

# Modern Languages



Students may obtain a Modern Languages Certificate by completing up to the 2110/2210 level of French plus two other approved modern languages courses at the 1000 level. We also now offer a Certificate in World Languages and Cultures. Information is available on our website: <http://www.tru.ca/arts/eml/mlang.html>

## Program Overview

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Welcome to Modern Languages

Modern Languages embraces the idea that in-depth knowledge of a second language enhances cognitive skills. With this in mind, we strive to expose students to different languages, cultures and societies through the courses and the cultural role models we provide. We employ an interactive approach to give students oral and written communication skills, suitable to the level of the course, in another language. This approach incorporates the following principles and goals:

- emphasize an interactive and communicative approach
- include the latest research in pedagogy and methodology
- incorporate an interdisciplinary approach to teaching, including literature and culture
- use a variety of delivery methods to accommodate different learning styles
- foster quality of teaching through sharing of teaching ideas, resources and experiences.

### Chinese

- Chinese is the most widely spoken language in the world
- Chinese is one of the six official languages of the United Nations
- China has been Canada's largest trading partner after the United States since 2004
- More than 2,000,000 Chinese tourists visit Canada each year

### French

- Over 20,000 words have their origins in French.
- Approximately 140 million people in the world are native speakers of the French language.
- French is one of the official languages of the United Nations and the International Red Cross.
- French is one of the two official languages at the Olympic games.

### German

- Germany is one of Canada's largest trading partners.
- Multinational business opportunities exist not only in the European Union, but also in Eastern Europe where German is second only to Russian as a second language.
- Germany is one of the world's largest contributor to research and development.
- Germany financially sponsors over 60,000 international exchanges each year.

### Japanese

- Japan has the 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest economy in the world.
- Japanese is a stepping stone to other Asian languages and cultures.
- The Japanese are international tourists.
- Japanese cultural exports are expanding

### Spanish

- About 330 million people in the world speak Spanish as their first language and 100 million as a second language.
- Spanish is the official language in 21 countries and it is spoken by approximately 30% of the population in the United States.
- Today Spanish is an official language of the UN and its institutions.
- Spanish is an official language of the European Union and other international organisations.

### MLAN 2700 - Field Schools

New to our program is a 6-credit field school course which allows students to study a language in the country in which it is spoken. Previous destinations include Japan (2009) and Mexico (2010). Students have the opportunity to experience the language in an immersion setting with enriching cultural contact and to enjoy the charms of daily life in another country.

# Admission Information

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## Academic Requirements

### Certificate in Modern Languages

FREN 1100/1200 Intermediate French  
FREN 1110/1210 1<sup>st</sup>-Year University French  
FREN 2110/2210 Studies in French Language and Composition  
Plus any two other approved modern language courses at the 1000 level.

### Certificate in World Languages and Cultures (TBC)

12 credits in 2 different languages at the 1000 level  
6 credits of a language at the 2000 level  
3 credits of cultural theory (see B.A. Advisor for list)  
3 credits of an ML-approved, cultural/language-oriented field school or credits earned through study abroad. (see B.A. Advisor for list)  
12 credits of electives with an intercultural focus (see B.A. advisor for list)  
Note: No course may be counted more than once toward this certificate.

## Course Offerings

Chinese  
CHIN 1110/1210 – Spoken and Written Mandarin 1 & 2  
French  
FREN 1000/1010 – Introductory French 1 & 2  
FREN 1100/1200 – Intermediate French 1 & 2  
FREN 1110/1210 - 1st-Year University French 1 & 2  
FREN 2110/2210 – Studies in French Language and Composition 1 & 2  
German  
GERM 1110/1210– Introductory German 1 & 2  
Japanese  
JAPA 1110/1210– Introductory Japanese 1 & 2  
JAPA 2110/2210– Intermediate Japanese 1 & 2  
Spanish  
SPAN 2110/2210- Intermediate Spanish 1 & 2  
SPAN 1110/1210– Introductory Spanish 1 & 2  
MLAN 2700 - TBD

## 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: Open, Limited and Selective.

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

Academic Admissions Office  
Thompson Rivers University  
900 McGill  
Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 0C8  
Tel: 250.828.5091  
Fax: 250.371.5513  
Email: [kjago@tru.ca](mailto:kjago@tru.ca)

## Program Costs

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**Tuition and Student fees:** See current TRU calendar for details

**Student union fees:** please see the current TRU calendar for details

## Program Contacts

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## Additional Information

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