# Admissions and Registration

Trinity Western University desires to provide, for people of any race, ethnicity, or creed, a university education in the arts and sciences with an integrated Christian world view.

Each applicant should be acquainted with the aims, objectives, regulations, and standards of conduct at Trinity Western University as outlined in the application materials, the Academic Calendar, Student Handbook, and University website. In making formal application for admission, the applicant agrees to respect these aims and objectives and to adhere to these regulations and standards of conduct.

The University reserves the right to grant, deny, or revoke the admission of any applicant or student on the basis of his or her inability to fully commit to and comply with the University's Student Handbook and/or policies and guidelines of the University. Further, the University reserves the right to grant or deny admission to any applicant on the basis of criteria outlined below. Limitation of facilities, personnel, or other considerations may also place restrictions on admission to the University and/or specific programs.

# **Privacy of Student Records**

In accordance to the <u>British Columbia Personal</u> <u>Information Protection Act</u>, Trinity Western University respects the confidentiality and privacy of student records and will not release information without the student's consent, unless otherwise required by law. The security and protection of student records and information is of utmost importance to associated staff and faculty of TWU and procedures and protocol are in place to support this.

### Academic Success

For academic success at Trinity Western University, students must take the appropriate background courses for their intended major or admission to the program may be deferred. Contact the Admissions Office for more information: 604.513.2019, toll free at 1.888.GO.TO.TWU (468.6898), admissions@twu.ca, or https://www.twu.ca/admissions-aid

In general, a B average (70 per cent) or higher in high school course work is required for admission to TWU (except for the School of Nursing, which has a higher grade average expected). Consideration is also given to the student's character and career goals. Applicants who fail to meet normal academic requirements are assessed individually on their potential for success in university studies. Additional conditions may be prescribed which must be fulfilled if admission is granted.

# Writing Courses

The University offers two Writing courses, WRTG 100 and WRTG 101, to develop students' foundational research, writing, and analytical skills in order to facilitate success in all university courses. Writing 100 is designed for students whose native language is English; Writing 101 is designed for students who are speakers of other languages or whose English education has been international. All students must take a Writing course in their first semester of full-time study at TWU or upon completing 26 sem. hrs. of parttime study unless they have demonstrated proficiency in these areas according to the criteria listed below. Students must choose either WRTG 100 or WRTG 101 (not both) to fulfil the TWU Academic Writing Requirement (unless exempt). See criteria for exemption.

Two of the following courses, ENGL 101, 102, 103 and 104, are compulsory during first year for all new full-time (12 or more sem. hrs.) students, or, if a WRTG course is required at the point of admission to the University, in the next two consecutive semesters following the successful completion of WRTG 100 or 101. Students may not take any of these WRTG or ENGL courses concurrently since each WRTG/ENGL course builds on the previous one.

Students who do not pass the WRTG course in their first semester must register for the course in the following semester. A third attempt at passing a Writing course can be made only with written permission from the Registrar. Students must pass a Writing course before proceeding to the appropriate English course in the following semester. Students who do not pass a Writing course on the third attempt will be required to withdraw.

Students who pass WRTG 100 should register in ENGL 103 the following semester, followed by ENGL 104. Students who pass WRTG 101 should register in ENGL 101 the following semester, ideally followed by ENGL 102, a literature course with a global focus. However, after passing WRTG 101, students may choose to follow the same path as students who have passed WRTG 100: ENGL 103, followed by ENGL 104.

If students entering TWU directly from high school meet at least one of the following criteria before beginning classes in their first semester at TWU, they will be exempted from the required Writing course and may choose to enroll directly in English 103:

- a final grade of 73% (B) in BC English 12 or the equivalent of BC English 12
- a score of 570 or higher on the writing portion of the SAT
- a score of 23 or higher on the English portion of the ACT

If students transferring to TWU from another post-secondary institution meet at least one of the following criteria before beginning classes in their first semester at TWU, they will be exempted from the required Writing course and may enroll directly in English\*:

- 67% (C+) in a post-secondary English course from a recognized English-speaking postsecondary institution
- a completed Bachelor's degree from a recognized English-speaking post-secondary institution

If transfer students do not have any postsecondary English credit, they will be assessed the same as a student entering from high school.

