



Royal Thimphu College

Prospectus 2021

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 private college. 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, emphasizing 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 counseling 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 counseling 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 Early December	17 weeks
Spring	Late February to Early July	17 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 emphasizes 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.

Several 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 (4yr)

BSc Nursing and Midwifery programme in affiliation with the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan 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 skill, and beginning the transition from student nurse to professional nurse.

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication

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 Mass Communication at RTC offers a 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 English Studies

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 Anthropology

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, globalization, 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 organizations in planning, research and managerial capacities), and non-profit and community-based organizations.



Business Programmes

RTC is great for business: Our outstanding faculty mentorship has resulted in student prizes in national and international business competitions. An RTC education in Business means 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.

Bachelor of Business Administration: Students will gain an understanding of conceptual and applied aspects of management and business, as well as develop entrepreneurial skills for self-employment. The BBA opens up a variety of career opportunities in the world of business and government, in fields such as marketing, human resource management, tourism and management information systems.

Bachelor of Commerce: The programme provides strong academic knowledge and skills 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 will be prepared for a wide range of professional careers in business or the public sector.

Bachelor of Arts in Development Economics

This unique programme incorporates an international standard economics curriculum, emphasizes 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 Arts in Political Science and Sociology

This programme provides students with a strong foundation in dual subjects. It offers a complementary way of understanding major political and social developments. The programme enables students to understand political philosophy and management within the context of society. Students can look forward to a variety of jobs within the government, NGOs, civil society, and in the political sphere.

Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management (4yr)

Environmental Management students will gain a core foundation in natural and social sciences, economics and humanities, and business and policy, with environmentally-focused coursework in these areas. They will be well-prepared for careers in a variety of diverse fields, including environmental compliance and monitoring at government organizations, corporate and industrial bodies, environmental consulting, non-governmental environmental advocacy, or public policy.





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-length artificial turf football field
- Indoor and outdoor basketball courts
- Table tennis/badminton court
- Volleyball court
- Archery/khuru field
- Futsal pitch
- Indoor-outdoor fitness centre

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

These on-campus jobs come with a stipend and give you the experience and skills you need to build your 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.



Distinguished Guest Lecture : Her Excellency the Health Minister, Honourable Lyonpo Dechen Wangmo

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 recognized 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
- A well-stocked library
- Excellent sporting facilities
- On-campus Infirmary and health services
- Cafeteria and dining facilities
- On-campus convenience store
- Counseling services
- 4G Telecom services
- ATM services



SCHOLARSHIPS

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

A. RTC Academic Scholarship

RTC awards 12 Academic Scholarships annually:

- 2 Full Scholarship: Candidates must have an aggregate of 75% (English plus three best subject) and must meet the subject criteria.
- 4 Full Tuition Waiver: Candidates must have an aggregate of 70% (English plus three best subject) and must meet the subject criteria.
- 6 Partial (50%) Tuition Waiver: Candidates must have an aggregate of 65% (English plus three best subject) 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 of 65% minimum (English plus 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 years. Candidates must have an aggregate of 50% (English plus three best subject) and must meet the subject criteria. The candidates must be 22 years or younger on the date of application.

D. RTC-BOC Sports Scholarship

Bhutan Olympic Committee (BOC) awards up to 6 Full Scholarships annually to candidate with outstanding sporting achievements to study at RTC. The scholarships will cover all tuition and boarding costs for 3 years. Candidates must have an aggregate of 55% (English plus three best subject) and must meet the subject criteria.

E. RTC-BFF Football Scholarship

RTC in cooperation with Bhutan Football Federation awards up to 3 Full Scholarships for footballers annually to study at RTC. The scholarships will cover all tuition and boarding costs for 3 years. Candidates should be members of the national football team and must meet the RTC admission criteria.

F. Loden-RTC Need-Based Scholarship

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

G. Comfutura Foundation Scholarship

The Comfutura Foundation in Germany provides 1 Full Scholarship with modest additional funds for basic stationery purchases to study at RTC for 3 years. The scholarship is provided to an outstanding female applicant with demonstrated clear financial need. Candidates must have an aggregate of 60% (English plus three best subject).

H. Himalayan Higher Education Fund Scholarship

The Himalayan Higher Education Fund (HHEF) offers 1 Full Scholarship to a female applicant 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.

I. RGoB-MoE-DAHE Scholarship

The Department of Adult and Higher Education (DAHE), Ministry of Education generously provides a total of 30 Full Scholarships annually for various bachelor's degree programmes at RTC. Visit www.dahe.gov.bt.





CULTURAL EXCHANGE & INTERNATIONAL STUDY-ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

RTC has been expanding its international partnerships and presently has agreements with over 50 educational institutes around the world.

- Currently, RTC has an award-winning partnership with Wheaton College in the USA. Selected RTC students and staff visit Wheaton College for a 2-week study programme.
- As part of an academic partnership with SEISA University, 10 RTC students accompanied by a staff member visit Japan for 2 weeks.
- As of 2020, 18 selected RTC students have completed their study abroad exchanges at Centre College and the University of Idaho in the USA, Osaka University of Economics and Law in Japan and at 8 Universities across Europe.

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

Our International Partners and Exchanges Include:

Canada - Quest University, Squamish, British Columbia

Japan - SEISA University, Kansai University and Osaka University of Economics and Law

Australia - Edith Cowan University

India - Sikkim University

Indonesia - Jember University

Nepal - Kathmandu University and ICIMOD

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

USA - Wheaton College, Massachusetts

- Academic Programs International (API), Texas

- Pitzer College, California

- University of California, Davis

- University of Idaho

- Linfield College, Oregon

- Centre College, Kentucky

- University of Oklahoma



HONOUR ROLL



"My heartfelt gratitude to Kencho Sum; special thanks to RTC for choosing me as one of your merit scholarship recipients 3 years ago. RTC will always hold a special place in my heart, for being - as I always say - my saving grace."

- Yeshi Choden, Graduate of 2019, BA English Studies

- 1st position in PGDPA Category, RCSE 2019

- Assistant Program Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, RGoB

"I remain forever grateful to Royal Thimphu College and to everyone who built me up, cheered me, and supported me. RTC is an amazing place in meeting so many inspiring people. It has been such an honour to be a part of RTC and I wish for a continuing strong relationship between RTC and SEISA. Thank you!"

- Jigme Dorji, Graduate of 2016, BA English and Environmental Studies

- Recipient of DAHE Scholarship 2013

- International Service Coordinator at SEISA Takao Campus, Tokyo, Japan



"Royal Thimphu College was a blessing to me which helped open the door to a world full of opportunities to where I am today. I will always cherish RTC as my life saviour for all times."

- Kinga Choden, Graduate of 2017, BA Economics and Environmental Studies

- Recipient of DAHE Scholarship 2014

- Assistant Manager, Paro Branch, Bhutan National Bank Limited

"The most important thing that I took back from RTC is that everything is an investment and the four years of my life vested at RTC has so far been my greatest investment."

- Kuenga Dhendup, Graduate of 2014, Bachelor of Computer Applications

- Co-founder, Kingdom Essences



"My professional achievements in life are largely owing to the efforts the College has put in. It has created a platform for students to develop and advance. I am fortunate to have received these opportunities to develop myself."

- Tashi Choden, Graduate of 2016, BA Political Science and Sociology

- Recipient of Indian Ambassador Scholarship for Master's Studies 2018

- Associate Lecturer, Royal Thimphu College



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 extra-curricular activities, recognized 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 at 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>

APPLY EARLY & SECURE THE PROGRAMME OF YOUR CHOICE

Come and discover your best, do your best and live your best!