

## Program Overview

The Gross National Happiness (GNH) Summer Programme+ at Royal Thimphu College offers an immersive, interdisciplinary learning experience that explores Bhutan's holistic development philosophy of Gross National Happiness, and a week of Cultural Apprenticeship. Over the course of **four weeks** (optional 4th week), participants will examine the practical applications of Buddhist principles and GNH values in shaping policy, business practices, and societal well-being. The programme combines academic rigour with hands-on learning, creating a unique opportunity to engage with Bhutan's cultural heritage and sustainable development practices.

The programme consists of five modules (two core and three electives), all interconnected through Buddhist philosophy and the central theme of GNH, and an optional week on the **Bhutanese Cultural System**. Each module requires **40 notional hours** of learning, leading to 12 RTC credits.

### Core Modules

#### Week 1

**GNH101**  
GDP and its Alternatives: De-Growth, Well-Being, and Sustainability

#### Week 2

**GNH102**  
Concept, Measurement, and Praxis of GNH in Bhutan

### Elective Modules (Select 1 elective)

#### Week 3

**GNH103**  
Operationalising GNH- Policy and Practice.

**GNH104**  
Gross National Happiness of Business

**GNH105**  
Buddhism, Bhutanese Heritage, and Gross National Happiness

### Bhutanese Cultural System: Ecology, Embodiment, and Cosmology (Optional)

#### Week 4

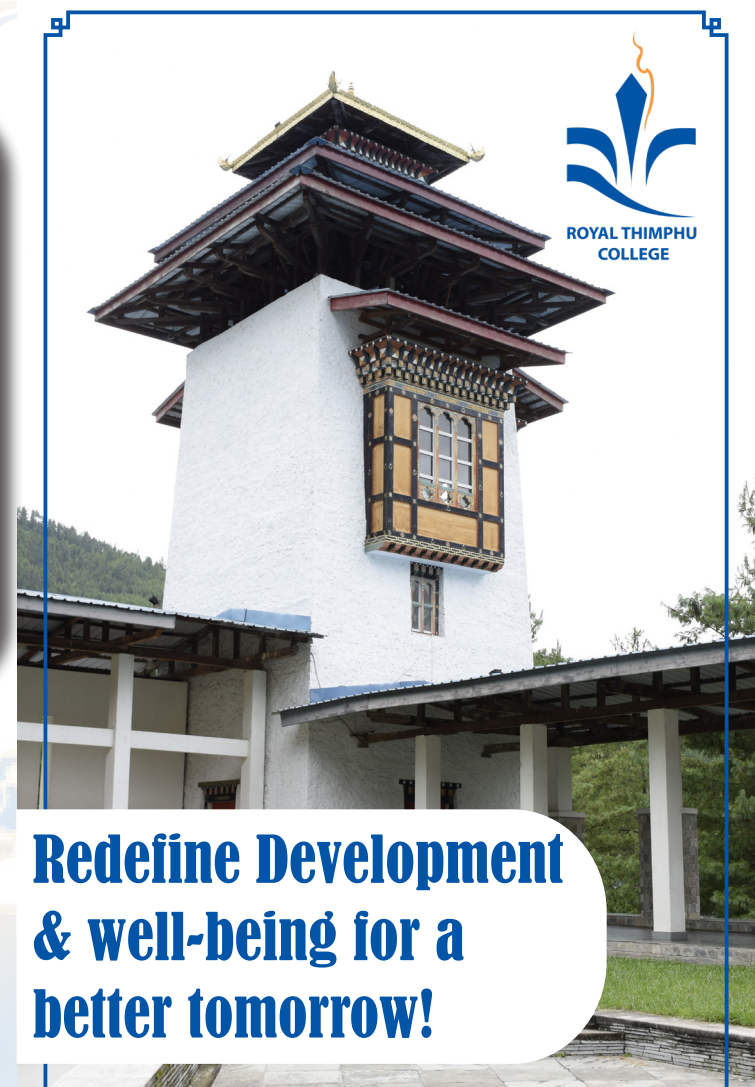
Where the Cranes Dance: Phobjikha - A Case of Human-Crane Coexistence.  
The Bhutanese Trilogy: A Workshop on Sport, Cuisine, and Musical Heritage  
Mapping Your Destiny: A Practical Session on Bhutanese Birth Astrology.

**Redefine Development & well-being for a better tomorrow!**

## Gross National Happiness Summer Programme

*12 RTC Credits (Equivalent to 120 notional learning hours)*

Hosted by  
Royal Thimphu College  
Dates: 1st July - 29th July 2026



## Programme Fees



### ► International Participants

- Option 1 (3-week programme): USD \$2,300.
- Option 2 (3-week + Bhutanese Cultural System): USD \$3,100.

► **Bhutanese Participants:** Nu. 101,200 (for the 3-week program)  
(inclusive of tuition, meals, and excursions)

*Your fee covers everything you need for an immersive experience: tuition, on-campus accommodation, all meals, and field trips.*

## Who Should Apply?



- International and regional undergraduate students.
- Young professionals and individuals interested in alternative development paradigms and Bhutanese culture.



## Special Offers:

- **Early Bird Discount:** 10% off for registrations and payments completed by 9th January 2026.
- **Partner Institution Scholarship:** 15% off the programme fee per student (not eligible for early bird discount).
- Daily **SDF waiver** facilitated by RTC.

## Key Dates to Remember:



Duration: 4 weeks (3-week academic programme + 1 optional cultural week)



1st July - 29th July 2026



Registration Deadline: 27th March 2026



Teaching Methods: Interactive lectures, case studies, group work, and field excursions led by practitioners, industry experts, and senior faculty with extensive experience.



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## Cancellation & Refund Policy



- If cancelled by RTC: Full tuition fee refund, less any non-recoverable costs already incurred. Participants will be notified at least two weeks before the start date.
- If cancelled by participant:
  - 75% refund for cancellations before 30 May 2026.
  - No refunds for cancellations after 30 May 2026.

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