

Program Description

The Applied Sustainable Ranching program is the first of its kind in British Columbia. During this program, students will gain the expertise to build and sustain ranching enterprises within BC's ranching industry and apply that knowledge to agricultural businesses in any region.

What to Expect

- Participate in real-life ranching operations in BC
- Gain employment-ready experience
- Understand how ranch and rangeland ecosystems react to management decisions
- Understand livestock needs and how to best manage the natural environment to produce nutritious proteins to feed the world
- Learn to design ranching enterprises that fit the environment and resources while providing a return on investment
- Experience a program that is built in BC to address the needs of the local ranching environment
- Learn to develop and fine-tune enterprise management around the unique market opportunities in your region

Students are not required to live in Williams Lake to take this program. Due to the flexible blended learning model, students living and working on any ranch in BC or internationally are able to enroll in the program without having to move away from home. Students may attend the weekly seminars in person or via video conference.

Next Intake Date(s)

September 2021

Application Deadline

Applications are accepted until the program has reached capacity; there is no set application deadline.

After the program is full, completed applications will continue to be accepted and placed on a waitlist until the start of the program. Waitlisted applicants will be offered a seat on a first-applied, first-qualified basis should a seat in the program become available before the start of the program.

Admission Requirements

Admission is limited. Admission is offered on a first-applied, first-qualified (completed application and all requirements met) basis. It is important to complete your application as soon as possible to ensure the best chance of securing a seat.

Educational Requirements

1. Grade 11 (or equivalent), grade 12 preferred, or mature student status
2. Foundations of Mathematics 11, with a minimum C
3. English Studies 12/English First Peoples 12 with a minimum 67% (or equivalent), or successful completion of the ACCUPLACER assessment (see below)
4. BC Highschool Graduation
5. Minimum keyboarding speed of 25 net words per minute (The typing tests costs \$20 to write)

Additional Requirements

- A good working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel
- Access to a reliable Internet source
- A suitable work placement on a working ranch

Admission of Mature Students

Any applicant at least 19 years of age with a minimum two years out of school lacking requirements for a program or course will be considered for mature student status. Although the grade level requirement will be waived for students classified as mature, individual course prerequisites listed for the program or course being applied for must be met.

What if I don't meet the program requirements?

If you don't meet the minimum requirement in English Studies 12, you can write the ACCUPLACER English assessment in place of upgrading your English course. The ACCUPLACER costs \$37 to write. You can schedule your ACCUPLACER by calling 250-392-8000 and you can find more details online: www.tru.ca/assessment/accuplacer

Alternatively, if you are not successful on the ACCUPLACER or you prefer to upgrade your English course, please meet with the TRU Williams Lake Academic Advisor to create your individual upgrading plan.

Permanent Resident Students

If you are a Canadian Permanent Resident, and/or you did not graduate from a BC or Canadian high school, you may be required to meet and/or obtain the minimum English Language Proficiency requirement through additional coursework or approved English placement assessment. In general: If your high school and/or post-secondary was completed in a country where English is not the official language, you will likely have to complete one of the following:

- Assessment: TOEFL (iBT: 88+ with no sections below 2.0), IELTS (6.5+ with no bands below 6.0) or Pearson Test of English. Please note: English placement assessment likely needs to be completed in either Vancouver, Kamloops, Prince George, or another city.
- Additional Coursework: English as a Second Language (ESAL) course. Please note: TRU Williams Lake does not offer any ESAL courses.

How to Apply

1. **Apply online at tru.ca/williamslake/registration or submit your application** via email to wmain@tru.ca or **use the paper application form at tru.ca/campus/admissions/apply**
2. **Pay the \$30.42 application fee** Please call or visit the campus to pay your application fee. Your application is not processed until this fee is received
3. **Submit official high school transcripts**
4. **Provide official transcripts** for any post-secondary institutions previously or currently attended

Current high school students please submit final Grade 11 grades and an interim Grade 12 transcript listing courses you are taking this year. For further details, please see your high school counsellor. All official high school and post-secondary transcripts can be mailed to:

**Thompson Rivers University
Williams Lake Campus
1250 Western Avenue
Williams Lake, BC V2G 1H7**

BC students should visit www.bced.gov.bc.ca to arrange for their final BC Ministry of Education transcript to be forwarded electronically to TRU.

