

# Anthropology – Archaeology



Students may obtain a General B.A. with an Area of Concentration in Anthropology, or a minor in Anthropology (pending review). We also offer a minor in Geo-Archaeology, and a Certificate in Aboriginal Studies.

## Program Overview

### Anthropology

Anthropology at TRU addresses the human condition in all its past and present manifestations. Within the sub-fields of cultural and social anthropology, we are interested in the diversity of contemporary societies and cultures around the world.

### Archaeology

Within the sub-fields of archaeology and physical anthropology, we examine the biological and cultural evolution of our species and try to reconstruct prehistoric societies with the help of artifacts and other manifestations of human activity.

### Key Themes

#### Global perspective

We emphasize the need to study a range of societies in order to minimize the ethnocentric assumption that what we see 'here and now' is the only or the best manifestation of humanity.

#### Interest in marginal societies

We recognize that members of communities and societies found on the margin of powerful nation-states can teach us as much about the human condition as the privileged inhabitants of the technologically advanced western world.

#### Fieldwork

Our methodology is based on direct, unmediated, contact with our subject matter. In archaeology this means the necessity to conduct 'digs' and confront directly the material evidence needed for the reconstruction of past social and cultural forms. In socio-cultural anthropology it leads to time-consuming investigations by means of 'participant observation'. We emphasize the contribution of these direct confrontations with the raw reality of cultural diversity at a time when computer-based learning and instruction threaten to impose a shallow and one-dimensional acquaintance with humanity.

#### Advancement of knowledge

We pursue our interests in social and cultural diversity for scholarly rather than profit-motivated reasons. As more and more academic and applied disciplines profess an interest in societies traditionally studied by anthropologists (international business, tourism, security studies, etc.), it is important to keep in mind that these incursions are usually market-driven and, therefore, highly selective.

#### Social justice

We try to use our knowledge of diverse societies and cultures in order to help redress the power imbalance that prevails in the modern world. This imbalance is expressed in a wide range of injustices imposed by the 'developed' world onto politically weak peoples, such as resource exploitation, expulsion from ancestral territories, forcible assimilation, and outright genocide.

### Field School in East/Central Europe

Offered since 1993, the Field School in East/Central Europe provides an opportunity to engage in supervised ethnographic fieldwork off the beaten path. Usually, it spans the month of May, and the itinerary includes urban and rural communities in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Ukraine, Bosnia & Hercegovina, and Montenegro. Detailed information may be found at [www.tru.ca/europe](http://www.tru.ca/europe).

### TRU Archaeology Field School

The nine credit archaeology field school comprises two courses, Anth 306-6 "Summer Field Training in Archaeology," and Anth 411-3 "Prehistory of a Special Area in the New World." Students undertake six weeks of fieldwork and laboratory analysis at an archaeological site, normally in British Columbia. The course provides students with hand-on training in archaeological survey, mapping, excavation and recording techniques, as well as lab analysis, interpretation of artifact and faunal remains, and reporting.

# Admission Information

## Academic Requirements

### Minor in Anthropology

Under review.

### Minor in Archaeology and Geology

3 credits in 1000 or 2000 numbered Archaeology courses

9 credits in 3000 or 4000 numbered Archaeology courses.

GEOL 1110 or GEOG 1120

GEOL 2050 or BIOL 1210

GEOL 2290

9 credits in 3000 or 4000 Geology courses

### Certificate in Aboriginal Studies

24 credits in courses designated as “aboriginal content”:

ANTH 1190, 1210, 2140, 2190, 2230, ENGL 2410,

GEOG 2230, HIST 2020, POLI 1110, SOCI 2010,

TMGT 1020

3000 and 4000 courses with aboriginal content may also be counted

## Careers in Anthropology

Anthropology offers many lucrative applications of anthropological knowledge in a variety of occupational settings, in both the public and private sectors. Non-governmental organizations, such as international health organizations and development banks employ anthropologists to help design and implement a wide variety of programs, worldwide and nationwide. State and local governmental organizations use anthropologists in planning, research and managerial capacities. Many corporations look explicitly for anthropologists, recognizing the utility of their perspective on a corporate team. Cultural Resource Management (CRM) has been a growth occupation with provincial and federal mandates to assess cultural resources affected by private development and government funded projects. Forensic anthropologists, in careers glamorized by Hollywood and popular novels, not only work with police departments to help identify mysterious or unknown remains but work in university and museum settings. A corporate anthropologist working in market research might conduct targeted focus groups to examine consumer preference patterns

## Admission to TRU

TRU is a unique, comprehensive university offering undergraduate and graduate degrees and two-year professional diplomas, along with certificates, trade-entry and apprenticeship training and university preparation courses.

Applications for Admission to most programs are accepted starting Oct. 1 each year for programs that begin in August or September of the following year. Check the website for application deadlines, program start dates, and detailed admissions processes.

### Applications to the TRU Bachelor of Arts program are available from:

Academic Admissions Office

Thompson Rivers University

900 McGill, PO Box 3010

Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 0C8

Tel: 250.828.5036

Email: [admissions@tru.ca](mailto:admissions@tru.ca)

## Program Costs

Please see the current calendar for details

Visit: [www.tru.ca/calendar](http://www.tru.ca/calendar)

Cost Calculator:

[www.tru.ca/admissions/fees/costs.html](http://www.tru.ca/admissions/fees/costs.html)

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## Additional Information

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