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The University Foundation Program prepares students for college and university studies. It is designed for international students who want to major in business, science, or technology at a Canadian college. Classes are tailored toward the specific need and academic interests of the students. Through individual consultation and learning support, students work on projects and tasks common in Canadian high schools and colleges.

There are three main components to the program:

- 1) language training;
- 2) academic skills development;
- 3) content-based classes on selected topics in business and science. Students develop language and academic skills and have the opportunity to apply their skills by attending a series of electives taught by guest lecturers and speakers with knowledge in selected topics.

The UFP program is considered intensive. In addition to class work, students are expected to complete two to four hours of homework each night.

The UFP curriculum was developed in collaboration with Kester Grant College.



- Electives in business, science and technology
- Guest lecturers and instructors
- One-to-one help and self-directed learning
- Placement and exit testing
- Small classes
- Project-based and task-based learning
- Canadian content and themes
- Orientations to local colleges
- Access to computer lab
- Language and academic skills training



Program Structure

UFP Level One

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
09:00 ~ 12:00	Reading and Writing for Academic Preparation				Tutorials / Self-directed study
1:00 ~ 3:00	Speaking and Listening for Academic Preparation				

UFP Levels Two and Three

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
09:00 ~ 12:00	Language and Academic Skills (LAS)				Tutorials / Self-directed study
1:00 ~ 3:00	LAS	*Electives	LAS	*Electives	

* Elective include science, technology, and business subjects

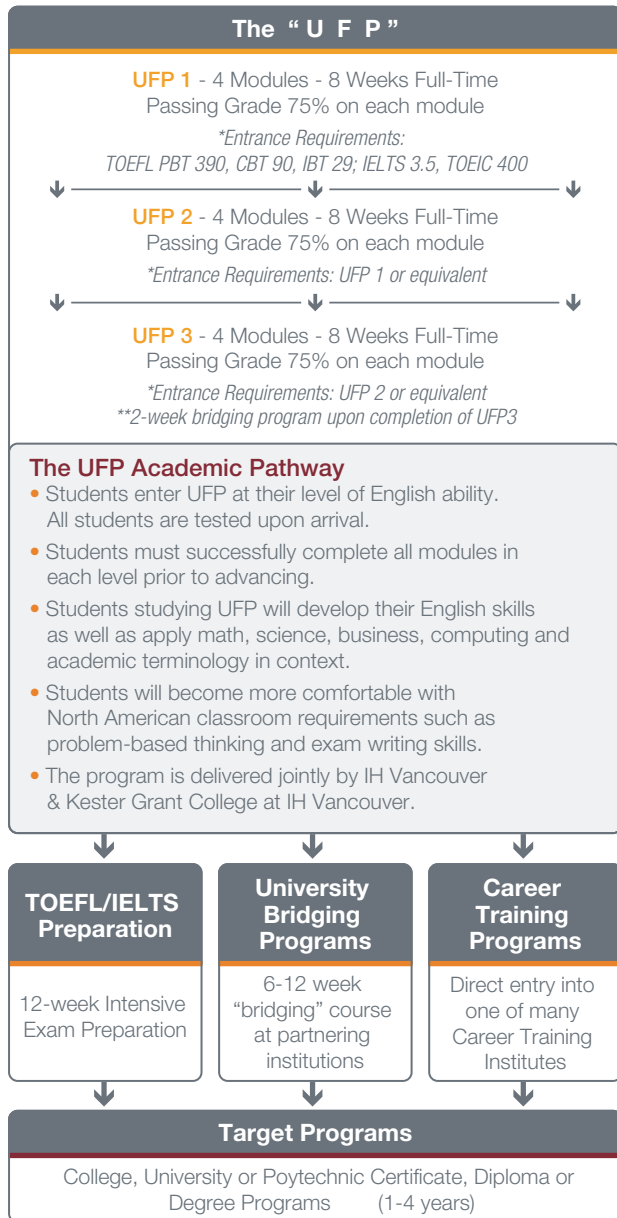
Tuition Transfer Policy

For students who complete the program faster than anticipated, IH Vancouver will forward any unused tuition on to any of our partnering academic programs.

