

History



History is the study of humanity's recorded past. It encompasses virtually all aspects of human activity and behaviour. The arts and sciences, technology and economics, ideology and social attitudes are all as much a part of history as politics and war.

Program Overview

History

History is the most universal of the humanities. It is not merely a body of facts to be learned, but a series of arguments and points of view to be debated. In History, you will learn not only about the ideas, attitudes, and actions of peoples in the past, but about how to critically engage the world around you.

Besides the relevance of historical events to certain contemporary issues, the study of history offers students the opportunity to develop skills that are invaluable in all fields of endeavor. Historical study teaches students how to organize and classify extensive data. It gives students the opportunity to strengthen their research, writing, and analytical skills. These are skills which are useful in every profession or field of study.

Knowledge and skills

- knowledge of the history of various geographical areas and historical periods
- ability to analyze and evaluate multiple dimensions of a problem
- ability to systematically investigate a problem
- research skills are taught, practiced, and refined
- communication skills are developed through the preparation of carefully reasoned reports and essays as well as presentations

Potential Careers

History can be directly applied to several career opportunities. History students go on to become: history and social studies teachers, college and university professors, researchers, museum curators and archivists. Historical study can also prepare students for a wide variety of careers in law, journalism, library work, tourism, publishing, government, business, social services, communications, and politics.

History is central to a liberal arts education. At TRU it may be studied intensively as part of a Majors or Minor program or individual courses may be taken simply to satisfy one's own curiosity about the past.

By developing excellent analytical, organizational and communication skills, students of history will be prepared for a wide variety of careers.

Major and Minor Programs

The History Major and Minor programs allow students to specialize in a particular area of history as well as pursue elective course work. It is also possible for students to complete a double major degree in history and another subject.

A number of awards and scholarships are available to TRU history students. More information on these can be found on the TRU website:

www.tru.ca/financialaid/awards



Admission Information

Academic Requirements

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Admission to the BA and completion of no fewer than 6 credits in History courses numbered 1000-1990` and no fewer than 6 credits in History courses numbered 2000-2990, either at TRU or at other accredited institutions.

Of the courses taken outside of History in preparation for the Major, it is recommended that foundation courses in the Social Sciences be included, as well as the appropriate historical surveys of:

- a. literature in the various departments of language;
- b. thought, as offered in various Philosophy and Politics courses; and,
- c. the arts in areas like Visual and Performing Arts

Third and Fourth Years

1. Students must take 33 credits in History courses numbered between 3000 and 4990, including History 3000 and cross-listed courses from other disciplines.
2. Entrance to any 4000-level course requires no fewer than three credits in 3000-level History courses.
3. All History Major students must take History 3000: The Historian's Craft in their third year. This course will be offered every Fall and will be taught on a rotating basis (i.e.: by a different faculty member every term.)
4. Of the thirty-three credits required of the Major in History, at least nine but no more than fifteen upper-level credits must come from one of the geographic fields (i.e.: British, European, American, and Canadian).
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6. Of the thirty-three credits required of the Major in History, at least nine must be taken at the 4000-level.
7. Of the forty-five lower- and upper- level credits in History required of History Major students, no fewer than six must be from Canadian History.
8. Students are strongly encouraged to include in their programs material from both before and after ca.1800.

9. It is acceptable to include, in place of upper division History courses, the following courses from other discipline areas. One of: Geography 3270 and 3280, 4270; Philosophy 4190; Film 4140

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, PO Box 3010
Kamloops, British Columbia V2C 0C8
Tel: 250.828.5036

Email: admissions@tru.ca

Program Costs

Please see the current TRU calendar for details.

Visit: www.tru.ca/calendar

Cost Calculator:

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

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