

COMMUNITY (STUDENT LIFE)

Student Life provides opportunity for students to integrate their faith with their living and learning. Through chapel services, forums, and various activities and events, Student Life seeks to support the learning that is taking place in the classrooms by providing opportunities for students to apply what they learn to their practice. By living out what they are learning, students have the opportunity to see how our faith, built on the full revelation of Scripture, permeates and influences every aspect of our lives. Truly, no facets of our lives remain outside the reign of Jesus Christ.

At the heart of each member of the Student Life staff, you will find a deep desire to serve our students and facilitate their intellectual, spiritual, emotional, social, and physical development. To encourage holistic growth in each and every one of our students, Student Life is intentional about providing a positive, co-curricular environment with numerous on and off-campus opportunities. Our aim is to foster a learning atmosphere that allows students to integrate their faith with their lives, while affirming each individual's unique identity in the body of Christ and in the learning community of Trinity, all within the context of supporting the intellectual seriousness and academic rigors of graduate and undergraduate education.

Whether assisting Trinity students with a housing need, promoting healthy living and spiritual formation, or forming supportive relationships, Student Life staff seek to be available to all students and to cultivate growth regardless of the venue. In all things, our staff attempts to encourage and model a wholehearted pursuit of the Lord through real relationships that demonstrate openness and transparency, and through renewal of our minds, bringing all things into greater Christ likeness in our lives.

The Division for Student Life is located on the lower level of the Waybright Center and houses the office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, Trinity College Chaplain, and the Associate/Assistant Dean of Students. The following offices are also located in the Waybright Center: Leadership Development and Student Engagement, Campus Safety and Security, Intercultural Development, International Student and Scholar Office, Residence Life, Chapel, Mosaic Ministries, and Student Government.

For more information on student life, please refer to the graduate (https://my.tiu.edu/ICS/Academic_Resources/Student_Handbooks/Student_Handbooks.jnz) and undergraduate student handbooks (https://my.tiu.edu/ICS/Academic_Resources/Student_Handbooks/) available on myTIU.

Chapel

Worship is at the heart of the Christian life and at the heart of our mission as a university. Chapel plays a crucial role in forming us into a community that worships God and reminds us that all that we know and do are means of glorifying him. Truly, our academic pursuit is in an act of worship toward God. Chapel helps us to integrate our faith with our living and learning.

Worship is at the center of the Christian life and at the center of the Trinity community. TEDS/TGS students, faculty, and staff join together for corporate worship every Tuesday (11:00-11:50 a.m.) in the A. T. Olson Chapel. College students, faculty, and staff join together for corporate worship every Wednesday and Friday (11:00 -11:50 a.m.). A team of pastorally motivated student leaders plan diverse expressions of praise

designed to give glory to God above all. The Holy Scripture is central to all of our worship as gifted faculty members, students, and leaders from around the world help us to faithfully engage with God and his Word. Chapel provides a place of rest for students in the midst of busy schedules as they are reminded of God's goodness and grace. Chapel is also a place of community building, as students and faculty share times of prayer and testimony together. All students are strongly encouraged to make our corporate worship gatherings an integral part of their training at Trinity.

The chapel seeks to communicate and model the importance of local church involvement. A Local Church database is updated each year and periodically pastors/college ministers will come to campus so that students may find and connect to the ministries of a local church. Students may fulfill Service Learning credits through ministry involvement in a local church.

Commuters

Many students commute to campus, and we provide space for studying and relaxing such as the Waybright Center, Rodine Building Lobby, McLennan Atrium, Library and other lounges. Most buildings open at 6 a.m. and close late for the convenience of commuters. Commuters can enjoy fellowship with one another through the Commuter Family Group every Monday (11:00 -11:50 a.m.) and other events on and off campus.

Convocation

Another important part of community life at Trinity is the All-University Convocation, which marks the beginning of the academic year. University library and offices are closed so that all faculty, students, and staff from Trinity's various schools may come together to be united in worship. Worship is usually led by a team of administrators, students, faculty, and staff, which gives visible expression to the diversity of the Trinity community. Through a presidential address, we are challenged with our Christian calling in the world and are reminded of Trinity's place in that calling.

