



Royal Thimphu College

Prospectus 2024

Bhutan's first and only A+ accredited institution

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STUDY AT ROYAL THIMPHU COLLEGE

“Inspiring Education in Bhutan” is both an aspiration and a description of the education offered at Royal Thimphu College (RTC), Bhutan’s first and only A+ accredited institution. This aspiration expresses both the vision of the college, to inspire the education sector by setting a worthy example, and also describes the type of education that the college offers.

Why Choose RTC?

- Bhutan’s first and only A+ accredited institution
- World-class education in a distinctly Bhutanese setting
- Affiliated with the Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) and Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB)
- Affordable fees and scholarships
- Career/personal guidance and development as an integral part of the programmes
- Innovative courses attuned to current and future job needs
- Diverse Bhutanese and international faculty members, emphasising on both national values and international perspectives
- Global partnerships with opportunities for students to participate in cultural exchanges and study-abroad programmes
- Wide array of extracurricular activities and on-campus job opportunities

GET THE RTC ADVANTAGE

- The college provides career skills development activities for all final year and other interested students in order to prepare them for the job market. These include personal aptitude identification, interview and job preparation skills, resume writing, career fairs, panel discussions with alumni and potential employers. The Career Development Office also provides career counselling to help students make informed decisions about career choices.
- Students are encouraged to participate in internships and projects with local employers, supported by RTC.
- The Indian Ambassador generously grants one scholarship for Master’s studies in India to a member of every cohort graduating from RTC.
- Additional certificate courses are available for RTC students, for an edge in the job market.



ACADEMICS

RTC has well-equipped, modern infrastructure for an effective teaching-learning experience. Led by highly qualified and experienced faculty members from numerous countries, students are offered an international-style learning environment, including projects, group discussions, presentations, fieldwork, and lectures. In addition, the college provides services focusing on:

- Life skills development, including oral and written communication
- IT and analytical skills
- Advising, mentoring, tutoring, and career counselling services

Students and guardians can stay up-to-date on students’ academic performance at any time through our unique online student results portal.



Academic Calendar

Semester	Period	Duration
Autumn	Late July to Mid December	19 weeks
Spring	Mid February to Early July	19 weeks

Adjusting to College Life & Expectations

In addition to regular classes, all 1st-year students participate in RTC’s innovative module, Orientation to College Learning (OCL) in the first semester. OCL emphasises on improving competency in written and spoken English and developing an independent/analytical frame of mind. This module also helps students learn to manage their time efficiently and to be well-prepared for college-level learning.

Few programmes also offer bridge courses to incoming students to help them better prepare for various subjects related to their academic programmes.

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Midwifery (4 year)

This programme provides the theoretical, practical and clinical knowledge and experience that future nurses will need in order to support health systems in Bhutan and beyond. Six months of internship in the fourth year will provide adequate time to apply theoretical knowledge to the clinical setting by encouraging them to function as a member of the multidisciplinary health care team, enhancing communication and relationship skills, strengthening assessment and clinical skills, and beginning the transition from student nurse to professional nurse.

Bachelor of Arts in English Studies (4 year)

In this programme students will gain a broad knowledge of global literature in English and related issues and debates, a flavour of emerging literature by Bhutanese writers, and a solid grounding in communication skills using English as the medium. The language modules give students the opportunity to develop their written and oral English skills, with a view to employment in creative areas, media settings, education, business (e.g. programme officer, advertising and marketing, content writing), or government, public policy and advocacy.

Bachelor of Arts in Development Economics (4 year)

This unique programme incorporates an international standard economics curriculum, emphasises research, and helps graduates address what Bhutan and the global economy need right now and in the future. Upon successful completion, graduates will have adequate training to pursue careers as economists, development practitioners, policy analysts, civil servants, consultants, researchers, managers, businessmen, bankers, social leaders, political leaders, and academicians.

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management (4 year)

Environmental Management students will gain a good grounding in natural and social sciences, economics and humanities, and business and policy, with environmentally-focused coursework in these areas. This field of study encompasses a lot of hands-on exposure through field works, block weeks and internship programme. Graduates will be well-prepared for careers in a variety of diverse fields, including environmental compliance and monitoring at government organisations, corporate and industrial bodies, environmental consulting firms and CSOs.

