

# *International Student Orientation*

*2012 Winter Semester  
January 3 - 6, 2012*

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Dear International Students:

Congratulations on your acceptance to Thompson Rivers University (TRU) and welcome to Kamloops, Canada! The International Student Orientation Program provides important information regarding your study, university resources, accommodation, and the community. **The Winter 2012 Semester Orientation begins on Tuesday, January 3rd, and continues through Friday, January 6th, 2012 .** Classes commence on Monday January 9th.

The purpose of this orientation is to provide you with information that will ease your transition to TRU and to ensure your success in Canada. **Attendance at this orientation is mandatory for all new students.** If you can not participate in the orientation, please contact your International Student Advisor (see contact information on page 4).

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## Important Dates:

Jan. 9- Apr. 28	Start and End dates of the Winter Semester
Feb. 6 - Feb. 10	International Days (please bring traditional clothing or items to display for this event)
Feb. 20 - Feb. 24	Mid-semester break (no classes)
Feb. 27 - Mar. 2	Registration for Summer courses. Fees due prior to registration
Early June 2012	Registration for Fall 2012 and Winter 2013 courses. Fall fees due prior to registration

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## GET READY FOR ORIENTATION

### Please bring the following items with you during Orientation Days:

1. Welcome Information Package
2. Study Permit and Passport
3. Your Kamloops address (with postal code) and phone number
4. Acceptance letter or tuition receipt
5. TOEFL or IELTS score, if available
6. All original high school, college or university transcripts to be submitted to the admissions office if you have not done so already
7. Evidence of medical insurance (if available).

### Lunch

**Lunch will be provided for you during the 3 orientation days.**

### Who are Direct Entry Students (DES)?

- English as a first language or those who have provided official scores or transcripts indicating placement scores including: TOEFL, IELTS, BC high schools English or equivalent, or university level English transfer credits.
- Exchange students who have already been approved for university courses.

**These students do not need to take the TRU English Placement Test.**

### Who are EPT Students?

- Students who need to have their English level evaluated during orientation, will:
  1. Take a computer-based test (Accuplacer).
  2. Take an individual oral exam.
  3. Be given their English placement results.

### Who are Exchange Students?

**Students who paid tuition at their university (not to TRU). This includes Bilateral and ISEP Exchange students.**

### Transfer students are -

**From China: TUT and CIBT Institutions  
From India: CIIS institution**

### Abbreviations:

<b>CAC</b>	Campus Activity Centre Building	<b>EPT</b>	English Placement Test
<b>IB</b>	International Building	<b>ISA</b>	International Student Advisor
<b>ISAP</b>	International Student Activity Program	<b>OM</b>	Old Main Building
<b>DES</b>	Direct Entry Students	<b>RCMP</b>	Royal Canadian Mounted Police

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACADEMIC STUDIES AT TRU

TOEFL			IELTS	TRU Placement
iBT	Paper-based	Computer-based		
88+ with no sections below 20	570+ TWE 4.5+	230+ Essay 4.5+	6.5+ with no sections below 6.0	Direct entry to academic programs (direct entry students)
80+	550-569 TWE 4.0+	213-229 Essay 4.0+	6.0+ with no sections below 5.5	Direct entry into Level 5 ESL (2 ESL courses and 3 academic courses)
71+	530-549	197-212	5.5+ with no sections below 5.0	Direct entry into Level 4 ESL (4 ESL courses and 1 academic course)
61+	500-529	173-196	5.0+	Direct entry into Level 3 ESL (5 ESL courses and no academic courses)

## Tuesday, January 3, 2012

When:	Who:	Where:	What:
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	All new students	CAC Grand Hall (2nd floor)	Orientation Registration & Opening (bring passport & study permit) <b>Light breakfast will be provided</b>
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	EPT students	To be assigned	English Placement Test (Accuplacer)
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Direct entry students	IB 1020	Academic Advising + Academic Success
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.		OM 1100 & OM 1412	Course selection and registration
12:30 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	All new students	IB Foyer	<b>Lunch will be provided</b>
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	All new students	IB Foyer	Campus Tour
2:00 p.m.	EPT students	Individual schedule for Oral Assessment will be posted outside rooms IB 1020 & 1015. Please look for your name & your exam time on these lists. Oral tests will begin at 2:00.	
2:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	EPT students	OM 2465 (ESL Offices)	English Oral Assessment ( <b>PLEASE BE ON TIME</b> . Each assessment only lasts 10 minutes).

## Wednesday, January 4, 2012

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Spanish-speaking Japanese-speaking Hindi/Punjabi-speaking Arabic-speaking Mandarin-speaking Russian-speaking English-speaking	IB 1007 IB 1008 IB 1010 IB 1014 IB 1015 IB 1019 IB 1020	Important meeting with International Student Advisors: - Form filling - Medical insurance
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Transfer students from China	IB 1015	Specific information for TUT & CIBT students
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Exchange students	IB 1020	Information session with Jan Petrar
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	All new students	IB Foyer	<b>Lunch will be provided</b>
12:30 p.m.	EPT students	Individual schedule for placement interview will be posted outside room IB 1020. Please look for your name & your interview time on these lists. Each interview lasts only 10 min.	
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Transfer students from India	IB 1010	Specific information for CIIS students
1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	EPT students	- OM 2465 - OM 1100 & OM 1412	1- Individual English placement interview 2- Course selection & registration
1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	All new students	Campus Cashier (OM),	Pay your medical insurance and get ID Card & U-Pass

## Thursday, January 5, 2012

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	EPT students	OM 1100 & OM 1412	Course selection and registration continued
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	All new students	IB1015 & IB1020	Important Campus and Community Presentations
12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	All new students	IB Foyer	<b>Lunch will be provided</b>
1:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.	Spanish-speaking Japanese-speaking Hindi/Punjabi-speaking Arabic-speaking Mandarin-speaking Russian-speaking English-speaking	IB 1007 IB 1008 IB 1010 IB 1014 IB 1015 IB 1019 IB 1020	Academic information, Student Life Guide and Housing information given by the <b>International Student Advisors</b>

## Friday, January 6, 2012

9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.	All new students	CAC Rotunda	Passport & medical documents returned
9:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.		CAC Rotunda	City Tour
12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.		CAC Grand Hall	<b>Welcome Lunch Party!</b>
2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.		Students who need it	IB Foyer



**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR and INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORS (ISAs)**

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