\*if the Core English requirements have not already been satisfied by transfer credits.

# **Application Dates**

Fall Semester Priority Admissions-March 1

**Priority Application for Financial Aid** – March 15

**Application for Nursing** – February 28 (Applications will be accepted after this date, subject to space availability)

**Priority deposit date (non-refundable)** – May 1 (students who submit deposit by May 1 receive first priority for course registration)

#### **On-campus housing application** – May 15

(Applications will be accepted after this date, subject to space availability). Deadline for students in residence to notify Housing of their intention to move out for Spring semester is December 1. After December 1, there is no refund for the deposit for Spring semester housing.

#### **Spring Semester**

Priority Application Date - November 1

**Regular admission** – Applications submitted after December 1 will be considered as space allows.

# **Priority deposit date (non-refundable)** – November 1

(students who submit deposit by November 1 receive first priority for course registration)

On-campus housing applications are considered as space allows.

Students must submit a completed application including all official transcripts and related documents before an admissions decision is made. Students from outside North America must submit an application fee of \$150 before an admissions decision can be made.

# **Visiting Campus**

A campus visit program is available to provide prospective students with a thorough understanding of what life and learning is like at TWU. Students are encouraged to attend one of the scheduled Preview Weekends, Preview Days, or to arrange an individual campus tour. To learn more about visiting TWU, or to register for a visit, go to twu.ca/visit or email visit@twu.ca

# **Application Procedure**

The application for admission is online at https://www.twu.ca/admissions-aid

After the online application is complete, upload all supporting documentation to the application portal or mail to:

Trinity Western University Admissions, 22500 University Drive, Langley, BC V2Y 1Y1

**Application Fee:** Applications for students with current addresses outside of North America must be accompanied by a \$150 application fee.

### Learning Disabilities

Students with a disability who need assistance are encouraged to contact the <u>Centre for Accessible</u> <u>Learning</u> (CAL) upon admission to TWU to discuss their specific needs. All disabilities must be recently documented by an appropriately certified professional and include the educational impact of the disability along with recommended accommodations.

Within the first two weeks of the semester, students must meet with their professors to agree on accommodations appropriate to each class. For further information see the Students with Disabilities section in this Calendar.

# **Orientation Program**

An orientation program for all new students occurs at the beginning of each semester for the first several weeks. The purpose of the extended orientation program is to assist students in adjusting to university life. During this program, there are important discussions, instructions, and tests, making it imperative for all new students to be present.

# Nursing

The School of Nursing admits 60 students to the undergraduate program each fall. Admission is

based on acceptance to Trinity Western University, academic pre-requisites, nursing application, volunteer and work experience, references, and CASPer assessment score. While all applicants are considered, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given preference. Applications are due February 28. Current students who wish to apply early must have their completed applications submitted by February 1. For complete information on admission requirements and processes, please see the <u>School</u> <u>of Nursing website</u>

# **Residence Requirement**

Trinity Western University is committed to providing on-campus residence that assists students in personal growth. The University believes that residential living contributes significantly to the development of the total person and his or her persistence in postsecondary studies. To enhance the accomplishment of its mission "to develop godly Christian leaders," the University requires that all full-time (12 or more sem. hrs.) students live on campus for their first two years or until third year standing of at least 57 sem. hrs. is achieved.

Automatic exceptions to this policy will apply to anyone who is: married, living with parent(s)/ legal guardian, at least 21 years of age, or enrolled in part-time studies (11 sem. hrs. or less). Appeals for circumstances not mentioned in the previous exceptions may be submitted in writing to the Campus Service Centre no later than July 1 (for the fall semester) and November 1 (for the spring semester). Until an appeal is granted, the residence requirement remains in effect. Students living outside TWU's residence requirement will be seen as not fulfilling the requirements of enrolment and may be required to deregister from the University.