Bachelor of Arts in Social Science (4 year)

This brand new programme offered only at the Royal Thimphu College in the country, provides students with a strong foundation in the broad field of social science. This programme fosters critical thinking and problem-solving by integrating diverse social science theories and teaching-learning and research methods. It emphasises interdisciplinary study, delving into human conditions and global social challenges through politics, sociology, environment, and science and technology. Students gain analytical skills and apply them to real-world contexts, including Bhutan and the broader world. Public and private sector opportunities include positions with government agencies, CSOs, international organisations, consultancies, social work/advocacy, and in the tourism sector.

Business Programmes

RTC is great for business. Our outstanding faculty mentorship has resulted in students winning prizes in national and international business competitions. An RTC, education in Business means the experience you can trust. BBA and BCom programmes have been offered at RTC since 2009 and are continually updated with increased emphasis on continuous practical skills development. After a common foundation year, the Business Studies bifurcates into BBA and BCom as follows:

Bachelor of Business Administration: Student will gain an understanding of conceptual and applied aspects of management and business, as well as develop entrepreneurial skills for self-employment. Within the BBA degree, there are majors in HR, General Management and Marketing. The BBA opens up a variety of career opportunities in the world of business and public sectors, specifically in the areas such as marketing, human resource management, tourism and management information systems.

Bachelor of Commerce: The programme provides strong academic knowledge and majors in Finance or Accounting required to match the growing needs of industry and commerce, such as the need for effective analysis and evaluation of business and economic situations. Graduates with a BCom degree will be prepared for a wide range of professional careers in business or the public and private sector.

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts and Creative Media (4 year)

For those students wishing to pursue a career in communications, media and production, public relations, education, business, film-making, journalism, or technical aspects of media, the BA in Communication and Creative Media at RTC offers knowledge and practice-based programme of study suited for the rapidly changing communications landscape of Bhutan and beyond. Students will work with the internet, social media, audio, photography, video, and digital graphics while they learn about communication as an art and science in a variety of settings and applications.

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology (4 year)

Anthropology is the study of human cultures. This programme aims to provide undergraduate students with a solid grounding in this diverse field of inquiry that looks at the functioning and meaning of culture and society in numerous contexts such as families, heritage, gender, development, globalisation, and others. Graduates can look forward to a variety of careers in teaching and research, corporate settings and business, government (in national and local governmental organisations) in planning, research and managerial capacities, and non-profit and community-based organisations.

Bachelor of Sports and Health Sciences (4 year)

Targeted particularly to sports enthusiasts and sports professionals, this new 4 years Bachelor programme under the auspices of the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB) is open to all the class XII streams. This programme of study will help sharpen the various sporting skills in a scientific manner, with the necessary understanding of basic health principles. The course of study will provide theoretical knowledge and practical skills that the sports professionals will require to improve their performance, and for the future sports managers, coaches, trainers and instructors to manage, teach and train the youths in sports and games.





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - SPORTS

Games and sports promote healthy physical activity and develop social connections among students. The College has some of the best sporting facilities in the country with:

- A full-size artificial turf football field
- Indoor and outdoor basketball courts
- Table tennis / badminton court
- Volleyball court
- Archery / Khuru field
- Futsal pitch
- Indoor-outdoor fitness centre
- Pickleball Court

ON-CAMPUS JOBS

A wide range of on-campus job opportunities are available for students such as:

- IT assistants
- Resident assistants
- Library assistants
- Student Interns
- Gym assistants
- Research assistants

These on-campus jobs come with a stipend and give students the experience and skills they need to build their future.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

In addition to its regular daytime programme, RTC offers a Continuing Education (CE) degree programme for working professionals. CE classes are conducted in the evenings and on Saturdays to allow students to continue their regular day jobs. The 4-year CE Programme is equivalent to the regular full-time bachelor's programmes, as the candidates undergo the same number of contact hours and follow the same curriculum. Currently, CE is offered in the programme of Business Studies (BCom and BBA).



Distinguished Guest Lecture: His Excellency Sudhakar Dalela, Indian Ambassador to Bhutan.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST LECTURE SERIES

RTC regularly hosts a Guest Lecture Series in which distinguished personalities from within Bhutan and around the world give talks and interact with the students, faculty, and staff.

