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TRU LAW CLASS OF 2026

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Dear Class of 2026,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law! The Society of Law Students (SLS) is excited to welcome all of you to our Faculty and we are eager to meet you in September.

You have all worked hard to get here and some of you may even be moving to a new city or province to begin your legal education. We hope that this handbook helps you navigate this move and some of the questions you may have about living in Kamloops and your law school experience. We have updated information that has been shared over the last several years, as well as new tidbits that we think will be helpful for you to know.

In your first year, the faculty will automatically enroll you in your required courses. In second and third year, you will be responsible for enrolling yourself in classes, including all of the required courses needed for graduation discussed above. Enrolment typically occurs in June and you will enroll for both the Fall and Winter Semesters. When enrolling, make sure that no courses you are enrolling in have exams scheduled at the same time at the end of the semester. Before enrolling ***always check the exam schedule to make sure you do not have overlapping exams!*** Please note that the Course Book that the Faculty of Law has put together provides a detailed look at courses, professors, and more. Given that the Course Book is quite comprehensive, we have decided not to duplicate that information in this handbook.

We recognize that 1L will be a demanding experience for you, and the upper-year students are here to help you with this transition through mentorship opportunities and academic support. You will be paired up with upper-year mentors to help you navigate this new chapter. Do not hesitate to reach out to your mentor or any of the upper years if you have any questions or simply would like to chat. We were all in your shoes not too long ago. Beyond this, the professors that you will be learning from are all very approachable, and most, if not all, host office hours. Make sure that you make use of those hours because they are great resources and are committed to making your time here at TRU Law as great as can be.

Three years may seem like a long time, but law school is a whirlwind experience and many life-long friendships are formed during these years. While at TRU, there will be many opportunities to join clubs, sports teams, attend socials, volunteer with Pro Bono Students Canada, and trailblaze your own law school experience.

We look forward to meeting you all very soon!

Sincerely,

**Marina Nichols & Brooke Switzer**  
**Co-Presidents | 2023-2024**

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On behalf of Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc (TteS), we would like to extend our hand of friendship and welcome to all students attending the Faculty of Law at TRU. We are proud to welcome you to the unceded traditional lands of Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc of Secwepemcúl'ecw. These lands have sustained our people for generations. We have governed our Territory through our own laws based on honouring our lands, water, air, plants and wildlife and upholding our ancestors' knowledge and values.

The Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc, 'the people of the confluence', now known as the Tk'emlúps te SecwépeMC are members of the Interior-Salish Secwepemc (Shuswap) speaking peoples of British Columbia. The Shuswap or Secwepemc (pronounced suh-Wep-muhc) people occupy a vast territory of the interior of British Columbia. Our traditional territory stretches from the Columbia River valley along the Rocky Mountains, west to the Fraser River, and south to the Arrow Lakes. TteS is one of 17 campfires within Secwepemcúl'ecw.

As part of the process for you to become lawyers, I hope that you have the opportunity to learn from our culture, our Elders, our lands and our people. Reconciliation starts with each individual being open to learning First Nations histories and sharing in creating a new future where all legal perspectives are included. Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission stated that "a commitment to truth and reconciliation demands that Canada's legal system be transformed. It must ensure that Aboriginal peoples have greater ownership of, participation in, and access to its central driving forces. ([Final Report](#), at p. 205)". We encourage you to do your part to uphold this responsibility on behalf of all Canadians.

As Kukpi7 (Chief) of Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc, I offer my sincere best wishes to all the students. We offer prayers and support to indigenous students that are participating in this program. I hope you have an amazing time while here in TteS. Stay safe and healthy.

Kukwstse'tsemc/Kukwst'etselp/Kukwstec-Kuc.

Yours truly,  
**Tk'emlúps te SecwépeMC**

Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir (Chief)  
On behalf of Council



## WHAT IS THE SLS?

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The Society of Law Students (“SLS”) is the student governing body comprised of 13 students elected by their peers. It is student-run and primarily student-funded. The SLS provides academic workshops, organizes law school events, supports students through club and conference attendance funding, issues lockers, and provides a representation of student opinions to the faculty and administration. The membership fee for the SLS is \$55/per year. While membership fees are optional, students are encouraged to support the SLS by purchasing their membership at the beginning of each academic year so that there is continued funding for all of these offerings. If you would like to pay your membership fees, please contact our team at [truslsexec@gmail.com](mailto:truslsexec@gmail.com).

The SLS is governed by the SLS Constitution, the SLS Bylaws, and the Member Behaviour policy. To find these documents, please visit the SLS website.

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### *INTRODUCING THE BOARD FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR OF 2023-2024*

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#### ***Co-Presidents - Marina Nichols (3L) & Brooke Switzer (3L)***

The SLS Presidents conduct monthly board meetings to discuss society business and solicit the board’s opinions on issues that directly and indirectly impact students. The Presidents communicate with the administration and faculty, ensuring the bylaws and policies of the SLS are upheld.

#### ***Vice-President of Fundraising - Minhoo Kim (2L)***

The VP of Fundraising is in charge of raising funds for the society from law firms and local businesses.

#### ***Vice-President of Academics - Lucas O’Fee (2L)***

The VP of Academics supports the Presidents and represents the students’ academic needs throughout the year. Lucas will also manage the CAN bank, run course seminars, and collect student feedback.

#### ***Treasurer - Conrad Parken (3L)***

The Treasurer is in charge of the finances for the society. Conrad will manage the SLS bank accounts and facilitate and approve budgets for events and activities.

#### ***Secretary - Mia Sivic (3L)***

The Secretary acts as a bridge of communication between the SLS board and the student body. Mia will also take part in marketing and social media accounts for the SLS.

***Chair of Events - Delaney Ignatieff (2L)***

The Chair of Events is responsible for planning events such as Orientation Week, the Halloween Party, and the Law Ball.

***Chair of Student Life - Tamara Luistro (2L)***

The Chair of Student Life will organize club day in September and help with any club-related questions throughout the year. Tamara will provide students with health and wellness initiatives, as well as support the Chair of Events.

***1L Representatives - Manprit Badyal & Jack Tuttle (2L)***

The 1L Representatives are responsible for communicating any issues presented by the 1L class to the board and faculty, as necessary. Manprit and Jack will also moderate the class Facebook page, and take lead on planning orientation for incoming 1Ls.

