countries and under international law; Aboriginal and Treaty rights; Aboriginal title; land claims; self-government, self-determination and sovereignty; Indigenous governance in urban settings; Indigenous traditional knowledge; Indigenous laws and legal systems; the overrepresentation of Indigenous peoples within the criminal justice and child welfare systems; and the impact of Indigenous rights on environmental protection, among other topics.

Schabus: Answer to Truth And Reconciliation commission's Call #28 (specifically how to incorporate this into the curriculum 😊 "We call upon law schools in Canada to require all law students to take a course in Aboriginal people and the law, which includes the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal-Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism."

Legal history and legal theory

**Academic plan themes:
Power, politics and social justice**

Donlan: comparative law, legal history, and legal theory, especially (i) the interaction of legal and normative traditions and (ii) legal education.

Meyers: intersection of legal, political and cultural theory.



Law and technology

Academic plan themes:
Science, technology and
applied skills in society

Katie Sykes: Innovation and
technology in law

Robert Diab: digital privacy
and encryption, free
speech and internet
governance



Access to justice

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Research in action: TRU Community Law clinic

Research and application of human rights:

In the process of designing a service aimed at assisting complainants with drafting complaints to the Human Rights Tribunal

Research and application of employment and tenancy law

Indigenous outreach: Nicola valley, Smaller, rural communities such as Clearwater and Lillooet

New developments: Faculty of Law Research Committee

GOAL:

Foster, develop and support the research mission of the Faculty of Law.

Open, free and scholarly exchange of ideas within and in the name of the Faculty of Law.

Foster an active scholarly community within the Faculty of Law

Make the Faculty of Law an active hub for the dissemination of legal research and the exchange of scholarly ideas.

Provide opportunities for members of the Faculty of Law to disseminate their research, to exchange of their scholarly ideas, and to connect them to the legal and scholarly community inside and outside of the university, and in particular to the local practicing bar of lawyers, judges and other legal professionals.