These talks enable you to:

- Listen and engage with recognised leaders from various professions
- Gain exposure to a wide variety of ideas
- Share your views with influential individuals

In the past, religious leaders, government ministers, diplomats, business executives, academics, writers, artists and social workers have all participated in these interactive sessions.

LIVE ON CAMPUS OR AT HOME

Student Life – Accommodation and Other Facilities

The college provides a secure and pleasant living environment for about 600 students who reside on campus in the 10 residence halls. Rooms are shared by 2 to 4 students. Laundry, hot water facilities, and a common room with TV and lounge are available in each residence hall.

For day scholars, a frequent city bus service is available between RTC and Thimphu.

College Facilities Include:

- Wi-Fi coverage over the entire campus and in all residence rooms
- Fully equipped IT labs with high-speed internet connections
- On-campus infirmary and health services
- Excellent sporting facilities
- A well-stocked library
- Canteen and dining facilities
- On-campus convenience store
- Counselling services
- 4G Telecom services
- ATM services



SCHOLARSHIPS

The college awards over 50 scholarships annually, under the following categories:

A. RTC Academic Scholarship

RTC awards 12 Academic Scholarships annually:

- 2 Full Scholarships: Candidates must have an aggregate of 75% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.
- 4 Full Tuition Waiver: Candidates must have an aggregate of 70% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.
- 6 Partial (50%) Tuition Waiver: Candidates must have an aggregate of 65% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.

B. WWF-Train Legacy Scholarship

WWF Bhutan awards up to 4 Scholarships (2 Full and 2 Full Tuition Waiver Scholarships) annually to study Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management at RTC:

A minimum aggregate of 65% (English + three best subjects) is required for all streams:

- Science students with a minimum of 55% in Biology OR 55% in Mathematics and 50% in English.
- Commerce students with a minimum of 55% in Mathematics/Business Mathematics and 50% in English.
- Arts students with 70% in Geography and 50% in English.

C. RTC-YDF Need-Based Scholarship

Bhutan Youth Development Fund (YDF) awards up to 2 Full Scholarships annually to study at RTC. The scholarships will cover all tuition and boarding costs for 3/4 years. Candidates must have an aggregate of 50% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria. The candidates must be 22 years or younger on the date of application.

D. RTC-BOC Sports Scholarship

RTC and Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) jointly awards up to 10 Full Scholarships annually to candidates with outstanding sporting achievements to study at RTC. The scholarships will cover all tuition and boarding costs for 3/4 years. Candidates must have an aggregate of 55% (English + three best subjects) and must meet the subject criteria.

E. Loden-RTC Need-Based Scholarship

Loden Foundation and RTC jointly offer up to a maximum of 8 Full Scholarships annually. For complete scholarship guidelines, visit www.loden.org.

F. Himalayan Higher Education Fund Scholarship

The Himalayan Higher Education Fund (HHEF) will offer up to 5 Full Scholarships to female students to study Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management at RTC. The scholarship will cover all tuition and boarding costs for the entire duration of the programme.

Eligibility criteria:

- Candidates with a minimum of 50% aggregate in four best subjects and 50% in English.
- Preference will be given to applicants from remote areas.
- Applicants should be 18+ years old at the time of application.

G. Comfutura Foundation Scholarship

The Comfutura Foundation in Germany provides 1 Full Scholarship, complemented by modest additional funds for essential stationery, to pursue studies in the Business Programme (B.Com / BBA) at RTC. This scholarship is exclusively designated for an exceptional female applicant who has demonstrated a distinct and substantiated financial need. Candidates must have an aggregate of 60% (English + three best subjects).

H. RGoB Scholarship

The RGoB generously provides Full Scholarships annually for degree programmes at RTC. The scholarships are available to class XII graduates of 2024 (not repeaters) from both within and outside the country.

Visit www.rcsc.gov.bt for more information.

Note: Check announcements on www.rtc.bt and the RTC Facebook page at fb.com/RoyalThimphuCollege for scholarship announcements and deadlines.





CULTURAL EXCHANGE & INTERNATIONAL STUDY-ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

RTC has been expanding its international partnerships and presently has agreements with over 70 educational institutes around the world.