***2L Representative - Mckenzie Hassall (2L)***

The 2L Representative is responsible for communicating any issues presented by the 2L class to the board and faculty, as necessary. Mckenzie will also moderate the class Facebook page, and take lead on merchandise ordering and sales.

***3L Representative - Julia Pinnock (3L)***

The 3L Representative is responsible for communicating any issues presented by the 3L class to the board and faculty, as necessary. Julia will also moderate the class Facebook page, and organize the graduation gift from the 3L class to the school.

***Chair of the SLS Conference - Loveleen Sandhu (2L)***

The Chair of the Conference is a voting member on the of the SLS board and attends all SLS meetings. The Chair of the Conference provides updates and perspectives as a member of the student body to the SLS throughout the year and gives updates on the status of the SLS Conference.

***Indigenous Law Students Association Representative (ILSA) - Tara-Lynn Wilson (3L)***

The ILSA Representative position is elected by members of ILSA (Indigenous and non-Indigenous students) to provide voice and perspective on Indigenous matters on the SLS. In addition to attending SLS meetings, the ILSA Rep will be an active board member of ILSA and will relay student concerns and questions directly to the SLS.

The Fulton lounge (more commonly known as the SLS Lounge) is a lunch space reserved for law students on the third floor of Old Main. The SLS lounge serves as a meeting space for students in between classes and study sessions and has a foosball table, a ping pong table, two fridges, two microwaves, a kettle, coffee maker, tables and couches.

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*SLS FEES AND LOCKERS*

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Upon payment of membership fees, the SLS issues a locker to each first year so they have a place to store their books and personal items during the school year. Lockers are typically assigned at the Welcome Breakfast and you may use your locker for the duration of the school year. The SLS kindly requests that you bring your own locks. Should the Winter semester be in-person, you can expect to have a locker assigned in the new year. Upon receiving a locker, beware of leaving valuable items. Theft sometimes occurs from lockers so be sure not to leave anything too valuable.

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*SLS EVENTS*

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***Orientation***

The SLS organizes a number of orientation activities for the incoming class each year. These activities usually include a scavenger hunt, law olympics, campus tours, and more.

***Dean's Mixer***

Typically held within the first two weeks of the first semester of 1L, this event allows members of faculty and administration to meet and share a pint with all the incoming 1Ls.

***Softball Tournament***

The annual softball tournament is held at Albert McGowan Park. Approximately 8 co-ed teams of 10-12 players come together to play their best game of ball or at least have fun while striking out.

***Halloween Party***

Held on or at the closest weekend to Halloween. TRU students from all years wear their best costumes, and spend the night dancing with their classmates.

***Law Ball***

Typically hosted at the Coast Hotel in Kamloops, where students from all years enjoy dinner, speeches, a photobooth, and dance in their best formal attire. This is a formal event, so if you are interested in attending, it's a good idea to keep your eyes peeled for a formal dress in the coming weeks *before* so you have a formal dress handy and tailored in time for the event.





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### **BonSpiel**

Hosted in the Winter semester at the Kamloops curling club, students organize into teams and compete. No experience required; equipment will be provided. Team costumes encouraged, legal puns for team names are always a bonus!

### **Bowling**

The SLS hosts a bowling night at Falcon Lanes, where teams or individual members compete for a variety of prizes.

## TRU LAW

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### *STUDYING TIPS AND TRICKS*

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Studying, and finding your favourite methods of studying, will be uniquely your personal preference during law school. However, there are some typical methods such as canning and building frameworks that many students will use. Always do your best to finish your readings, however sometimes it is impossible to get all readings done. This is actually *normal*. Your friends at law school will often be a huge source of support in studying. Some weeks you may find you cannot finish all the readings, so it is not unusual to swap or share reading or class notes. Some may even find it helpful to split the assigned readings with friends and share your reading notes, this can help alleviate some of the stress of trying to do all the readings yourself.

Don't forget to take care of your physical health while studying in law school! You may find yourself reading or studying for several hours on end, so providing yourself with a good space to study in is very important. Small adjustments like getting a bookstand to help hold your books up while you type your notes, having a comfortable chair to sit in, and good lighting to help you read easier can make all the difference after a day of studying.

### **Condensed Annotated Notes (CAN)**

CANS are usually what a law student will bring into an open book exam and are used as a study tool leading up to an exam. CANS are a succinct, single document which combines your reading notes, your classroom notes and any information your professor gives you in their PowerPoint slides during the semester. Students may make their own CAN, share with their friends, or use one that has already been made and uploaded by past students onto the CAN Bank.

### **Framework**

Frameworks are a shorter and more succinct version of your CAN. They typically contain the legal tests required in that course as well as any landmark cases which support the legal tests. Frameworks are useful for classes that cover a lot of material, such as Constitutional Law where you may have a 100+ page CAN. In a 3-hour exam, you may not have time to flip through 100+ pages of notes, therefore you rely on a shorter framework (20-40 pages) that contains only the most crucial information you expect to find on the exam.



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### **FIRAC**

FIRAC usually stands for facts, issue, rule, analysis/application, and conclusion. This is a method of briefing a case to prepare you for in-class discussions and exams. You will learn more about FIRAC'ing in your first-year courses and through the SLS's academic workshop in first semester.

### **Condensed Annotated Notes (CAN) Bank**

Students who make a CAN may upload their CAN onto the CAN Bank for subsequent students who take that class to use. If you would like to find a CAN for your class, you can search for one on the SLS website: <https://www.trusls.org/can-bank> - Password: TRULaw2021

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### *CAREER SERVICES ONLINE*

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TRU Law students are provided year-round support from the TRU Law Career Services Office (the "CSO"), staffed by Christi McAuley. The CSO provides students with career-related information and services to connect you with the legal community, including:

- seminars and information sessions on a variety of topics, such as resume and cover letter preparation, interviewing tips, job hunt strategy development, and different law-related career paths;
- networking events such as speaker panels, firm tours, career fairs, and receptions;
- a job posting board exclusive to TRU Law students; and
- one-on-one appointments to provide individualized assistance with job searches.

The CSO maintains the Career Advising, Resources and Events portal ("CARE"), a continuously updated online platform with links to important information. More specifically, this is where you'll find job postings, handouts on a variety of topics (including resume & cover letter writing, interviewing, networking & cold applying, practice area information, and much more), and the slides or recordings of past CSO info sessions.