Counseling Center

The Trinity International University Counseling Center (<http://divinity.tiu.edu/student-life/student-care/counseling-center/>) is a safe and inviting place to seek wholeness, providing affordable services for students, spouses, staff, and the community. The staff is dedicated to serving each individual seeking assistance. Sessions are confidential and are offered both in individual and group therapy settings. Assessment services are available for personal, premarital, educational, and career direction. The Center is an administrator for the MDiv Counseling Assessment and Miller Analogies Test (MAT). For more information please call our office at 847.317.4067 or email us at counsctr@counsctr@tiu.edu (counsctr@tiu.edu)[tiu](mailto:counsctr@tiu.edu) (counsctr@tiu.edu). (counsctr@tiu.edu)[edu](mailto:counsctr@tiu.edu) (counsctr@tiu.edu).

Deacon's Fund

The Deacon's Fund is based on the New Testament pattern of a Christian community caring for the temporal needs of fellow believers. Donations are received and dispersed to meet the special, unforeseen needs of students and their immediate families. The office of Student Life seeks to identify those who qualify for this ministry.

Formation Groups

TEDS students meet weekly in a small group led by a faculty member, generally during the 12:00 hour on Tuesdays or Thursdays, or during other times throughout the week. These Formation Groups are an important component of our students' personal, spiritual, and ministry development. As a place for discussion, prayer, and mentoring, Formation Groups complement more formal education and offer a warm place for mutual encouragement in the context of ministry and theological education. Formation Groups are guided by three main objectives:

To Grow Together in Biblical Wisdom

... by bringing Scripture, theology, and history to bear on relevant personal, ministry, cultural, and sociopolitical issues

To Grow Together in the Grace of God

... by engaging in and understanding primary means of grace (Word, Prayer, Worship), as well as other Christian disciplines

To Grow Together in Relationships and Relational Skills

... by engaging in the building of relationships, mutual ministry, and service to others; providing encouragement and accountability with those who share the unique challenges of ministry and theological education

Participation in Formation Groups is required for MDiv students as a part of the candidacy process (see MDiv Candidacy). For master's program students, registration and participation in two semesters of Formation Group can serve to fulfill up to one field education requirement. Any participation beyond the two is encouraged but will not be further counted to fulfill any remaining field education.

Housing

Trinity College believes that residence hall living fosters social and emotional development, so it is required that full-time students live on campus unless they meet one of the following criteria:

1. Those living with their parents at their permanent address
2. Seniors with at least 94 credits earned
3. Students twenty-one years of age or older by September 1 of the Fall semester or January 1 of the Spring semester
4. Married students

Students living in Residence Halls are required to participate in one of the dining hall block meal plans unless they are living in Senior Privileged housing. The college does not permit co-ed cohabitation off campus (co-eds living in the same dwelling unit) at any time. All residential students must be full-time students, maintaining a schedule of at least 12 credit hours per semester. Cancellations to residential dormitory housing must be made by the deadlines stipulated on the student housing contract. Failure to do so will result in the forfeiture of housing deposit. Any student who does not qualify to live off campus may submit a written request to the Director of Residence Life to be considered for off-campus approval.

TEDS and TGS students are eligible to apply for on campus housing, in Owens or Carlson residence halls, as well as in the apartments. Contact housing@tiu.edu.

Health Services

The State of Illinois requires incoming students to submit documentation with exact dates of the following injections: Measles (two); Mumps (one); Rubella (one); and Tetanus/Diphtheria (one injection within the last ten years). For students not attending U.S. grades 9-12, three Tetanus/Diphtheria injections are required, the third being within the last ten years. A PPD tuberculosis skin test is also required within the last twelve months. If written documentation is not available, all injections must be repeated. Students may receive a medical exemption from their doctor or write a letter of religious objection. Illinois law does not permit conscientious objection.

Accepted students will receive further information on how to register with Medproctor, our immunization management system. Students should *not* send immunization documentation before receiving the official invitation for this online program. Students who are taking less than 6 hours of credit or who were born prior to 1957 are exempt from this law.

