
CREDIT AND NON-CREDIT COURSES

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POLICY

All Thompson Rivers University (TRU) courses fall into one of two categories: credit or non-credit. These are defined as follows:

I. CREDIT COURSES

TRU courses which carry credit towards a TRU certificate, diploma, or degree are known as credit courses. Credit courses are listed in the Calendar, and registration in such courses is open to suitably qualified members of the general public. Enrolment into credit courses requires prior acceptance into a TRU program or the permission of the instructor.

Curriculum content and academic standards are defined for all credit courses, and students receive a final grade based on their performance and determined according to Policy ED 8-0 (unless the student has registered as an audit student).

Students are issued TRU transcripts to document their achievement in credit courses. On successful completion of a program, students may apply for a Certificate, Diploma, or Degree.

The offering of credit courses, together with their curriculum and academic standards, is subject to the approval of the Vice-President, Academic and University Council.

II. NON-CREDIT COURSES

TRU offers short non-credit courses in a wide variety of subjects. Registration in such courses is open to the general public. Completion of a non-credit course may lead to a Certificate of Completion, but academic standards are not normally defined. Non-credit courses do not satisfy prerequisite requirements for credit programs.

Occasionally certification for a non-credit course may be provided by an external agency (as in the case of first-aid training, for example). However, TRU transcripts are not issued, nor do non-credit courses lead to TRU certificates, diplomas, or degrees.