CARE is also where you go to book appointments with Christi or to RSVP to a CSO event. Once you've logged in to the Portal, go to the "Sign-Up Sheets" section and click on the appropriate activity in order to sign up.

Christi sends out a "CSO Updates" email every Friday, which will list new jobs or resources uploaded to the CSO Portal that week, provide information on future CSO events, and remind you of the major upcoming recruitment dates. This email will go to your myTRU student email address, so be sure to either check that account regularly, or set that account up so that emails sent to it are forwarded to your usual email account.

The CSO also has a Facebook group, available to TRU Law students and alumni, called "TRU Law Career Services". You need to send a "join" request to this group to get access, and to make sure you're not missing announcements or reminders about upcoming events, job postings, and articles relevant to law-related careers.



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Christi is happy to try to answer any career-related questions you may have. To reach her, you can email her at [cmcauley@tru.ca](mailto:cmcauley@tru.ca) or phone her at 250-319-4725. Christi typically also has weekly drop-in office hours where you can pop in to chat – watch the Friday CSO Update email for more details.

<https://www.tru.ca/law/students/career-services.html>

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*GETTING INVOLVED AND EXTRACURRICULARS*

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### **Clubs**

Clubs are an amazing way to get to know your colleagues and explore different areas of law that might be of interest to you. In a regular school year, the SLS hosts a club day for students in the atrium early in the Fall semester. Members from each club will be present to represent their club, answer questions and recruit new members. It is highly recommended that you find a club or two to join as there are plenty of volunteer opportunities that will be available through them! Find a list of the current available clubs through the link below.

<https://www.trusls.org/clubs-and-sports>

Interested in starting your own club? DO IT! Complete the forms below to register a new club with both a TRUSU club and a TRU SLS club and start something new!

#### *TRUSU New Club Registration Form*

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5cf16c439845770001873996/t/5cfdd74856757600018e1632/1560139592389/Club-Registration-Form.pdf>

#### *TRU SLS New Club Registration Form*

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### **Intramurals**

Throughout the week Campus Recreation organizes non-competitive leisure team sports in the TRU gym. Students will form teams at the beginning of the semester and play against other students in the league once a week for an hour. Sports equipment is provided for each of the sports, except for goalie gear for intramural soccer and intramural floor hockey. All teams must have a minimum of one player of each gender playing on the court at all times.

- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Floor Hockey
- Drop-in Badminton and Drop-in Gym

### **Moot**

Mooting is a simulated resolution of a legal problem. Mooting often includes written and oral arguments before a tribunal, or may focus on negotiation. Mooting is one of the ways students can experience the reality of legal practice while in law school. During your first year,



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Completing a “1L moot” is a required part of your fundamental legal skills class. After first year, you can apply to participate in another moot with fellow upper-year students and against other law students across Canada. Mooting is prestigious, and offers students the chance to work closely with experienced lawyers, sharpen oral and written skills, travel, and bond with your fellow teammates. Most moot teams are made up of five members (4 oralists + 1 researcher). Each moot is worth three credits, which are granted in the Winter term.

#### Jessup Moot

The Jessup Moot focuses on international public law. More than 700 law schools from around the world participate in the Jessup. The problem comes out in early September, with oral arguments in February.

#### Wilson Moot

The Wilson Moot focuses on administrative and constitutional law issues. In particular, it focuses on issues of equality, and issues of particular concern to women and minority groups. Oral arguments take place in February.

#### BC Law Schools’ Moot

The BC Law Schools’ Moot is the “grudge match” between UBC, UVic, and TRU. The problem is generally a civil law problem. Oral arguments take place in February.

#### Davies Corporate/Securities Moot

The Davis Corporate/Securities Moot is a moot focused on corporate law issues. The problem is typically based on an actual court decision. The team is coached by Chelsea Hunter and Hames Reid of Blakes in Calgary. The team consists of four oralists and one researcher.

#### Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Law Moot

The Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Law Moot focuses on issues of immigration, refugee, and citizenship law. The moot is one of Canada’s newest moots, beginning in 2020-21. The moot is coached by David Knapp, a lawyer at the Department of Justice in Ontario. The team consists of four oralists and one researcher.

#### National Family Law Negotiation Moot

The Family Law Negotiation Moot was established in 2019-20, and TRU Law sent its first team in 202-21. This moot focuses on negotiations around a family law dispute. The coaches are Amanda Winters from Farris LLP, and Sara Hilliard from MJB Lawyers. The team has four members. The selection process for this moot will be separate from the appellate moots.

#### MacIntyre Moot

The MacIntyre Cup is the Western Canadian round of the Sopinka Cup—a criminal law trial advocacy moot. The top two teams proceed to the Sopinka Cup in Ottawa. TRU Law sent a team to the Sopinka Cup in Ottawa in 2019. Oral arguments take place in February. The MacIntyre is made up of two 3Ls who represent TRU, and two 2Ls who will “shadow” the 3L team, and compete the year after.

### Kawaskimhon Moot (Winter Semester)

The Kawaskimhon Moot focuses on Aboriginal and Indigenous legal issues. The word Kawaskimhon means “to speak with knowledge” in the Cree language. The moot itself is a negotiation, with teams representing a variety of parties (e.g., First Nations, Metis, and Inuit communities, regional and national Aboriginal organizations, government parties, and industry actors). The moot focuses on negotiation and consensus-building to resolve problems. Teams may be required to draft written proposals that outline their negotiation.

TRU Law also has not-for-credit moot opportunities, including the Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada (which takes place in November), and the National Sports Law Negotiation Moot (which is a bit more variable in its timing).

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### *MENTAL HEALTH AND HEALTH & WELLNESS*

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The SLS is here to support the health and well-being of its student body along with the Faculty and the University. With a variety of programs and services available throughout the year, we encourage you to take advantage of the health services available. TRU houses a medical clinic for enrolled students and provides a multitude of different ways to decrease stress. From weekly visits from the St. Johns Ambulance Therapy Dogs, activities and excursions during the year, to counselling and faith services, there are different outlets to help you manage your mental and physical health. For more information on where to access mental and physical health resources at TRU and in the Kamloops community, please follow this link to the TRU SLS website:

<https://www.trusls.org/health-and-wellness>

Remember, law school isn't easy, so don't be afraid to reach out to an upper-year student (they know what you're going through!) or to express your difficulties with your friends. Friends supporting friends makes law school a happier, healthier place for everyone.