Intercollegiate Athletics

The TIU Trojans intercollegiate athletic program competes within the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). We also belong to the Mid-States Football Association and the National Christian College Athletics Association. Students interested in competing should contact the coach listed in the staff directory of tiutrojans.com. Intercollegiate competition for men includes baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball. Women compete in basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

On-campus competition venues include Van Dixhorn Arena located in the Kenneth M. Meyer Sports Complex, Schartner Soccer Field, Leslie A. Frazier Football Field, as well as our baseball and softball fields. For more information about TIU athletics, visit our website (<https://tiutrojans.com/>).

Intercultural Development

The Intercultural Development Office (IDO), located in the lower level of the Waybright Center, exists to serve students of different ethnic and cultural backgrounds by providing resources that promote academic success, cultural appreciation, and spiritual development, while facilitating community-wide dialogue and growth regarding matters of ethnic diversity from a biblical perspective. We seek to accomplish our goals by accepting all students as unique individuals with important gifts, by providing resources and relationships to honor their diversity, and by coordinating programs and events to celebrate various ethnic backgrounds and cultures represented by our student body. The IDO works to prepare students to live, relate, work, and minister in an increasingly multi-ethnic world, desiring to live out John 17:21: "I pray . . . that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (NIV).

International Student and Scholar Office

The International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) provides comprehensive non-immigrant regulation advisement, hospitality assistance, social support, and advocacy for international students while striving to foster further cross-cultural understanding through interaction between the international students and the broader community.

The ISSO works with more than one-hundred-fifty international students and their families. Immigration matters for TEDS, TGS, and TC are handled in the ISSO. The office is located in the lower level of the Waybright Center.

The ISSO serves to implement the federal Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) as related to the issuing of visas for international students. The office ensures that the university remains in compliance with all federal and state reporting requirements, authorizing I-20 and I-17 forms.

The ISSO is concerned about students' needs as they begin the transition to their new surroundings in the United States and provides counseling on immigration issues and cultural adjustments. Upon new students' arrival, the ISSO has a special orientation program, arranges for household items and furniture to be available, coordinates hospitality, and provides information for adjustment and transition to a new locale and culture.

Intramurals & Recreation

Trinity sponsors a wide variety of intramural sports and recreational activities throughout the year to encourage student participation. Physical development is viewed as a vital part of a holistic approach to the Christian life. Intramural leagues typically include outdoor soccer and sand volleyball during the fall semester, and indoor basketball and soccer during the spring. Weight and aerobic equipment are available at the Aldeen Fitness Center, as are a variety of classes.

Other physical activity spaces include the Van Dixhorn Arena located in the Kenneth M. Meyer Sports Complex, various outdoor athletic fields, a disc golf course and sand volleyball court. In addition, privately owned College Park Athletic Club offers a discounted rate to Trinity students and staff.

New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation (NSO) facilitates a hospitable transition for new students and their families through a relevant and significant introduction to all aspects of life in the Trinity learning community. NSO ushers students into the Trinity learning community through events designed to both *communicate* and *embody* Trinity's Core Values in ways that impact students' education and life. It is important for students and family members to understand and experience these core values so that they are excited and affirmed in their choice to come to Trinity. NSO seeks to help new students establish relationships with other students and faculty. Another priority is to guide them through the initial processes needed for beginning well.

New Student Orientation is held prior to the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Fall and spring orientations are events that incorporate corporate worship, community meals, tours of the campus and facilities, and communication of vital information on academic and other matters to aid a new student's transition to graduate education.

Prayer

Prayer is an important aspect of community life at Trinity. Classes frequently begin with prayer. Students and faculty can often be seen praying with each other around the campus. On Mondays (11:00-11:45 a.m.), faculty and administrators meet together for prayer while various student prayer groups meet throughout the campus.

Once every semester, classes are suspended for a **Day of Prayer**. The purpose of this day is to acknowledge our humble dependence upon Christ by making room to intercede for God's continuing work at Trinity and around the world. This important day also allows for extended times of personal and corporate reflection. The morning is spent in creative, concerted prayer and thanksgiving in the chapel. In the afternoon, Formation Groups continue in prayer, fellowship, and other activities.