# **Types of Students**

# **Canadian Students**

#### **British Columbia**

Graduation from a British Columbia secondary (high) school or equivalent with a university preparatory program. This must include English 12 plus three Grade 12 academic subjects from the list below at a minimum overall average of 70 per cent. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12, the program must include at least three Grade 12 academic subjects from the following list:

Courses that fall under the BC Ministry of Education subject categories: Language Arts, Mathematics and Computation Science, Second Languages (including French Immersion) and Social Studies are considered academic courses:

- English 12 or English First Peoples 12
- Composition 12
- Creative Writing 12
- Literary Studies 12
- New Media 12
- Spoken Language 12
- Calculus 12
- Geometry 12
- Pre-calculus 12
- Statistics 12
- Computer Science 12
- Foundations of Math 12
- Anatomy & Physiology 12
- Chemistry 12
- Environmental Science 12
- Geology 12
- Physics 12
- Specialized Science 12
- 20th Century World History 12
- Asian Studies 12
- BC First Peoples 12
- Comparative Cultures 12
- Comparative World Religions 12
- Contemporary Indigenous Studies 12
- Human Geography 12
- Law Studies 12
- Philosophy 12
- Physical Geography 12
- Political Studies 12

- Social Justice 12
- Urban Studies 12
- Psychology12
- Any Grade 12 Level Foreign Language
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (except Art or Music)
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art, or Music, Extended Essay or Theory of Knowledge)

# Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut

Graduation from a secondary (high) school or equivalent with a university preparatory program. This must include English 30 plus three academic Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12 (or equivalent), the program must include at least three Grade 12 academic subjects from the following list:

- Aboriginal Studies 30-1
- Algebra 30 -1
- Biology 30
- Chemistry 30
- Foreign Languages at the 30 level
- Math 30-1
- Math 30-2
- Math 31
- Physics 30-1
- Science 30
- Social Studies 30 -1
- Western World History 30
- World Geography 30
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses except for Art or Music
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music, Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay).

#### Saskatchewan

Graduation from a secondary (high) school or equivalent with a university preparatory program. This must include English A30 plus three academic 30 level subjects with an average of 70 per cent. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12 (or equivalent), the program must include at least three Grade 12 academic subjects from the following list:

- Algebra 30
- Biology 30
- Biology 30 CORE
- Calculus 30
- Chemistry 30
- Cree 30
- French 30
- Geography 30
- Geology 30
- Geometry-Trigonometry 30
- History 30
- Math 30
- Math A30
- Math B30
- Math C30
- Native Studies 30
- Physics 30
- Social Studies 30
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses except Art or Music
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music, Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay).

#### Manitoba

Graduation from a secondary (high) school or equivalent with a university preparatory program. This must include English 40S plus three academic 40 level subjects with an average of 70 per cent. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science. In addition to English 12 (or equivalent), the program must include at least three Grade 12 academic subjects from the following list:

- Applied Math 40S
- Biology 40S
- Chemistry 40S
- French 40S
- Geography 40S
- History 40S
- Law 40S
- Math 40S
- Physical Science 40S
- Physics 40S
- Pre-Calculus Math 40S
- Psychology 40S
- Western Civilization 40S
- World Geography 40S
- World Issues 40S
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (except Art or Music)
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music, Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay)

#### Ontario

Students graduating from the Ontario High School curriculum must successfully complete an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent, with an overall minimum average of 70 per cent in six Grade 12 U or M courses, one of which must be Grade 12 U English. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 be a Math or Science. In addition to English, Grade 12 U or M courses must be from the following areas:

#### Geography

- Canadian and World Issues: A Geographic Analysis (CGW4U)
- World Geography: Human Patterns and Interactions (CGU4U)
- The Environment and Resource Management (CGR4M)

• Geomatics: Geotechnologies in Action (GO4M)

#### History

- Canada: History, Identity, and Culture (CGI4U)
- World History: The West and the World (CGY4U)

#### **Politics**

- Canadian and World Politics (CPW4U)
- Analyzing Current Economic Issues (CIA4U)
- Canadian and International Law (CLN4U)

#### English

- English (ENG4U)
- Studies in Literature (ETS4U)
- The Writer's Craft (EWC4U)

#### Languages

• Any foreign language at the U level

#### Math

- Geometry and Discrete Mathematics (MGA4U)
- Advanced Functions and Introductory Calculus (MCB4U)
- Mathematics and Data Management (MDM4U)

#### **Native Studies**

- Issues of Indigenous Peoples in a Global Context (NDW4M)
- Aboriginal Governance: Emerging Directions (NDG4M)

#### Science

- Science 12 (SNC4M)
- Biology (SBI4U)
- Chemistry (SCH4U)
- Earth and Space Science (SES4U)
- Physics (SPH4U)

#### Philosophy

• Philosophy: Questions and Theories (HZT4U)

#### Religion

• Religious Education (HRE4M) (HRE4M or an equivalent may be used as part of the admission decision, but it will not count towards the four required academic subjects.)

