

TRU-OPEN LEARNING: TRU>START DUAL CREDIT COURSES

Contact: This information is intended to provide information to grade 11 and 12 students, parents, and caregivers about dual credit courses. At any time, these courses or their delivery, costs, and/or associated expectations may change. For more information, contact Mrs. Persad at 674-3328 or tpersad@sd73.bc.ca.

Rationale:

- to offer students in grade 12 who plan to attend college or university the opportunity to earn up to four university credits and four high school credits for completing a distance education course through TRU-Open Learning.

General Information:

- Students receive three to four university credits AND four high school credits for completing one TRU-Open Learning course.
- The tuition (\$281.50 per course) is paid for by School District 73.
- **Up to two** TRU-Open Learning courses are funded by the district (to be taken in first or second semester).
- Each course should take 120 hours to complete; expect the content to be challenging (first year university level).
TIP: to date, the TRU-Open Learning teachers and tutors have been very helpful!
- There is no application fee, but there is a **\$95.49** administration and technology fee **per course**.
- Course materials must be purchased by student or parent/caregiver from the TRU bookstore or online using a credit card; this amount will be approximately **\$200 per course**.
TIP: multiple students could complete the same course and share the cost of books!
- TRU-Open Learning courses have specific deadlines. To date, students have been given **six months** to complete the course. If you do not complete the course by the specified date, you may be asked to **purchase** an extension.
TIP: parents are strongly encouraged to monitor the progress of their children and help them meet deadlines.
- There are consequences for withdrawing from a TRU-Open Learning course:
 1. If student cancels course within first five weeks from registration date*, the student is responsible for 25% of cost of course (owed to district).
 2. If student cancels a course after five weeks from the registration date*, the student is responsible for full tuition payment (owed to district).
- students should carefully check prerequisites for courses
- To see if TRU-Open Learning courses transfer to other institutions, check the course transfer guide found at www.bctransferguide.ca.
- TRU-Open Learning marks will not be generated at school-based reporting periods. A mark will be given once the course is completed.
- In order for a TRU-Open Learning course to be counted toward a term's achievement honour roll, it must be fully completed and the mark documented on that term's report card.
- In order for a TRU-Open Learning course to be counted as part of the average percentile mark on a CSS Awards application, it must be fully completed and the mark documented on term three's report card. TRU-Open Learning courses are not considered for District Awards.

* Registration date is considered one week before classes start in September or February.

Admission Criteria:

- a limited number of spots is set aside for high school students; not every applicant is guaranteed admission
- early application for winter courses: May 28, 2010; please submit to Mrs. Persad by May 27, 2010.
- late application for winter courses: November 26, 2010; please submit to Mrs. Persad by Nov. 25, 2010
- Minimum expectations for admission apply:
 1. exemplary attendance record (documented on report card)
 2. exemplary attitude toward learning (documented on report card as effort grades: no N)
 3. minimum average of “B” or better (as evident on transcript)
- students complete application form including a letter of intent and parent’s/guardian’s signature
- signature on application shows recommendation by principal or designate

School Expectations:

- Students *may* be given *one* block of time to complete each course (like @ KOOL); it is expected that students work diligently in that block of time.
Note: Kamloops students who attend TRU to take dual credit courses do so on their own time after school hours!
- If a student is given a block of time to complete a TRU-Open Learning course, the supervising CSS teacher will determine an effort grade based on use of class time during that block. No course mark will be generated until the course is completed. The final mark will appear on that term’s report card and on the student’s transcript
- The supervising CSS teacher does not receive any communication from the TRU-Open Learning teacher, so students must be self-disciplined and parents should monitor their child’s progress closely.
- Students will maintain a full course load and retain full-time status (must be taking four courses in total).
- Students will complete Open Learning courses by the date specified by TRU-Open Learning.

My son/daughter, _____, is interested in taking the TRU-Open Learning dual credit course(s), _____ in semester(s) _____. I would like him/her to obtain an application form. I have read the above information and am aware of the course format (including difficulty, supervision, withdrawal consequences, and the generation of percentage and effort grades), fees, admission criteria, application deadline, and school expectations.

signature of parent/guardian

date

TRU Open Learning Courses:

ENGL 1001:	LITERATURE AND COMPOSITION I (prerequisite: EN 12)
FINA 1041:	SURVEY OF WESTERN ART I
FINA 1051:	SURVEY OF WESTERN ART II
FINA 1101:	COLOUR: AN INTRODUCTION
FINA 1201:	MARK AND IMAGE
FINA 1301:	MATERIAL AND FORM
GEOG 1101:	INTRODUCTION TO PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY 4 credits (lab included)
GEOG 2001:	REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY OF CANADA
GEOG 2301:	INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN GEOGRAPHY I: PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT
GEOG 2701:	GEOGRAPHY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
HIST 1201:	CANADIAN HISTORY TO 1867
HIST 1211:	POST CONFEDERATION CANADIAN HISTORY
HIST 2251:	HISTORY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
PHIL 1021:	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS, POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, AND AESTHETICS
POLI 2001:	CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
PSYC 1011:	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY I
SOCI 1011:	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY I
CPSC 1131:	COMPUTER PROGRAMMING 1 (prerequisite: Principles of Math 12 or C+ in Physics 12)
CPSC 1231:	COMPUTER PROGRAMMING 2 (prerequisite: CPSC 1131)
ECON 2011:	PRINCIPLES OF MACRO-ECONOMICS
ADMN 2501:	INTRODUCTION TO MARKETING
BUSM 1001:	DOING BUSINESS IN CANADA
BUSM 1311:	ACCOUNTING I
BUSM 1321:	ACCOUNTING II
MATH 1001:	PRE-CALCULUS MATH (prerequisite: Principles of Math 12)
MATH 1011:	CALCULUS FOR BIOLOGICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES (prerequisite: Algebra 11, Algebra 12, or Math 1001)
MATH 1041:	CALCULUS FOR BUSINESS MANAGEMENT (prerequisite: Principles of Math 12 or Math 1001)
MATH 1501:	FINITE MATHEMATICS (prerequisite: Principles of Math 11 or Applications of Math 12)
STAT 1021:	INTRODUCTION TO PROBABILITY & STATISTICS (prerequisite: Principles of Math 11)
GEOL 1011:	INTRODUCTION TO GEOSCIENCE (print-based)
GEOL 1201:	INTRODUCTION TO EARTH SCIENCE 4 credits (lab included) (optional print-based)

- Courses are worth **3 university credits** unless otherwise stated.
- Courses have no prerequisites unless otherwise stated; it is assumed students are in their final year of high school.
- TRU-Open Learning now offers **science courses** (worth 3 credits); however, each course has a TRU campus-based five day lab component held in June or July (worth 1 credit). Due to the on-campus component, I have omitted these courses from the above list. If a student is interested in taking an TRU-Open Learning science course, he or she should see the counsellor for more information.
- A description of courses may be found in the *TRU>START 2010/11 Dual Credit Course Guide* found on the Clearwater Secondary School website under Students > Counselling.
- The TRU-Open Learning Liaison is **Marianne Dietrich**: 250-852-6413 or mdietrich@tru.ca