

2027-28 Indigenous Viewbook

TRU

Hello!

Welcome!

Weytk

Secwepemctsín

hunilht'ih

Tsilhqot'in

Dahooja

Southern Dakelh

Hadih

Northern Dakelh

k'alhwa7acw

Lillooet/Státimcets

way'

Syilx

Yaw

Nuxalk

?éx k'w'n

Nlaka'pamux

Tawnshi

Michif

Atelihai

Inuit/Inuktitut

Tansi

Cree

Aniin

Ojibway/Anishinaabe

SECWPEMCÚ'ECW

The traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc people.

When you study at TRU, you are learning within Secwepemcú'ecw and becoming part of a community shaped by thousands of years of Indigenous history, knowledge and stewardship.

- Secwepemc people have lived throughout this region for **thousands of years**.
- The traditional territory is one of the largest in Southern BC and covers approximately **145,000 km²**.
- The 17 Secwépemc communities, including **Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Simpcw First Nation, Splotsin and Adams Lake Indian Band**, are connected through Secwepemctsín, culture, laws, ceremonies and relationships to the land.
- The traditional language of the Secwepemc people is **Secwepemctsín**.

Living in Kamloops

Living in Kamloops means access to outdoor adventure, recreation, culture and community year-round. Whether you're exploring local trails, attending a sporting event, relaxing by a lake or connecting with friends downtown, there's always something to do close to campus.

Kamloops

Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS)

TRU's Kamloops campus is located on the traditional and unceded lands of **Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (TteS)**. The name **Kamloops** is derived from the Secwepemctsín word **Tk'emlúps**, meaning **"where the rivers meet,"** referring to the confluence of the North and South Thompson Rivers in the heart of the city.

TteS is a vibrant community with a strong commitment to education, culture, community well-being and economic development. Through a **long-standing partnership**, TRU and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc work together to support Indigenous student success, advance Indigenous knowledge and create opportunities for students to learn from the land, community and culture.



Kamloops campus



View a map of the **Secwepemcú'ecw Territory**

Williams Lake

T'exelc

TRU's Williams Lake campus is located on the traditional and unceded lands of T'exelc within Secwepemcú'ecw. As one of TRU's host communities, T'exelc plays an important role in supporting Indigenous education, community connections and student success.

Located in the heart of the Cariboo, Williams Lake offers students a close-knit campus experience surrounded by forests, lakes, grasslands and outdoor recreation opportunities, all within a welcoming regional community of over 11,000 only a 3.5-hour drive north of Kamloops.



Williams Lake, B.C.



108,000+
population

MORE THAN 100 LAKES
within an hour of the city

ONE HOUR flight or
3.5 HOUR drive to Vancouver

CANADA'S TOURNAMENT CAPITAL,
hosting more than 100 sporting events each year

OVER 40 KM of trails in
Kenna Cartwright Nature Park
(accessible from campus)

82 parks covering
1,350 HECTARES

45 MINUTE DRIVE
to Sun Peaks Resort and Harper Mountain

TRU at a glance*

TRU welcomes Indigenous students from the region, across Canada and around the world.

30,449
students study on
campus, online or
a mix of both.

2,955 students
self-identify as Indigenous,
approximately **10%** of our
student population

93% of our Indigenous students are
from BC
34% of BC students are from the TRU
Region (Kamloops and Williams Lake)
7% from out of province

*2024-2025 TRU Fact Book

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Find support, build relationships, celebrate culture, and become part of a vibrant Indigenous student community.

Cplul'kw'ten

Cplul'kw'ten is a friendly and inviting Indigenous centre that provides information on all aspects of university life and doubles as space to socialize, study or just take a break from your day.

- On-site computers
- Kitchen and lounge area
 - Soup Circle Wednesdays
 - Healthy snacks and kitchen available for students during office hours.
- Assistance and support
 - First Nations/Inuit/Métis funding applications
 - Applying for bursaries and scholarships
 - Writing papers, assignments and readings
 - Locating basic facilities such as housing, daycare, transportation etc.
- Various free seminars
- Academic and personal support
- Library outreach program
- Elder in the House program
- Indigenous Mentor program

"It's important to recognize it's a culturally-safe space, an open space for people to come. It's building a sense of belonging here. Indigenous students walk in two or more worlds. They can feel comfortable with who they are in this space and not explain who they are."

Vernie Clement
Associate Director,
Office of Indigenous Education



Campus events create space for diverse Indigenous voices and perspectives. Open to all students, these events are organized in partnership with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc, Elders, local Indigenous community members, students and colleagues from across TRU.

- Indigenous Student Welcome Breakfast
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day event
- Indigenous graduation ceremonies
- First Friends Feast
- Indigenous Student Winter Feast
- Indigenous Awareness Week events
- Moose Hide Campaign

TRUSU Indigenous Club

The club promotes Indigenous culture on campus by hosting a powwow, round dance and various workshops such as drum making, beading and sewing.