Residence Life

Residence Life exists to provide living environments conducive to holistic community discipleship. We believe that people are created for relationship and that community is paramount for growth in Christ. As iron sharpens iron, we sharpen one another, and while we are different, we come together as a body to spur one another on toward personal growth and kingdom work. It is our desire that life in the residence halls would be vibrant and active, a place where fellowship and community are encouraged and where there is safety for processing tough times as well as celebrating seasons of joy.

At Trinity, we believe that your residence hall is your home - a place for you to feel known and to participate in doing life with other people as we journey closer to God together. We seek to cultivate and facilitate a holistic environment that is conducive to meeting the educational goals of our students, to developing life skills, and to forming lifelong friendships. It provides an opportunity for students to integrate faith with living.

The Residence Life staff is comprised of Full-time staff, as well as Graduate Residence Advisors who oversee the Resident Assistants responsible for fostering community discipleship among their students. The Resident Assistant on each floor offers students encouragement, support, guidance, and practical assistance. Community is built through participation in shared meal times, small group activities, regular worship, prayer times, and other planned events for fellowship and relaxation.

Room Reservations

Official on-campus student groups have access to campus facilities. Please contact the Student Life Office to request and approve campus reservations (studentlife@tiu.edu or 847.317.4062). All campus reservations are managed by the Director of Event Services and Reservations (847.317.6406).

Services to Students with Disabilities

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of the Divinity and Graduate Schools to provide effective auxiliary aids, services, and academic adjustments to qualified students with disabilities. The Assistant/Associate Dean of Students acts as the ADA coordinator, assisting students with disabilities in obtaining auxiliary aids and services.

The Assistant/Associate Dean of Students Office, in consultation with the faculty member(s) involved, assists students with disabilities by making academic adjustments on a case-by-case basis. Requests for aids, services, or academic adjustments should be submitted in writing with appropriate supporting documentation of the relevant disability at the earliest possible time. (For more information, see the "Policies" section.)

It is the policy of the college to provide effective auxiliary aids, services, and academic adjustments to qualified students with disabilities. The ADA Coordinator, housed in the Division of Education, assists students with disabilities in obtaining auxiliary aids and services and in consultation with the faculty member(s) involved assist students with disabilities by making academic adjustments. Academic adjustments are determined on a case-by-case basis and are subject to review by the Dean. (For more information, see the "Policies" section.)

Office of Spiritual Life

Local and Global Partnerships and Campus Ministries are located in the Waybright Center and create spaces and opportunities for students to learn a "way of life in Christ Jesus." This is the way of transforming grace, the way of mission and kingdom service, the way of biblical wisdom, and the way of reconciled relationships. Each initiative seeks to facilitate understanding of the authentic Christian life and to provide opportunities where faith can be put into practice. It is our privilege to serve the cause of Christ on campus, in our community, and throughout the world.

Local Community Partnerships

To develop student leadership and servanthood, we support several student-led, student-initiated outreach teams that challenge students to make an impact in the local community. Every year student ministry teams serve on a weekly basis in areas like the following:

- **Habitat for Humanity:** Provides hands-on service while eliminating substandard housing in Lake County through raising awareness, fundraising, and serving at the local build days and RE:Store. This group meets on campus.
- **National School Project:** Mentoring high school students to reach their campuses for Christ with a large interest in evangelism.
- **Nursing Home Ministry:** Serve the local residents of an assisted living center in Buffalo Grove: playing BINGO, watching movies, hearing stories, and creating friendships/community.
- **Refugee Ministry:** In partnership with Exodus World Service in the Rogers Park area: welcoming and being a friend to refugee families, helping with English, homework, and transitional pieces while creating community as the families enter into life in America.

A student cabinet of ministry leaders, along with staff, provide oversight to these ministry teams. Many students who participate with Local Community Partnerships may receive Service Learning Credit. (For more information on Service Learning, see "Requirements for Graduation.")