#### Quebec

Students are required to complete at least one year in a CEGEP academic diploma program. This must include 12 academic courses with at least one English and an additional English or French course with a minimum overall average of 70%. Students who have completed a two-year CEGEP program may be eligible for transfer credit up to a maximum of 30 semester hours (credits). A minimum grade of 70% must be achieved for a course to be considered for transfer credit. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

### New Brunswick

Graduation from an accredited high school with a minimum average of 70 per cent in English 12 (or equivalent), plus four academic subjects from a university preparatory program (120,121 or 122). Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12 (or equivalent), the program must include at least four academic subjects from the following list:

- Adv. Math 120
- Adv. Math 122
- American History 120
- Biology 122
- Calculus 120
- Canadian Geography 120
- Canadian History 121 or 122
- Canadian Literature 120
- Chemistry 122
- French 121, 122
- Mathematics 121 or 122

- Modern European History 120
- Native Studies 120
- Physics 122
- Political Science 120
- 20th Century Literature
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (except Art or Music)
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music, Theory of Knowledge or Extended Essay)

#### Nova Scotia

Graduation from an accredited high school with a minimum average of 70 per cent in English 12 plus four University Preparatory or Academic Advanced Grade 12 subjects from the following list. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12, the program must include at least four academic subjects from the following list:

- Biology 12 (441, 541)
- Canadian Literature 12
- Canadian Geology 12
- Chemistry 12 (441, 541)
- Etude Plan. Geog 12
- Foreign Languages 12
- Geography 12
- Global Geography 12
- Global History 12
- History 12
- IMath 12 (441, 541)
- Math Pre-Cal (MPC) 12
- Physics 12 (441, 541)
- Political Science 12
- Sociology 12
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (except Art or Music)
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music, Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay.

#### Prince Edward Island

Students are required to graduate with a PEI Secondary School diploma with an overall average of 70 per cent. Program must include English 621 or 611 plus four academic subjects numbered 6121 or 621 from the following list. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12 (or equivalent), the program must include at least four academic subjects from the following list:

- Biology 621
- Chemistry 621
- French 621
- Geography 621
- History 621
- Mathematics 611 or 621
- Oceanography 621
- Physics 621
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (except Art or Music)
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music, Theory of Knowledge and Extended Essay)

#### Newfoundland and Labrador

Graduation from an accredited high school with Language 3101 plus three academic 3000 level subjects with a minimum average of 70 per cent from the following list. Three academic Grade 11 courses (or equivalent) are also recommended including English 11, not including physical and health education, career education, applied design, skills and technology, and religious studies courses. It is recommended that one course in Grade 11 and one course in Grade 12 be a Math or Science.

In addition to English 12 (or equivalent), the program must include at least three academic subjects from the following list:

- Biology 3201
- Biologie 3231

- Chemistry 3202
- Chimie 3252
- French (core) 3201
- French (accel) 3203
- French (immer) 3202
- Français (1st lang) 3230
- Geographie 3232
- Global Issues 3205
- History 3201
- Histoire Mondiale 3231
- Literary Heritage 3202
- Thematic Lit 3201
- Math (acad) 3200
- Math (adv) 3201, 3204, 3205, or 3207
- Physics 3204
- Physique 3254
- World Geography 3202
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses (except Art or Music)
- International Baccalaureate courses (except Art and Music)

# International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

Students who are in the process of completing the IB Diploma will be considered for admission to the University based on their predicted grades. A minimum total score of 24 points, including the Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge, will be required for general admission to the University. A higher score may be required for admission to the School of Nursing program, specifically in program prerequisites. TWU requires that students submit the following items, signed, stamped, and sealed by their high school counsellor:

- the Anticipated IB Grades Form (available at twu.ca/undergraduate);
- an official high school transcript showing courses completed and grades attained for Grades 9 to 11;
- an official interim high school transcript that shows all other courses in progress (including IB courses).