TRUSU Indigenous Law Students Association (TRUSU ILSA)

The club engages with the Faculty of Law, TRU comments and Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc to promote diversity, equity and Indigenous perspectives within the law by creating events for ILSA members and the community.

INDIGENOUS learning opportunities

At TRU, Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and doing are woven throughout the student experience. Across programs and courses, students explore Indigenous knowledge, intercultural understanding and perspectives.

Students interested in further exploring Indigenous histories, cultures, governance, and community development can also choose from specialized programs and certificates.

Indigenous Studies Certificate

Explore Indigenous histories, cultures, worldviews, and contemporary issues through an interdisciplinary program that examines Indigenous experiences and resilience in Canada and around the world.

First Nations Community Development Certificates (TULO Centre)

Explore certificates in applied economics, taxation administration, and lands management, building practical skills that support First Nations communities, self-governance, and sustainable development.

tru.ca/tulo

The Coyote Project

The Coyote Project brings areas across TRU together to advance Indigenization and respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

- Improve Indigenous student participation, retention and completion.
- Build cultural understanding across the university.
- Support changes to programs, curriculum, research, services and learning environments.

[Learn more](#)



Become a Knowledge Maker

Turn your ideas into published research. Through Knowledge Makers, Indigenous undergraduate students from across TRU build research skills, work with mentors, and publish their first peer-reviewed journal article.

With more than **30 Bands and Nations represented**, students join a national network of Indigenous researchers dedicated to creating and sharing knowledge across disciplines.

tru.ca/knowledgemakers



Indigenous Education Centre opening spring 2027

ADMISSIONS

Applications open October 1 for Fall 2027, Winter 2028 and Summer 2028

Visit tru.ca/program for admissions requirements and application deadlines.

Why self-identify as Indigenous?

TRU applications have an optional and confidential section on Indigenous self-identification. Checking “yes” connects you with services and events of interest. Some TRU programs also allocate seats to those who self-identify as Indigenous. You may also be eligible for priority housing in Kamloops.

Equity admission

At TRU, we believe that diverse experiences and perspectives strengthen our campus community. Some undergraduate programs offer Equity Admission that reserve a number of seats for applicants from historically underrepresented groups, including:

- Indigenous students (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis)
- Persons from racialized groups
- Sexually and gender diverse people
- Persons with disabilities

If you identify with one or more of these groups, you may be eligible for additional admission consideration.

[Learn more](#)



APPLY TO TRU



For information about law and graduate program admissions, please visit tru.ca/programs

Housing

Living on campus means being minutes away from your classes, enjoying easy access to campus and nearby city recreational facilities and belonging to an active community of students.

Priority and guaranteed housing

Guaranteed housing

First-year students coming directly from high school must apply by March 31, meet the academic course-load requirements and request a full September-to-April contract.

Family housing

For more information: eastvillage@truresidence.ca

Priority housing

Additional priority is given to students who self-identify as Indigenous and/or are former youth in care.

Sponsored students

Contact your selected residence early to discuss sponsorship or an alternative payment schedule.

Funding your education

Funding may be available through your Nation, Métis organization, scholarships, bursaries, external awards, student aid and on-campus employment.

More than \$6 million in student awards is available each year.

- Entrance scholarships and awards
- Indigenous student awards
- TRU Foundation awards
- Government student aid
- External scholarships and bursaries
- Work Study and other on-campus jobs

Sponsored Students

If your Nation, Métis or other organization provides post-secondary funding, start by confirming their application process and requirements. TRU sponsorship deadlines may not always align.

tru.ca/sponsorship

Provincial tuition grant

This grant funds tuition and fees for eligible former BC Youth In Care who are looking to attend TRU. This requires a separate application and students must have been admitted to TRU before accessing this fund.

[Learn more](#)



How to apply for sponsorship

STEP 1: Apply to TRU

STEP 2: Complete the required form (download at tru.ca/sponsorship) and forward it to Accounts Receivable at TRU

STEP 3: Submit your form before the deadline

Semester-based courses

- Fall: Last working day in July
- Winter: Last working day in November
- Summer: April 15

Non-semester-based courses (Open Learning, Trades)

- Submit at least two (2) weeks before registration.

If you miss the deadline: You must pay the tuition deposit before you can register.

STEP 4: Register for courses and monitor your account

STEP 5: Ensure payment has been made

- TRU issues invoices directly to sponsors for sponsored tuition and fees. You need to monitor your account summary to ensure payments have been made.

Please allow approximately two weeks for TRU to set up your tuition sponsorship contract.

[Learn more:](#)

tru.ca/sponsorship



We acknowledge the lands where we learn

Thompson Rivers University campuses are on the traditional lands of the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops campus) and the T'exelc (Williams Lake campus) within Secwepemcúl ecw, the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc. The region TRU serves also extends into the territories of the St'át'imc, Nlaka'pamux, Nuxalk, Tsilhqot'in, Dakelh, and Syilx peoples.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

Qelmúcw (Indigenous) future student advisors can support with program exploration, pre-requisite planning, campus tours, sponsorship support and more.

Get in touch

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