Discipleship

We seek to nurture spiritual growth in the lives of college students through active participation in discipleship activities. We provide small-group opportunities for students on each residential floor. These Family Groups are led by staff and faculty and provide a space for students to engage with God and with one another. Also, every year student ministry teams invest in the spiritual maturity of the men and women on our campus:

- **Men Under God:** Encouraging the men of Trinity in deepening their faith as they meet weekly for worship, teaching, and small group reflection as well as develop formative mentoring relationships.
- **Women's Ministry Council:** Creating space for the women of Trinity to come and experience the unconditional love the Father has for his daughters. Regular events address significant topics of discipleship, while Emmaus Bible Study meets weekly for vibrant discussions of God's Word.

Global Education Trips

The overall objective of our program is to create opportunities for our students to integrate their faith and learning in a cross-cultural context.

Our Global Education Trips seek to catalyze spiritual formation and foster our students' leadership skills. They are designed to stimulate our students educationally, by exposing them to cross cultural contexts.

Our desire is that our GET program creates opportunities for our students to *GET up* from a posture of apathy and indifference to the world, encourage them to *GET out* of their comfort zone into a new context and then *GET in* with the conversations and activities that reflect the concern and commitment to the global church and activities on the global scene. Preparation includes six weekly meetings, where students are given instruction in cross-cultural and compassion ministry, the theology of mercy and justice, evangelistic outreach, team dynamics, and prayer. College students who participate in these outreach trips may receive Service Learning credit. A three-credit wrap around course is also available. TEDS/TGS students are also encouraged to consider leadership or participation in these opportunities.

Spiritual Counsel

Student Life staff members are available to talk with students about their spiritual and personal concerns.

Graduate Student Groups

Graduate student groups are organized to address the various needs, interests, and concerns of members of the TEDS/TGS community. These organizations provide service and fellowship opportunities for students and are an important part of the life of the school. Official groups may promote their activities and meetings on MyTIU and through the University Calendar. Graduate student groups include organization such as the following:

Fellowship of International Students (FIS)

The Fellowship of International Students exists to advocate for and attend to the needs of the F-1 and J-1 student community and their families. The FIS also strives to be a bridge builder by facilitating an enriching, diverse, and international experience and fellowship within the TEDS/TGS community. The FIS is composed of fellowship groups such as the African Students Fellowship, Chinese Students Fellowship, European Students Fellowship, Japanese Students Fellowship, and Korean Students Fellowship.

Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA)

GSGA exists to advocate for student needs to the faculty and administration and to serve the student body through various educational and recreational activities. GSGA strives to foster intentional Christ-centered communities among various constituents of the university through all of its efforts. Students are welcome to participate either informally on projects or formally as elected or appointed representatives. GSGA welcomes suggestions, ideas, and feedback from students.

Trinity Society of Women (TSW)

The purpose of TSW is to inspire women to exemplify integrity in life and doctrine in the pursuit of God-glorifying excellence at TEDS and TGS. This is facilitated through developing, organizing, and supporting activities for women students at Trinity. TSW also serves to help acclimate women to campus and to prepare them for ministry in whatever area God has called them to serve. These activities include mentoring programs, informal lunches, prayer meetings, guest speakers and events.

Trinity Wives Fellowship (TWF)

TWF is a fellowship and support group available to both graduate student and faculty wives. Through regular meetings and special activities, women have the opportunity to develop strong Christian relationships with other women, while experiencing spiritual and educational growth.

Undergraduate Student Organizations

Undergraduate student organizations provide opportunities for students to integrate the knowledge and skills they are acquiring in the classroom and apply them in practical ways that benefit the Trinity student body, the university, and the surrounding community.

Chapel Team

The Chapel Team serves the student body by planning biblically faithful, highly engaging worship services. This pastorally motivated group of students seeks to model Christ-centered community by planning diverse expressions of worship for the whole student body. Its goal is to design chapel services that nurture our Christian faith and stretch us toward spiritual maturity.

College Union

College Union (CU) coordinates events and activities that provide opportunities for students to connect and have a vibrant college experience. CU strives to enhance the Trinity campus by cultivating a community marked by a sense of belonging, school pride and tradition.

CU is a part of the Leadership Development and Student Engagement office in lower Waybright Center.