In addition, upon completion of the IB Diploma, a final transcript will be required to complete the offer of admission and assessment of university credit for the IB Diploma courses. Students completing the IB Diploma may be considered for financial aid based on their predicted grades. Refer to Financial Aid & <u>Awards</u> for details.

### **IB** Certificate Courses

Students completing one or more Certificate courses will be evaluated for admission based on their interim high school and IB Certificate grades. Predicted grades must be submitted in the same manner as those students completing the IB Diploma. Students' predicted grades will be converted to a percentage based on the chart below (for Certificate courses only).

IB Certificate Converted to Percentage		
7	96 per cent	
6	90 per cent	
5	86 per cent	
4	76 per cent	
3	70 per cent	
2	64 per cent	

# University Credit for IB Diploma and Certificate Courses

IB courses taken at the higher level will be considered for transfer credit, provided the student has received a minimum grade of 4 for each course submitted. An IB transcript is required to make this assessment. A guide of IB courses to TWU is available at <u>BC Transfer</u> <u>Guide</u>.

# **Advanced Placement**

Advanced Placement courses will be considered for transfer credit provided the student has received a minimum grade of 4 for each course submitted. An Advanced Placement grade report is required to make this assessment. A guide of AP courses that transfer to TWU is available at <u>BC Transfer Guide</u>.

# **Homeschool Policy**

Students who complete their secondary education through homeschooling must complete the regular application for admission and submit academic records of all high school work completed. Students completing their studies under the supervision of an accredited school/organization will be assessed using admissions policies for the province in which they are studying (see provincial admission requirements for full details.)

Students who do not follow the provincial graduation program, or who are not studying under the supervision of an accredited school/organization will be assessed on additional academic course work meeting provincial requirements and standardized testing in the forms of one of the following: English 12 with Provincial Exam (or equivalent) meeting admission requirements, CAEL exam (minimum score of 70), SAT/ACT/CLT score, or 27 cr. Post-secondary coursework.

# General Education Development (GED)

Students who do not complete a regular provincial high school diploma may complete a Test of General Education Development as an alternative to high school graduation. Admission to Trinity Western will be granted providing a standard score average of 500 is achieved with a minimum of 450 in any of the five individual tests. Eligibility to complete the GED may vary from province to province. Students are encouraged to contact their local school board for more information.

B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) Applicants who have completed the Adult Graduation Diploma will be considered for admission provided they are at least 19 years old and have completed the Diploma with four provincial level academic courses, one of which must be English. A minimum average of 70 per cent is required in these courses.

# **International Students**

Requirements for international students include:

• English language proficiency. There are eight ways to meet this requirement, found here: International Students

- Proof of high school graduation; and
- Specific high school course and GPA requirements, which vary by country.

Contact the Admissions Department for countryspecific entrance requirements.

#### Documents

Official supporting documentation must be submitted. Documents become the property of TWU and cannot be returned.

#### **English Proficiency Requirement**

Applicants must possess proficiency in both oral and written academic English. Those applicants whose native language is not English are required to demonstrate this proficiency regardless of their academic qualifications. TWU accepts official original results from TOEFL, IELTS, CAEL, Duolingo English Test,. These results must be submitted at the time of application. Applicants may also complete the academic TWU/ESL program (see Academic ESL Requirements). As well, students must complete WRTG 101 and ENGL 101 in their first year of full-time study at Trinity Western University.

Proof of English language proficiency is required from all international students with the exception of natives of the following countries (for whom English is their first language):

- Australia
- Ireland
- New Zealand
- United States
- United Kingdom
- Jamaica
- Hispaniola
- Anguilla
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Antigua
- Barbuda
- Montserrat
- Guadeloupe
- Dominica
- Saint Vincent and Barbados
- Grenada
- Aruba
- Curacao
- Bonaire

- Trinidad
- Tobago
- Bahamas and Bermuda
- Caicos and Turks

As an international student, WRTG 101 will be required in the first semester of studies.

