

GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should be aware that in the admissions review, all components of the application packet are examined with no single component serving solely as a basis for admission or rejection of an application. Also, note that individual programs may have additional admissions requirements described in the program prospectus in the catalog. Admission to the graduate school normally requires the following items:

- The completed Application Form (<http://graduate.tiu.edu/admissions-financial-aid/apply-now>)
- An official transcript from each undergraduate school, seminary or graduate school you have attended, even though the work may appear as transfer credit on another transcript. In order to be considered official, transcripts must be sent directly to Admissions Operations in sealed envelopes from each school or electronically from the institution's Registrar or Records Office.¹

Please send all required admissions pieces to:

Trinity International University
Admissions Operations
2065 Half Day Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

- A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)
- For those whose undergraduate GPA falls below a 3.0 GPA, submission of scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) verbal and analytical sections or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT). Test scores must be less than five years old.
- Completed recommendation forms:
 - a. Pastoral - a pastor or church leader who knows the applicant
 - b. Academic - a faculty member in a school where the applicant recently pursued academic studies (undergraduate or graduate)
 - c. General - an employer or other professional acquaintance
- Proof of English competency for students for whom English is not the first language
 - Competency is normally measured by the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). The minimum score required is 92 (internet-based test), 237 (computer test), or 580 (paper-based test). Scores submitted must be less than two years old. **Waivers from TOEFL are not normally granted.** Failure to submit required TOEFL scores may result in denial of admission or postponement of the application decision to a subsequent semester.
- Personal statements that include the following:
 - a. A statement of the applicant's past and present spiritual life. This may include one's Christian conversion and/or other significant spiritual events and formative influences in one's life.
 - b. A statement outlining the applicant's motivation to study at Trinity Graduate School, an evangelical Christian school, and one's future goals.

¹ **Note:** For university coursework done outside the U.S.A., students may need to submit transcripts through a foreign credit evaluation service. The Admissions Office must receive a "course-by-course evaluation" or a "detail report." There are several such services that are acceptable, including the following:

- World Education Services (<http://www.wes.org>)
- Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (<http://www.ece.org>)
- International Education Research Foundation (<http://www.ierf.org>)

Program Prerequisites

Each program will have required relevant prerequisites defined in at least one of the following categories:

1. Undergraduate coursework
2. Program-oriented extensive or intensive experience
3. Other (writing, etc.).

Prospective students should note specific program prerequisites in the individual program prospectus and in the catalog.

Application Procedure

The application process is detailed on the admission web page, graduate.tiu.edu/apply/ (<http://graduate.tiu.edu/admissions/apply.dot>). Trinity follows a rolling admissions process; thus, master's program applicants may begin their application during fall, spring, or summer terms. We strongly encourage application six to twelve months prior to the expected enrollment date. Applications for admission and all accompanying materials should be submitted by the following deadlines:

U.S. Citizens

August 1	For fall semester admission
December 1	For spring semester admission
April 1	For summer session

International Applicants

June 1	Fall semester application deadline
July 1	Fall semester deposit deadline
October 1	Spring semester application deadline
November 1	Spring semester deposit deadline

Applications received after these deadlines may not be considered in the term for which originally applied, and no applications will be considered for a given semester after the add/drop period of that semester.

If you are admitted to Trinity, you must submit a tuition deposit of \$125 to the Admissions Office as a confirmation of your acceptance of our offer of admission. This deposit is refundable only if the Admissions Office receives written notification of cancellation by the following dates: July 1 (Fall semester), December 1 (Spring semester). Students who participate in the deposit match program may not receive a refund for their deposit at any time. Deposits are only good for the academic year for which originally submitted and will be forfeited if applicants postpone to the following academic year.

Denied applicants may appeal in writing to the Admissions Committee no later than ninety days following the date of the Admissions Committee decision.