



English

The study of English introduces students to a wide range of human creative activity from the writing of earlier times to the most recent developments in film and creative writing. As well, English forms a natural fit with other areas of study including history, Canadian Studies, philosophy, fine arts, sociology and psychology.

Program Overview

English Program

Our English Major has a strong national reputation for undergraduate teaching. We offer courses in English language and literature. Our aim is to prepare you to communicate and create new knowledge in the many different communities- academic and business, personal and international-in which you live and work. Many of our students have gone on to achieve distinction in the creative arts, teaching, journalism, business, and graduate study.

The Department sponsors a number of informal groups devoted to reading and writing-and a lecture series in which scholars, poets, and fiction writers present their work. In addition, we are committed to providing service learning and undergraduate research assistant opportunities for outstanding students in their 3rd and 4th years. English students are often employed in editing and tutoring in the Writing Centre.

Our program actively encourages students to consider Study Abroad opportunities. Our student exchange partnership with the University of Chichester, for example, allows students to complete up to a year's study in England—with the course work taken at Chichester counting toward their TRU degree.

English and TRU Start

We are pleased to report that the program is now ongoing. This unique program enables outstanding high school students in School District 73 to receive "dual credit" for courses taught by faculty at Thompson Rivers University. Students successfully completing a dual credit course in English 1100 or English 1110 will receive 4 credits toward their high school graduation as well as credit for a university course. This initiative enables students to begin their university journey early, take university courses tuition- free, and experience a sampling of university life while still enrolled in the high school open learning division.

Potential Careers

In the English major program students are encouraged to explore complex texts and to develop their thinking, writing and reading skills- skills essential for numerous professions in the Information Age and for future literary studies.

Potential careers include:

- education
- journalism
- publishing/ editing
- law
- advertising
- public relations
- librarianship
- politics
- creative writing (novelist, poet, playwright, script writer)

Service Learning

Students **may** take six credits of service learning during their 3rd or 4th year. Of these six credits, three may be applied directly to the major. A service learning course is a faculty-supervised community-based service learning project completed individually or in groups of up to five students.

Academic Requirements for English Majors

Pre-requisites:

- 6 credits of English 1100, 1110, 1120, 1140, and 1210
- 9 credits of second-year English courses distributed as follows:
 - ENGL 2110 – 3 credits required by all English majors.
 - 6 credits of second-year English electives, chosen from the following list:
 - ENGL 2040; ENGL 2140; ENGL 2150; ENGL 2160; ENGL 2170; ENGL 2180; ENGL 2190; ENGL 2200; ENGL 2210; ENGL 2240; ENGL 2250; ENGL 2260; ENGL 2270; ENGL 2400; ENGL 2410.

Please note: ENGL 2200 is highly recommended

Admission Information

Requirements:

Of the minimum thirty English credits (maximum 42) in courses numbered 3000 and above:

- At least three credits in each of three centuries prior to 1900 (total 9 credits)
- At least six credits in theory/language/genre/gender
- At least six credits in Twentieth-Century and Twenty-First Century/Canadian/American/Post-colonial/British*

Students are permitted to take, toward the English Major, 3 credits from the following list of courses: Philosophy 3740, Philosophy 3750
Theatre 3260, Theatre 3270
Canadian Studies 3120, Journalism 4310.

Graduate Options

English Majors go on to complete master's degrees and PhDs in universities across Canada, the United States, and Great Britain.

The English Minor Program

Students who are registered in a Major program may choose to complete a Minor program at the same time. A Minor in English demonstrates advanced writing, reading, and critical thinking skills, and is a valuable credential for students in all majors.

Requirements: Minor in English

Prerequisites

- a. Six credits of ENGL 1100, 1110, 1120, 1140, or 1210
- b. Six credits of second-year literature courses:
 - (1) ENGL 2110 (Required)
 - (2) 3 credits from the following list: 2040, 2120, 2140, 2150, 2160, 2170, 2180, 2190, 2200, 2210, 2240, 2250, 2260, 2270, 2400, 2410.

Requirements

- a. at least 18 credits of 3000 and 4000 level English courses
- b. no more than 3 of the 18 credits can be chosen from the following list: 3070-3110, 3200, 3270-3280, 3330, 3360, 4760, 4970.

Faculty of Arts

Additional Information

Please visit our web pages for more information: www.tru.ca/arts/eml

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 Road
Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 0C8
Tel: 250.828.5036
Email: admissions@tru.ca

Program Costs

Please see the current calendar for details.

Visit: www.tru.ca/calendar

Cost Calculator:

www.tru.ca/admissions/fees/costs.html

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