Academic Skills

- Thinking critically
- Writing paragraphs, essays, and reports
- Reading and interpreting graphs and charts
- Researching and evaluating information
- Delivering oral presentations
- Leading seminars
- Working effectively in teams
- Developing strategies for academic success
- Reading and responding to academic texts, short stories, and novels
- Listening to lectures and note taking
- Participating in group and class discussions
- Synthesizing, analyzing and applying information

Pathways



Aim of the Program

The University Foundation Program at IH Vancouver aims to achieve to help our students in two ways.

- 1) Ensure quick and painless entry into the Academic program of their choosing by helping them improve their English to a point where academic bridging is possible and /or an acceptable score on TOEFL or IELTS is attainable.
- 2) Ensure a successful transition to academic studies by using a content-based learning approach throughout the program.

The IH Vancouver Guarantee

We are so confident that this program is the best choice for ESL students preparing for academic study that we guarantee it. Should a student successfully complete UFP 3 with a 12-week follow-up in either the IH Vancouver TOEFL or IELTS classes and not have a good enough test score to enter the program of their choice, they can continue studying at IH Vancouver for free until their target score has been attained.

**guarantee requires a minimum of 80% attendance in TOEFL or IELTS preparation classes and completion of the 2-week review unit after UFP 3)*

Program Snapshot

Academic and Language Skills

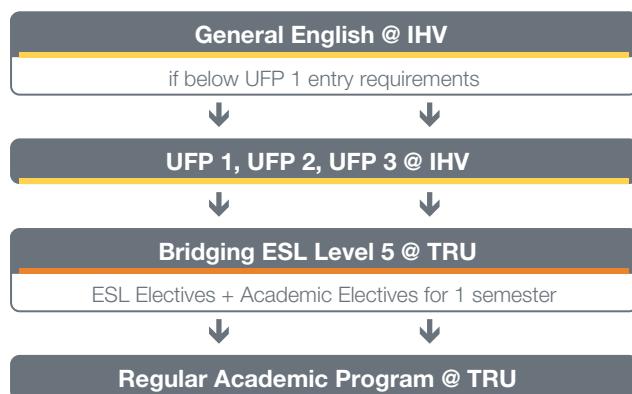
	Content	Reading	Writing	Speaking	Listening
UFP 1	People, Places, special events, current events	Read and respond to short texts Build vocabulary	Improve grammar, vocabulary and sentence structure. Write simple narrative and descriptive paragraphs on familiar topics.	Expand functional English. Sustain communication on familiar topics. Develop group work skills	Listen to a variety of conversations and short monologues. Introduce note taking skills
UFP 2	Computers, Business, the Environment, Biology, Natural disasters	Read and respond to simplified academic texts Build vocabulary	Develop paragraph writing skills. Write process, definition, comparison/contrast, and description paragraphs. Introduce essay writing	Make short presentations. Develop group work skills	Listen to short lectures on familiar subjects. Introduce note taking skills. Listen to conversations and discussions on academic oriented topics.
UFP 3	Computers, Business, Science, Chemistry	Read authentic and academic oriented material, business reports, journals. Improve inferencing, critical thinking. Learn about tone, style	Develop essay writing skills Write cause-effect, comparison/contrast, argumentative essays or reports Learn and apply research skills.	Improve presentation skills. Lead a seminar and group discussion.	Listen to longer academic oriented lectures and improve note taking skills. Listen to authentic materials from TV, the radio.
Bridge	Campus tours and library orientations, Student success workshops, Final exam preparation and one-on-one tutorials				

About TRU

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) is a public, degree-granting institution offering university and college programs. More than 100 Bachelor degrees, diplomas and certificates are available in a wide variety of fields of study.

- Founded in 1970
- Based in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada
- 100 academic programs
- 10,000 students
- over 900 international students (from more than 50 countries)

Pathways



*Placement at TRU will be verified through the use of a placement test

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Key Program Areas

Business

- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Master of Business Administration
- Pre-MBA
- Associate Diploma in Commerce & Business Administration
- Diploma in Management
- Accounting Technician Diploma

Computing Science

- Bachelor of Applied Computing Science
- Computer Systems Diploma
- Engineering Design & Drafting Diploma

Sciences & Environment

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Natural Resource Science
- Environmental Studies Certificate
- Engineering Transfer Program

Health Sciences

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Respiratory Therapy Diploma



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