The Law Society also offers the Lawyers Assistance Program (LAP) which is a confidential program designed to help any law student or practicing lawyer who may be dealing with personal problem such as substance abuse, stress and anxiety, depression, etc. For more information on this program, please visit:

<https://www.lapbc.com>

### ***Tournament Capital Center (TCC)***

The TCC is a large fitness complex located on the edge of TRU's campus. Enjoy a full aquatic complex, an indoor and an outdoor track, gymnastics complex as well as a large indoor gym. Membership if you are a student is about \$30.00/month.

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### *STUDENT CARD AND BUS PASS*

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You can get your student ID once you have registered for courses. Your student ID also doubles as your bus pass, your discounted gym pass at the Tournament Capital Centre (TCC) and your library card. It needs to be activated at the start of every semester at the TRUSU service desk located in the Campus Activity Centre (CAC). In order to get your student card you can either send a photo in to [selfie@tru.ca](mailto:selfie@tru.ca) or have one taken at the TRU Bookstore located in the CAC. You can pick it up the next business day at the TRUSU service desk.

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### *THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNION (TRUSU)*

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The Thompson Rivers University Students' Union (TRUSU) is a democratic, membership-based organization that funds conference attendance, student club activities, and our health and dental plans at Thompson Rivers University. TRUSU also advocates student issues on campus and runs the Student Caucus. This body tracks institutional issues and provides support for student representatives across the campus. The Student Caucus is made up of all elected and appointed student representatives on institutional bodies and is chaired by the President of the Students' Union

For more information about TRUSU and their services, please visit: <https://trusu.ca/>

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### *PARKING*

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Appendix A is a map of TRU. Parking at TRU can be an issue because there is a higher demand for parking than available spaces. For those who will be driving to campus every day, you can purchase a parking pass per semester or for the entire year. There are different levels of parking at TRU:

**Premium Parking Pass:** Premium parking passes mean that the school will not sell more parking passes than there are spots in the lot to which you belong. Premium parking spots are typically closer to the school and will usually only be a short walk to your class. In order to secure a premium parking pass, you must enter into a lottery system and have your name successfully drawn to be offered a premium parking pass.

**Reserved Parking Pass:** This is the most expensive type of parking pass offered. This parking pass will ensure you have a marked spot on campus that only you will be able to park at.

**General & Economy Parking Passes:** This type of pass will provide parking at a cheaper rate than a reserved or premium parking pass. General parking lots are located further from the school buildings, with an approximate 10-15 minute walk to class.



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Because parking is in such high demand, the school regularly tickets and tows cars who have not paid or whose parking has expired in the TRU lots. This can occur even if you have only been parked for a few minutes. To avoid having your car towed, it is recommended to always pay for parking or have a parking pass if you expect to regularly drive to campus. For those interested in purchasing a parking pass, you may have to enter a lottery system and have your name randomly picked to obtain one. While the date that the lottery opens varies from year to year, it is advisable to check in around July to see if the lottery is open for the Fall and Winter semesters.

Parking can also be paid for on a day-to-day basis. Prices are \$4.00-\$5.00 per day.

For more information about parking at TRU, please visit the TRU Parking website: <https://www.tru.ca/transportation/parking.html>

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#### *PRINTING*

Printing is free at TRU, provided you bring your own paper. There are two printers in the law building dedicated for student use, located on the third floor of Old Main. There is also a computer lab located on the first floor of Old Main that is available for use.

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#### *FOOD OPTIONS ON CAMPUS*



Food options at TRU are limited to the list below, so some days you may find it more convenient to bring food from home and keep it in the SLS lounge for a quick bite.

The hidden gem at TRU is **Scratch Café**, which is run by TRU's school of culinary arts students and is open Wednesday to Thursday from 8am-2pm, and Friday's from 8am-1pm.. The menu changes daily and the food is always delicious. You can check the daily menu on the Scratch Café facebook page. The link to their Facebook page is found here: <https://www.facebook.com/TRUCulinaryArts/>

Trades and Technology	House of Learning (HOL)	Old Main (OM)	International Building	Campus Activity Centre
The Workbench	Tim Hortons	Starbucks	Subway	The Den Student Pub
		U&M Deli		Urban Market
		Bento Sushi		Common Grounds Coffee Shop
		ESTR's Market		

Across the street from the campus is McGill Rd. which has several restaurants that are between a 5-10 minute walk away:

Restaurant	Location
Subway	775 McGill Road Unit (Landmark)
Iron Roads Brewing	980 Camosun Crescent (Just off McGill Road)
Sushi Mura	1021 McGill Rd
Bubble Time Tea & Waffles	775 McGill Rd (Landmark)
Reservoir Coffee	755 McGill Rd (Landmark)
Kami Pizza	755 McGill Rd (Landmark)

## HOUSING IN KAMLOOPS

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Kamloops is divided into several neighborhoods. You may find when you look for housing that property management companies and landlords will advertise their housing by which neighborhood it is located in. Appendix B includes a map of Kamloops which outlines all of the major neighborhoods and the transit lines that run through them:





Neighborhood	Drive to Campus	Bus to Campus	Additional Details
Aberdeen	<b>10 minutes</b>	<b>20-30 minutes</b> (#4 Pacific Way & #7 Aberdeen)	Located at the top of Kamloops, Aberdeen may get more snow than other neighborhoods. Very quiet neighborhood; mostly single-family detached homes.
Upper Sahali	<b>10 minutes or less</b>	<b>20-25 minutes</b> (#9 Geneagles)	Mostly residential, close to an elementary school if you are a parent.
Lower Sahali	<b>5 minutes or less</b>	<b>10-15 minutes by bus</b> (#4 Pacific Way)	Lower Sahali is the neighborhood around TRU and much of the housing and grocery shopping will be walking distance to campus.
South Shore (Downtown)	<b>5-10 minutes</b>	<b>10-15 minutes</b> (#7 Aberdeen)	Walking distance to many restaurants, shops, pubs and parks.
Sun Rivers	<b>10-15 minutes</b>	<b>No direct line to TRU</b>	Dog friendly apartments are located in Sun Rivers (with no size restrictions on pets).
Mount Dufferin	<b>5 minutes</b>	<b>10-15 minutes</b> (#5 Pineview)	This neighborhood puts you close to Aberdeen Mall, Cineplex and Duffy's Pub.
North Shore	<b>15-20 minutes</b>	<b>30-45 minutes</b> (#10 North Shore TRU Express)	This neighborhood is on the other side of the Thompson River from TRU. While housing can be significantly cheaper, the travel time can be considerable.