CU events include movie nights, capture the flag, homecoming dance and pep rally, cosmic bowling, Paint Wars, the Christmas Formal and Junior-Senior Formal.

Departmental Clubs

- Athletic Training Club
- Business Club
- Education Club
- History Club
- Philosophy Club
- Psychology Club
- Science and Math Club

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, is a network of more than 520 chapters with 60,000 members around the world. It is organized to promote scholarship and excellence in education. Its membership is intergenerational, and members include undergraduate and graduate students, university faculty and administrators, classroom teachers, school administrators, and retired educators interested in supporting and encouraging the next generation of teacher-scholars. Members receive helpful publications, are invited to attend nationally sponsored conferences, job fairs, and worldwide study tours, and have the opportunity to apply for scholarship awards. Membership is by invitation only upon recommendation by the Division of Education. To be eligible for membership, candidates must have passed Gate 1: Admission to the Division of Education, declared a major in education, have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 after 30 hours, have an ED GPA of 3.75 after 12 hours of ED-prefix coursework, and have no dispositional concerns or notifications.

Lambda Pi Eta

Lambda Pi Eta, the national honorary society that recognizes excellence in the field of communication, originated in 1985. This society, which is associated with the National Communication Association, has more than 340 chapters worldwide. Lambda Pi Eta exists to recognize scholastic achievement, develop interest in the communication field, promote professional development, and provide a forum for exchanging ideas about communication and exploring graduate school options. To be eligible for Lambda Pi Eta, students must have completed 60 hours of undergraduate credit, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, have completed at least 12 hours of courses in communication, have a GPA of at least 3.25 in communication classes, and be a full-time student in good standing with the institution.

Music Ensembles

The **Trinity College Choir** is open to all undergraduate students, with one hour of academic credit for each semester. Membership is based on audition during New Student Orientation each Fall semester. Accepted students are expected to enroll and sing in both semesters of the academic year. Membership continues each year without re-auditioning. *Some Choir scholarships are available each year to incoming students.* (Worship Music majors are required to enroll in four semesters of Choir.)

Contemporary Worship Ensemble is a coached experience in the rehearsal and leading of contemporary worship music.

Psi Chi

Psi Chi is the National Honor Society in psychology, founded in 1929 for the purpose of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining scholarship and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to both undergraduate and graduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests and who meet these minimum qualifications: completion of 9 semester hours of psychology; registration for major or minor standing in psychology; rank in the upper 35 percent of their class in general scholarship; a minimum 3.10 cumulative GPA and 3.25 GPA in psychology courses; and high standards of personal behavior. Application forms are available from the Psychology Department web page.

Student Government Association

Trinity's Student Government Association represents student opinion to the faculty and administration and provides services and activities for the student body.

Student Ministries

- **WMC (Women's Ministry Council):** A student leadership team that encourages women in leadership and growth through events, guest speakers, and seminars
- **MUG (Men Under God):** MUG exists to provide for mutual accountability and an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and practical Biblical insight for the growth of male students at TIU.
- **FREE:** Creating an authentic Christ-centered environment which fosters community, embraces fellowship, and seeks to encourage worshipful lives.
- **CPR (Campus Prayer and Revival):** Monthly meetings to pray for the needs of the Trinity community.
- **Community Partnership Cabinet:** Students leading weekly outreach/service teams in the local community
- **Mission Cabinet:** The mission cabinet advocates for global concerns and to encourage a Christ-centered response to spiritual and physical needs. The cabinet seeks to educate themselves and our community about the diverse kingdom of God and the beauty of His people and their culture by equipping, preparing, and sending students into the field with the goal of unifying the global Church. This is done through Global Education Trips, Global Christian Week events and special events focused on issues of social justice.

Trinity Ambassadors

Trinity Ambassadors are students who assist the Admissions Office in meeting the needs of prospective students and their parents. Trinity Ambassadors conduct campus tours and assist with campus events arranged specifically for prospective students and their families.

Trinity Digest

Trinity College's bi-weekly school online newspaper is a student publication. Staff writers from across majors are welcome to contribute.