Current high school applicants are required to submit their official transcripts before the application deadline and at the time of graduation. Please also ensure submission of interim grade 12 grades before the application deadline to increase your competitive consideration. Past high school applicants are required to submit their official transcript before the application deadline. To order your official high school transcript, please visit your provincial or territorial Ministry of Education website for further information.

Applicants are required to submit official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. If you are currently attending another post-secondary institution, you must submit an official transcript at the time of your application. Should you have courses in progress, you will be required to submit a final official transcript at completion of these courses.

Need help with transcripts? Find our step-by-step guide at tru.ca/future/admissions/undergrad/submit-transcript

You will be contacted by admissions via email within 2-3 weeks of submission of your online application regarding next steps.

Applicants are responsible to ensure all transcripts and required documents are submitted by the application deadline.

Next Steps

1. You will be contacted within 2 – 3 weeks to confirm we have received your application
2. Use the checklist in this package to make sure you have included all supporting documents required
3. Once Admissions has reviewed your application and applicable supporting documents, they will notify you about the admission decision
4. Students who are admitted will be required to pay a commitment fee of \$500 prior to registration in courses

Need Advising?

For assistance in developing an academic plan to meet the Ranching admission requirements, contact our TRU Academic Advising Office, 250-392-8000 or wmain@tru.ca.

Re-application

If you were not accepted, or applied but did not attend last year, you must submit a NEW application and contact the Admissions Office to ensure all required documentation is still on file and complete.

Program Application Admissions Checklist

Please check off and include all the following

- Application form
- Application fee \$30.42
- Official high school transcript
- Any post-secondary transcripts

Funding and Support Services

TRU Grit Awards are awarded annually to TRU Williams Lake students. The financial awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 and all students are encouraged to apply as all applications will be considered. Students who demonstrate a financial need will be given a higher priority. Applications open in late spring every year: tru.ca/williamslake/student-services/financialaid

TRU Student Awards & Financial Support offers a comprehensive range of programs to both assist students in financing their educational and living costs, and to recognize academic excellence. Financial support can be a combination of bursaries, scholarships, awards, work-study, loans and grants. More information can be found online: tru.ca/awards

Student loan funding is designed to supplement the resources of those who could not otherwise afford post-secondary studies. **BC Student Loan applications can be found online at studentaidbc.ca.** If you are a resident of another Canadian province or territory, you apply for government student assistance through your home province/territory.

Indigenous students are encouraged to contact TRU Williams Lake's Gathering Place (indigenous student services) at 250-392-8179. The Gathering Place is a friendly and inviting Indigenous centre that provides information on all aspects of university life and doubles as a space to socialize, study or just take a break from your day. It is truly a home away from home.

Accessibility Services provides academic accommodations and service to all eligible TRU students, both on campus and Open Learning. They facilitate equal access to educational opportunities by reducing physical, attitudinal and systematic barriers. Find out more online: tru.ca/as

Visit the TRU Williams Lake website, tru.ca/williamslake/studentervices for more information regarding additional support services, including counselling, sponsorship and student housing options.

Program Costs Estimate (full-time, year one)

Tuition	\$7,454
Student Fees	\$787
Books	\$700
Total Approximate Cost – Year 1	\$8,941

Program Costs Estimate (full-time, year two)

Tuition	\$6,522
Student Fees	\$689
Books	\$700
Total Approximate Cost – Year 2	\$7,911
Total Program Cost (Estimate)	\$16,852

Commitment Fee: If you are offered a seat in the ABTS program, to accept and hold your seat you are required to pay a \$500 tuition deposit within two weeks of receiving your official seat offer. The commitment fee will count as payment towards your tuition.

Payment deadlines: Tuition and student fees are due the last Friday in August for the Fall semester and the first Friday in January for the Winter semester.

Need Help? Contact Us.

We're here to help you with every step of the way.

TRU Williams Lake Reception (General inquiries and to book an advising appointment):

Phone: 250-392-8000

Email: wmain@tru.ca

TRU Williams Lake Admissions:

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