TRU STUDENT HOUSING

There are several on-campus student housing options available:

**1. North Tower**

- The North Tower has two and four bedroom suites, and two bedroom deluxe suites. Amenities include internet, cable, utilities, common lounges on most floors and a larger kitchen area, as well as a fitness area, lobby, patio and a common area on the first floor.
- Some law students have expressed complaints about noise; however, dorms are clean and relatively new.

**2. McGill Residence**

- The McGill residence units include rooms with private entrances, and come furnished with a bed, desk, a sink, kitchen with a microwave, and a fridge in each room. Wireless internet is also included. There is a central building with full kitchen facilities, card-operated laundry, bike storage, television and seating area, barbecue, deck, pool tables and a study area.
- Some complaints about privacy and cleanliness of this building have been brought up to the SLS.

**3. East Village**



- In East Village, students can choose between a four bedroom suite, or 2-3 bedroom apartments. Each suite comes with a private bedroom, bathroom, and a shared kitchen and dining area. All units are fully furnished and include utilities.

#### 4. **West Gate Dormitories**

- The West Gate Dormitories are a temporary addition to campus housing. They hold 114 self-contained private rooms that are fully equipped with upgraded finishes and amenities. Each room has a private washroom, a double bed, desk and dresser, and wall mount television. Laundry is shared and included in the residence fees.

For more information about on-campus housing, please see the TRU website:

[TRU Student Housing](#)

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#### *PRIVATE HOUSING ON CAMPUS OR NEAR CAMPUS*

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There are several privately owned and operated apartment buildings on or close to campus that TRU Law students often find housing in during law school. The following buildings are amongst the most common “unofficial student housing”:

##### **Landmark Apartments**

- 765 McGill Road (across the street from TRU)
- 1, 2- & 3-Bedroom apartments

##### **McGill Ridge**

- 891 McGill Road (across the street from TRU)
- 1- & 2-bedroom apartments

##### **Legacy Square Apartments**

- 895 University Drive
- Bachelor, 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom & 2 bedroom + den apartments

##### **Creston House**

- 885 University Drive
- 1 bedroom & 2-bedroom apartments

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#### *COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT HOUSING*

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##### **Where can I look for housing?**

The rental market in Kamloops can be difficult to navigate. Outside of the on campus and private housing, rental units can be found in the TRU Black Market Facebook page. Kamloops 4 Rent is another Facebook group where rentals can be found. We also recommend checking Kijiji, and Facebook Marketplace. We do not recommend using Craigslist as we have been made aware that a lot of scammers use that platform to try to trick renters.



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### **I have a pet. Will I be able to find housing?**

Pet friendly rentals can be difficult to find in Kamloops, but they are not impossible! If you are planning on bringing a pet with you make sure you allocate plenty of time to your rental search. Landmark apartments and Sun Rivers apartments on Talasa Way are pet friendly, so it may be possible to find a landlord willing to take pets in those buildings. Legacy square apartments, located on campus, are also cat friendly.

### **When should I begin to look for housing?**

You should begin looking for housing around June or July. Kamloops can be a tough rental market so it is a good idea to look in advance to ensure you have secured housing by the beginning of the fall term. Many law students will advertise apartments or suites they are leaving to incoming law students as a first priority, so keep your eyes on the TRU black market Facebook page. Other popular sites to look for housing in Kamloops are Kijiji, “Kamloops 4 rent” Facebook page, and Castanet- Kamloops edition.

### **What is the TRU Black Market?**

TRU black market is a Facebook page created by law students for law students. Many outgoing students will list their used textbooks on this page as well as the rentals that they are leaving behind in Kamloops. It is very useful to check this page if you would like to save a little bit of money on first year textbooks (or any year for that matter). Brand new textbooks can cost quite a lot. A link to the page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/283399711783953>

### **What should I expect in the Kamloops rental market?**

Rentals are available but expect to have to allocate time and effort into finding one that is a good fit for you. The pricing for rentals is close to on par with the rest of the Okanagan, but good deals are out there if you start your search early and conduct it thoroughly. Prices range from around \$800-\$1,000 per person (shared living situation, apartment or house) to \$1500-1900 (private living situation).

For more information, please see the Off Campus Housing Rentals page on TRU’s website: <https://www.tru.ca/truworld/new-students/accommodations/off-campus-housing-rentals.html>

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## LIVING IN KAMLOOPS

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The long Spring and hot Summers make Kamloops a great golfing and hiking destination, so if you play bring your clubs, or likewise, your hiking boots! Kamloops is also a great city to live in if you like to ski and snowboard. Sun Peaks (the second largest ski resort in Canada) is located a short 30-minute drive from town and other skiing mountains are nearby.

### ***Explore some of the many hiking trails in Kamloops***

<https://www.alltrails.com/canada/british-columbia/kamloops>  
<https://hikekamloops.ca/>

### ***Snow Shoeing***

<https://hikekamloops.ca/where-to-snowshoe-in-kamloops/>



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### **Golfing**

<https://golfkamloops.com/>

### **Snowboarding and Skiing**

Sun Peaks / <https://www.sunpeaksresort.com/>

Harper Mountain / <https://www.harpermountain.com/>

Silver Star / <https://www.skisilverstar.com/>

### **Mountain Biking**

<https://www.tourismkamloops.com/thingstodo/outdooradventure/mountainbiking/>

### **Other Activities**

Riverside Park / <https://www.kamloops.ca/recreation-culture/parks-sports-fields/riverside-park>

Kamloops Wildlife Park /

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionProductReview-g154932-d14759475-Skip\\_the\\_Line\\_Kamloops\\_BC\\_Wildlife\\_Park\\_Admission\\_Ticket-Kamloops\\_British\\_Columbia.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionProductReview-g154932-d14759475-Skip_the_Line_Kamloops_BC_Wildlife_Park_Admission_Ticket-Kamloops_British_Columbia.html)

Monte Creek Winery / <https://www.montecreekranch.com/>

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### *INDOOR ACTIVITIES*

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- Movie theatre / <https://www.cineplex.com/>
- Cliffside Indoor Rock Climbing / <http://cliffsideclimbing.com/>
- Exit Escape Rooms / <https://e-exit.ca/kamloops/>
- Falcon Lanes Bowling / <http://falconlanes.ca/>
- Fun + Games / <https://funandgameskamloops.ca/>
- Fun Factor Family Fun Centre / <https://www.thefunfactor.ca/>
- Kamloops Art Gallery / <https://kag.bc.ca/>
- Kamloops Blazers Hockey Game / <https://blazerhockey.com/>

WHERE TO EAT?