- Students partake in an academic adventure through our Study Abroad Programme, granting them the opportunity to acquire knowledge in esteemed destinations such as the EU, the US, and Japan, engaging in a variety of academic disciplines for one or two semesters. The Programme ensures a seamless journey, encompassing partner coordination and final student placement across diverse universities. Envision the myriad possibilities as students immerse themselves in diverse cultures, academic landscapes, and global perspectives. This immersive experience not only moulds future leaders but also fosters enduring connections.
- We prioritise enriching experiences by sending our staff and faculty members for exchanges at our partner universities. This initiative fosters a dynamic exchange of ideas, practices, and knowledge across borders, contributing to a more globally connected educational community.

Imagine yourself taking advantage of these and many other international opportunities!

Our International Partners and Exchanges Include:

Canada - Squamish, British Columbia, and Grassroots Institute

Thailand - Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thammasat University (SIIT)

Japan - SEISA University, Kansai University, Osaka University of Economics and Law, University of Fukui, and Kyoto University, Kokoro Research Centre

Australia - Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, University of New England, Curtin University, and Southern Cross University

India - Sikkim University and TERI University

Indonesia - Jember University

Nepal - Kathmandu University and ICIMOD, Tribhuvan University, and School for International Training (SIT)

Singapore - NUS Ridge

Europe - Universities in Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic, Spain, Portugal, France, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Croatia, Lithuania, Romania, Belgium, Estonia, Slovenia, Italy and Liechtenstein

USA - Wheaton College, Massachusetts, Centre College, Kentucky, Academic Programs International (API), Texas, Pitzer College, California, University of California, Davis, University of Idaho, Linfield College, Oregon

- University of Oklahoma
- Colorado Mountain College

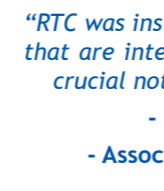


HONOUR ROLL



"What RTC has provided me is beyond academics. It is the life skills that have made me come thus far. With exceptional tutors, they have navigated my career with their knowledge and right now I am navigating my life in the air".

- Kinley Tenzin, Graduate of 2022, Bachelor of Arts in English Studies
- Flight Operations Officer, DrukAir



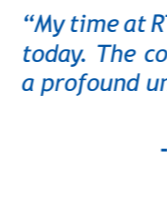
"RTC was instrumental in shaping my appreciation for learning and research, which are skills that are integral to my job. RTC also taught me that independent and critical thinking are crucial not only for a career, but also in how you approach your life and make choices."

- Zeerie Chhodoen, Graduate of 2019, BA Developmental Economics
- Associate Analyst, Innotech Department, Druk Holding and Investments (DHI)



"RTC is renowned for its exceptional tutors and a curriculum that is not only academically rigorous but also intensely focused on preparing students for their future careers, supported by advanced teaching materials".

- Arati Rai, Graduate of 2022, Bachelor of Arts in English Studies
- Admissions Officer, Universal Education Consultancy



"My time at RTC was a transformative chapter that continues to shape my journey as an educator today. The comprehensive curriculum and emphasis on critical thinking at RTC instilled in me a profound understanding of economic theories and their real-world applications, which laid a strong foundation for my current career."

- Ugyen Zangmo, Graduate of 2021, BA in Development Economics
- Recipient of DAHE Scholarship 2018
- Teacher, Nganglam Middle Secondary School



"I've learned to embrace the unknowns and challenges that await me beyond college. Life at RTC was a transformative and inspiring journey that has left an indelible mark in my heart and mind. I am thankful to RTC for everything that has brought me success thus far and in the future".

- Pabitra Adhikari, Graduate of 2021, B.Com, Accounting
- Assistant Accountants Officer, Bhutan Airlines



ADMISSIONS

Admission to RTC is conducted on a rolling basis after the declaration of the Bhutan Class XII results each year. Academic achievement in high school is the primary consideration. However, RTC also takes into account other factors such as participation in extracurricular activities, recognised personal achievements, aptitude, leadership potential and references. RTC is looking for students who are not only academically strong but who are also well-rounded and highly motivated.

International students who are interested in attending RTC should contact the International Relations Office at iro@rtc.bt

APPLY NOW

- Application guidelines are available on the RTC website at www.rtc.bt
- Apply online by completing the online form available on the website
- Apply in person by visiting the Admissions Office at the campus

For any further queries on admissions, please send us an email at admission@rtc.bt or info@rtc.bt/call +975-17982500/+975-02-351801/351802/351808 or visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RoyalThimphuCollege>

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APPLY EARLY & SECURE THE PROGRAMME OF YOUR CHOICE