



**ROYAL THIMPHU
COLLEGE**

Royal Thimphu College

Fact Information Sheet



About Bhutan

- Bhutan is a democratic constitutional monarchy. The current 5th reigning King, or the “Druk Gyalpo” is His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck.
- Population: approx. 770,276 (National Statistics Bureau)
- Languages: Dzongkha (national language), English (official and widely spoken), and others including Nepali and Hindi, as well as some local dialects such as Sarchopkha or Tshangla.
- Bhutan’s state religion is Vajrayana Buddhism, practised by the majority of the population, with Hinduism as the second most widespread.
- Currency: Ngultrum [1 USD = approx. Nu. 83] [1 AUD = approx. Nu. 55]. Typically most guests exchange \$100 or \$200 at the airport or banks (during working hours). RTC also provides the facility to exchange currency on campus.
- Altitude: Between 200 to 7000+ metres (sub-tropical to alpine).
- Country Phone Code: Bhutan's country code is +975.

About Thimphu City

- Population: approx. 130,000
- Altitude: Between 2,300 – 2,700 metres
- City Phone Code: Thimphu City code is 02 for fixed lines. To call from a mobile to a fixed-line number, use the city code first (eg: 02 and then the phone number)



About the Royal Thimphu College



General information		
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Royal Thimphu College in Bhutan (www.rtc.bt) is a private undergraduate college with Bachelor's degree programmes affiliated to the national public universities, the Royal University of Bhutan (RUB) and the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan (KGUMSB). RTC is the first private College in Bhutan, open since 2009. In 2016, it became the first independently accredited tertiary educational institute in the country achieving the Bhutan Accreditation Council's highest, A+, rating.

Study areas include: Bachelor of Arts programmes in Sociology & Political Science, Economics, English, Anthropology, and Mass Communication; Bachelor of Science programme in Environmental Management; Bachelor of Sports and Health Sciences and a BSc in Nursing and Midwifery. Also, about 40% of the College's 1350 students are in business programmes (Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Commerce). Our primary mission is to provide a College education that can push the standard traditional model of education slowly towards more modern/innovative approaches focusing on the holistic/skills-based development of our students.

Since Royal Thimphu College's very early days, we have felt that having good international exposure is important for us and our primarily Bhutanese students. Having a range of international faculty members is part of the College's internationalisation strategy, and there are currently about 90 faculty members from about 9 countries on campus. International student peers on campus are another important aspect of our strategy. Therefore, we became the first full-scale study-abroad option in Bhutan for students from other countries in 2010. Since then we have had over 550 students from the USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, India, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Thailand and several European countries, among others, in both semester-study abroad and short-term programmes. The College has since initiated bidirectional exchanges with several partners, gaining considerable experience with such bidirectional mobilities of both students and staff.

For more information on International Student Exchange Programme, visit: <https://www.rtc.bt/index.php/global-education-hub/international-students-study-abroad-programme/international-student-study-abroad>

Academic Calendar:

Each academic year starts in late July and ends in early July of the next year, with a long winter break approximately December-February; there are generally no long holiday breaks within semesters.

- Autumn Semester is from late July to early December (the final week is exams).
- Winter break is approximately December – February.
- Spring Semester is from late February to early July (the final week is exams).
- Summer break is within the month of July.

For more details, visit: <https://www.rtc.bt/index.php/academics/academic-calendar>

Accommodation and Transportation



Incoming students are placed in the on-campus hostels and can avail dining options at the on-campus student dining hall. They are provided with airport pick up and drop off services by the college. They are provided with an extensive orientation to Bhutan and the College both before departure and through a week-long orientation upon arrival, including being paired with local students for peer activities to welcome the students to their new environment. Detailed information is provided in student handbooks that are provided upon student's admission at the Royal Thimphu College. Regular wellness check-ins are conducted monthly, and international students are facilitated for group outings several times a semester.

Student Facilities

Students can avail following facilities in the college:

1. Residential Life
2. Dining Hall
3. Laundry Unit
4. Book/Convenience Store
5. Fitness Centre/Gym
6. Sports facilities
7. Library
8. IT lab

For More information:
<https://www.rtc.bt/index.php/aboutrtc/facilities-events/facilities-for-students/extracurricular-facilities> and
<https://www.rtc.bt/index.php/aboutrtc/facilities-events/facilities-for-students/library-and-it>