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Restaurant	Address	Neighborhood	Website
<b>Brownstone</b>	118 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC V2C 1Z7	South Shore	<a href="http://www.brownstone-restaurant.com/">http://www.brownstone-restaurant.com/</a>
<b>Dorian Greek House</b>	430 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC V2C 2A7	South Shore	<a href="https://www.doriangreekhouse.com/">https://www.doriangreekhouse.com/</a>
<b>Underbelly</b>	120 5 Ave, Kamloops, BC V2C 3P8	South Shore	<a href="https://underbellybythepig.ca/">https://underbellybythepig.ca/</a>
<b>Hello Toast</b>	428 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC V2C 2A7	South Shore	<a href="https://hellotoast.ca/">https://hellotoast.ca/</a>
<b>Mittz's Kitchen</b>	227 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC V2C 2A1	South Shore	<a href="http://mittzkitchen.com/">http://mittzkitchen.com/</a>
<b>Peter's Pasta</b>	149 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC V2C 1Z6	South Shore	<a href="http://peterspasta.ca/home/">http://peterspasta.ca/home/</a>
<b>Moxie's</b>	225 Lorne St, Kamloops, BC V2C 1W2	South Shore	<a href="https://moxies.com/restaurant-locations/bc/kamloops-restaurant/kamloops">https://moxies.com/restaurant-locations/bc/kamloops-restaurant/kamloops</a>
<b>Cordo Restaurant &amp; Bar</b>	540 Victoria St, Kamloops, BC V2C 2B2	South Shore	<a href="https://cordorestobar.com/">https://cordorestobar.com/</a>
<b>Duffy's Pub</b>	1797 Pacific Way, Kamloops BC V2E 2H9	Mt. Dufferin	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/DuffysNeighbourhoodPub">https://www.facebook.com/DuffysNeighbourhoodPub</a>
<b>Pho Viet &amp; Donut King</b>	1200 Summit Dr #1, Kamloops, BC V2C 6L2	Upper Sahali	<a href="https://donutkingphoviet.wixsite.com/website-1">https://donutkingphoviet.wixsite.com/website-1</a>
<b>Earls</b>	1210 Summit Dr, Kamloops, BC V2C 6M1	Upper Sahali	<a href="https://earls.ca/locations/kamloops/">https://earls.ca/locations/kamloops/</a>
<b>Browns Social House</b>	1180 Columbia St W A101, Kamloops, BC V2C 6R6	Upper Sahali	<a href="https://brownsocialhouse.com/summit-kamloops">https://brownsocialhouse.com/summit-kamloops</a>
<b>Lemongrass Vietnamese</b>	1211 Summit Dr, Kamloops, BC V2C 5R9	Lower Sahali	<a href="http://www.lemongrasskamloops.ca/">http://www.lemongrasskamloops.ca/</a>
<b>Arigato Sushi</b>	1395 Hillside Dr #70, Kamloops, BC V2E 2R7 and 1821 Trans-Canada Hwy, Kamloops, BC V2C 3Z7	Aberdeen and Valleyview	<a href="http://arigatosushi.ca/web/">http://arigatosushi.ca/web/</a>
<b>Red Beard Cafe</b>	449 Tranquille Rd Kamloops, British Columbia V2B 3G9	North Shore	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/redbeardcafe/">https://www.facebook.com/redbeardcafe/</a>

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*TERMINOLOGY*

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<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
<b>1L/2L/3L</b>	Typically, law students refer to themselves and their classmates by what year they are in. First years are known as “1L’s”, second years are known as “2L’s” and so on.
<b>Barrister</b>	Barrister is a lawyer who is specialized in representing clients in the Courts.
<b>Bencher</b>	<p>Benchers establish the Law Society Rules, the Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia and board policies, including governance policies. The Benchers also oversee the implementation and administration of programs carried out by the Law Society staff.</p> <p>There are two types of Benchers:  <b>Elected Benchers:</b> 25 lawyers who are elected by other lawyers in nine regions across BC. Benchers serve minimum two-year terms and can be re-elected.  <b>Appointed Benchers:</b> up to six non-lawyers who are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to represent the public interest.</p>
<b>Canadian Bar Association</b>	<p>The Canadian Bar Association (CBA) is the largest professional association for lawyers in Canada.</p> <p>The CBA has a national office in Ottawa and branches in every province and territory. Membership is voluntary in all but New Brunswick, where participation is mandatory through an agreement with the Law Society.</p>
<b>Chambers</b>	Chambers is another way of referring to pre-trial applications and procedures. The word “chambers” dates back to when a judge’s office was called his chambers and he (in the olden days most judges were men) would hear some applications from lawyers there. Today, “Chambers” hearings are in courtrooms that are open to the public and there can be many people present
<b>Concurrent Decision</b>	A judgment expressed by one or more judges that is in agreement with the majority decision but may be for different [legal] reasoning
<b>Damages</b>	<p>Damages are a remedy in the form of a monetary award to be paid to a claimant as compensation for loss or injury.</p> <p>Not to be confused with damage, which is defined as a loss or harm resulting from injury to a person, property, or reputation.</p>
<b>Dissent</b>	A judgment expressed by one or more judges that is not in agreement with the majority decision. The dissent can still be considered an important piece of jurisprudence, and in some cases has provided a precedent.



<b>Term</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>
<b>Fob</b>	Refers to our electronic key pass which will open doors to private spaces in the law building (the Library, the reading room, and the Fulton and Co. lounge). Fobs are given out at the beginning of your first year and returned at the end of your third year.
<b>Kamloops Bar Association (KBA)</b>	The KBA protects and advances the interests of the members of the legal profession residing or practicing in and about the City of Kamloops and also organizes social events, grants bursaries and scholarships.
<b>Law Society of BC</b>	<p>The Law Society of BC is the governing body of lawyers in British Columbia. The Law Society implements and runs the Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC) which is a requirement to have taken prior to you being able to be called to the bar.</p> <p>You will learn more about the Law Society in your required Ethics course.</p>
<b>Master</b>	<p>A Master has all the jurisdiction of a Registrar of the Court and can also preside at and conduct registrar hearings, inquiries, accountings, assessments, review of costs, and other matters imposed by statute or the Rules of Court.</p> <p>A Master can also preside and determine judicial hearings in Chambers relating to stages in the civil suit process.</p>
<b>Professional Legal Training Course (PLTC)</b>	PLTC is the law society's bar admission course and is part of the Law Society Admission Program. It is a full-time 10 week course, and completion of this course is one of the requirements for becoming a lawyer in BC.
<b>Pro Bono</b>	Legal services performed free of charge or at reduced fees for the public good.
<b>Sections</b>	In the first year, students are separated into two sections. Typically, sections are an equal split between the total number of students in the incoming class. You will spend most of your academic time with the people in your section, but never let that stop you from being social with the other 1Ls in the other section!
<b>Solicitor</b>	A solicitor is a lawyer that generally practices in the giving of oral or written legal advice. Solicitors don't often go to court.



<b>Terms I Wish I Knew in 0L</b>	
<b>Articles</b>	Before being called to the bar in Canada, you must complete a work placement with a qualified legal employer, referred to as your “articles”, or your “articling position”. Articling positions are usually full-time, and last between 9-12 months (depending on the jurisdiction in which you article). Once you have been approved by the relevant Law Society as an articulated student (including meeting their “good character” requirement), you can provide most legal services.
<b>Clerkship/ “Clerking”</b>	Under the direction of one or more judges, clerks research points of law, prepare memoranda of law, and attend court proceedings. Clerking is a prestigious and unique opportunity to develop legal skills and learn how the justice system works. Clerkships occur after graduation and are typically 10 to 12 month terms.
<b>On-Campus Interviews (OCI’s)</b>	OCIs are short, “screening” interviews which are one part of a formal, regulated recruitment process for certain summer jobs at larger law firms. This process typically occurs in the Fall semester for second-year students. The application period for participating in the OCI process typically occurs in the summer after your first year and continues into the Fall of your second year. The Career Services Office will provide information, workshops, and mock interview sessions leading up and during OCIs.
<b>Summers/ Summer Articles</b>	Refers to working for a legal employer for the summer. Although it depends on the employer, summer positions can lead to full articling positions.

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*ADDRESSING LEGAL PROFESSIONALS*

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You will be given many opportunities over the course of your law degree to meet legal professionals both inside and outside the courtroom. Navigating these social interactions can sometimes be intimidating, so it is helpful to know the proper salutations in advance:

**Within the Courtroom:** Judges of the BC Supreme Court and the BC Court of Appeal are officially called “justices”. The proper way of addressing them in court is as follows:

- Your Lordship, Your Ladyship;
- My Lord, My Lady;

**Outside the Courtroom:** Judges from the Supreme Court and the BC Court of appeal are typically called “Chief Justice”, “Mr. Justice”, “Madam Justice”, “Judge”, “Sir”, or “Madam”. If the judge is retired, the most appropriate salutation is “Honourable”.

**Masters:** The most appropriate form of address for a Master is “Your Honour”.





### **Christi McAuley, Director of Career Services**

Christi supports TRU Law students in their search for legal employment, and as a non-practicing lawyer uses her previous legal experience to give law students an inside perspective on career-related matters. See the above section on Career Services Online for more information.

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#### *WHAT SHOULD I WEAR TO CLASS?*

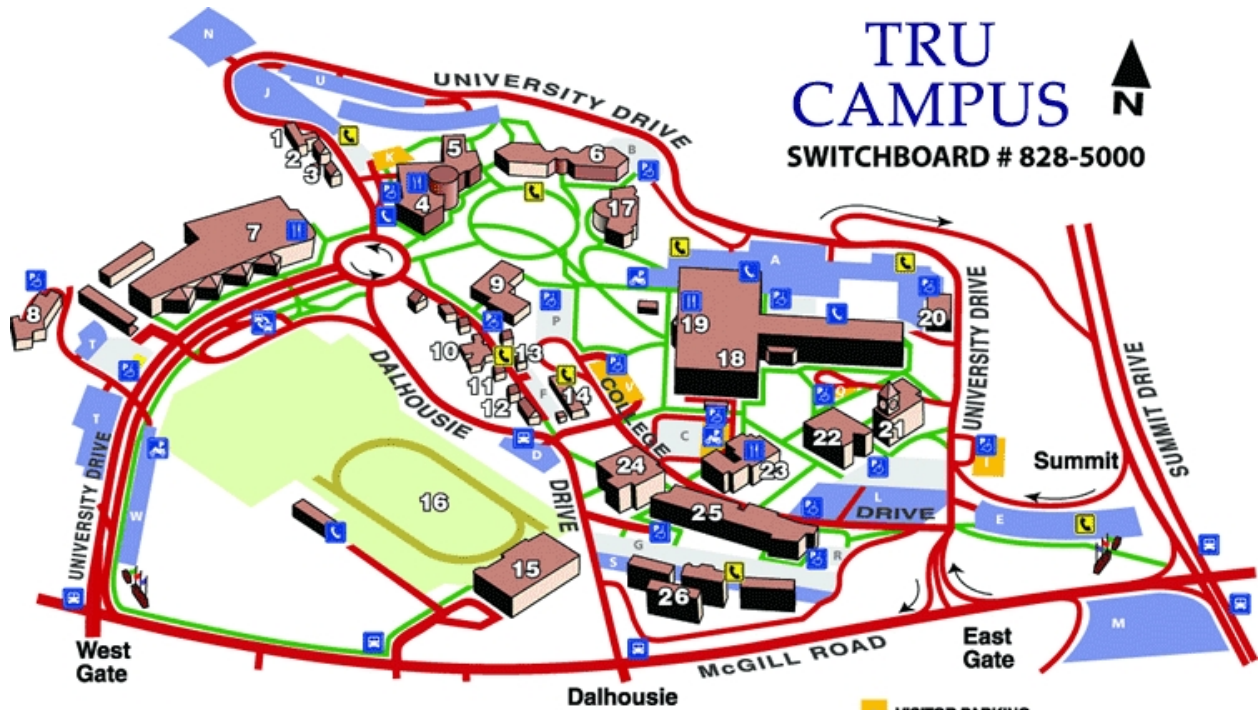
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You are in no way expected to wear business attire to class. In special circumstances, your professor may request you wear a suit or business attire to a class if there is a guest lecturer. On your first day of school at the welcoming breakfast, the faculty takes a picture of you. This photo will be used by the faculty to identify you in classroom discussions for the next 3 years, so you may want to wear a suit and bring a brush on your first day.

#### ***Do I need a suit?***

Yes. It would be ideal to have two full suits to ensure that you'll be ready for multiple possible networking events in your first year of law school. Generally, navy and dark grey are encouraged for male students. Navy and all shades of grey are encouraged for female students. However, black is an acceptable choice too. Don't feel like you need to pay top dollar for your first suit!

It may be worth considering getting your suit tailored. Spending some extra money on tailoring may make you feel more comfortable in your clothes and over the next few years there will be some *long* days spent in your suit. Looking and feeling more comfortable will make "suit days" a better experience.

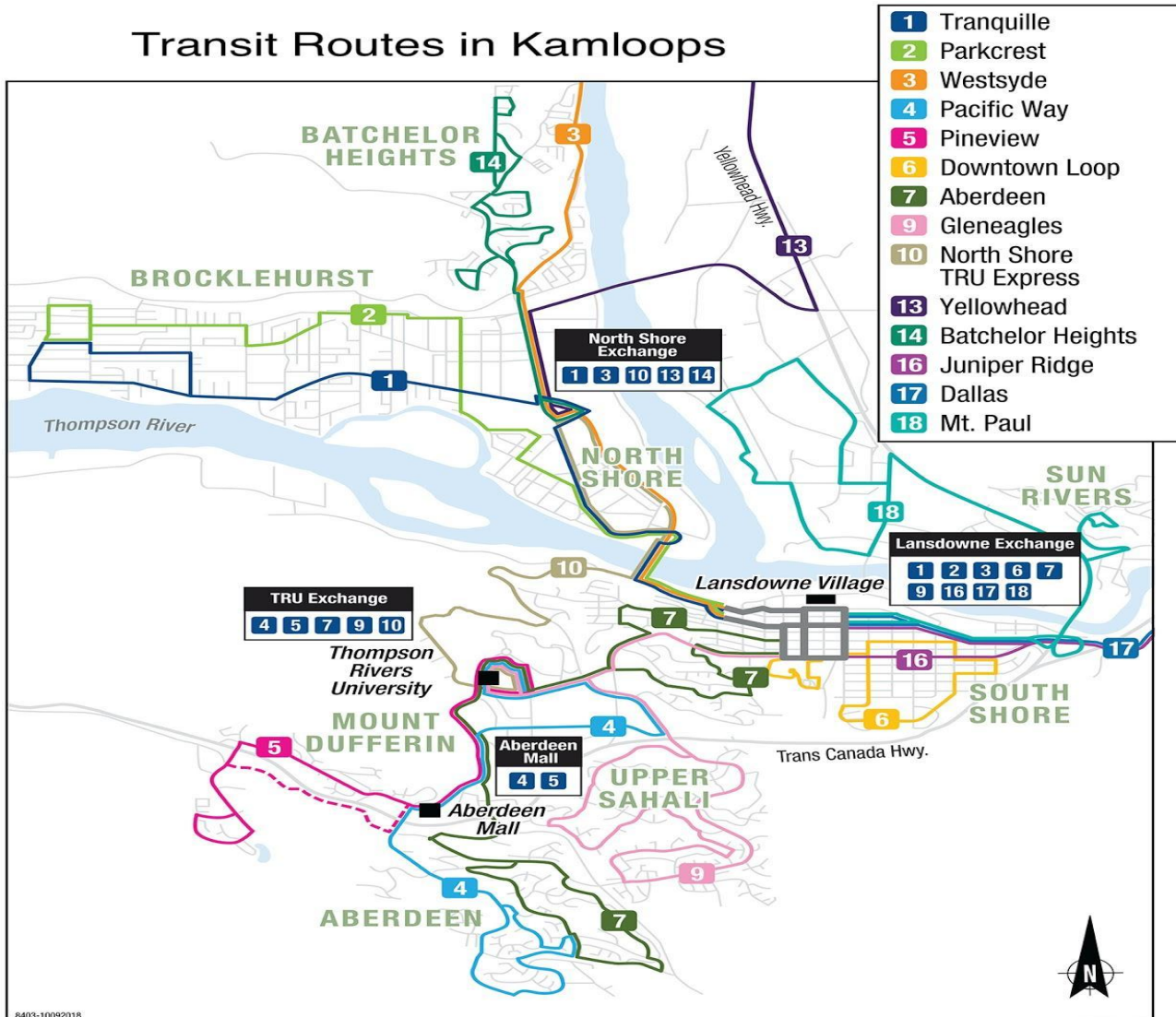


**LEGEND**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Horticulture               | 10 Child Care                 | 19 <i>Student Street</i>         | VISITOR PARKING     |
| 2 Foundation/Alumni          | 11 Aboriginal Cultural Centre | 20 Faculty Annex A               | HANDICAP PARKING    |
| 3 CFBX Radio                 | 12 Research Centre            | 21 Clocktower                    | STUDENT PARKING     |
| 4 Campus Activity Centre     | 13 Omega                      | 22 Library                       | MOTORCYCLE PARKING  |
| 5 Independent Centre         | 14 Parking Services           | 23 Culinary Arts Training Centre | PAY PHONE           |
| 6 Arts & Education           | 15 Aquatic Centre (City)      | 24 Gymnasium                     | EMERGENCY TELEPHONE |
| 7 Trades & Technology Centre | 16 Hillside Stadium (City)    | 25 Sciences/Health Sciences      | BUS STOP            |
| 8 Animal Health Technology   | 17 International Building     | 26 McGill Student Housing        | TRANSIT EXCHANGE    |
| 9 General Office Complex     | 18 Old Main                   |                                  | FOOD SERVICE        |



## Transit Routes in Kamloops



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