Regular admission requires an official TOEFL score of at least 88 (Internet-based with a minimum score of 21 in each of the 4 areas and a Test of Written English (TWE) score of at least 5 for undergraduate admissions. For more information about TOEFL examinations, please contact:

#### **Educational Testing Service**

Box 899 Princeton, New Jersey USA 08541 Tel: 609.771.7100 Website: toefl.org

To send TOEFL results directly to Trinity Western University and receive them more quickly, students should use code 0876.

#### **IELTS Requirement**

Trinity Western University will accept the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score report as an alternative to TOEFL. A minimum score of 6.5 (with 6 on the Writing Band) is required for undergraduate admission. For more information on the IELTS test, visit ielts.org.

#### **CAEL Requirement**

Trinity Western University accepts the Canadian

English	4
Mathematics	3
Social Sciences	2
Science	2 (with one lab science)
Other college prep	2

Academic English Language score as an alternative to the TOEFL or IELTS. A minimum overall score of 70 is required for admission, with no section score lower than 60 for undergraduate admissions. For more information on the CAEL test, go to <u>cael.ca</u>.

#### **Duolingo English Test Requirement**

The Duolingo English Test is an online English proficiency test that can be taken online and ondemand. Certified results are available within 48 hours of the test session. A minimum score 110 (with 95 on the Literacy) is required for admissions.

#### **Immigration Requirements**

International students need to apply for an entry visa and a study permit with the Canadian Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate in their own country. Application for a visa and study permit should be made as early as possible to ensure sufficient time for processing. For more information, visit cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.html.

#### **International Transfer Credit Evaluations**

Transfer credit from international schools may need to be assessed by an external international credit evaluation agency. All transcripts sent to an international credit evaluation agency must be official documents. International evaluation reports that are based on unofficial transcripts will not be accepted for transfer credit. To avoid delays in receiving transfer credit, students should submit an international credit evaluation report during the admission process. along with translated syllabi to be evaluated. The cost is determined by the agency. TWU recommends the International Credential Evaluation Service (ICES) through BCIT, World Education Services (WES), International Qualifications Assessment Services (IQAS), International Credentials Assessment Services, or any evaluation agency that is a member of the Alliance of Credential Services of Canada.

# **US Students**

To ensure success at university, applicants should have graduated from an accredited high school and have the following units in their college preparation course work:

It is recommended that a minimum of six solid subjects be completed in the applicant's junior and senior years, including a minimum of three solids in the senior year.

Admission is based upon a combination of the application, the applicant's GPA of 3.0 or higher in the above course work. ACT or SAT or CLT Test Scores are optional. Scores should be sent directly to Trinity Western University Admissions by using the following code numbers: SAT — 0876; ACT — 5242. Students studying US curriculum outside the United States are expected to meet the same criteria.

# Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate

Please see details under <u>Canadian Students</u> section.

#### **General Education Development**

Students who do not earn a regular high school diploma may complete a Test of General Education Development as an alternative to high school graduation. Admission to Trinity Western will be granted providing that a standard score average of 500 is achieved with a minimum of 450 in any of the five individual tests. Students who are under 19 years of age must submit an SAT or an ACT score report in addition to the completion of the GED. A minimum of 1060 on the SAT and 22 on the ACT is required for admission.

#### **Immigration Requirements**

United States citizens and legal residents thereof are allowed to apply for student visas at a Canadian port of entry. A student must be:

- in possession of an official letter of acceptance from Trinity Western University;
- have evidence of sufficient funds for all tuition and accommodation expenses;
- be in good health and of good character;
- have either identification establishing his or her US citizenship or a US alien resident card.

A processing fee will be collected at the port of entry. Students should contact the nearest Canadian embassy or consulate if they have questions about required documentation and processing fees.

#### Mature Students

Applicants who do not fully meet the academic requirements for admission to the University may be admitted if there are indications of compensating strengths or other factors that point to probable success in university studies. Such students must be 21 years of age or older and have been out of school for at least one year.

Applicants in this category must have completed a high school diploma or equivalent. Please refer to the previous Canadian Students and US Students sections for more information about the Test of General Education Development and the BC Adult Graduation Diploma.

Any US student admitted as a mature student must have a high school diploma or its equivalent to be eligible for Title IV funds.

# **Transfer Students**

Transfer students must present the same application forms and high school transcript as those applying for first year standing. In addition, an official transcript from each post-secondary institution attended must be submitted. Failure to disclose one's complete academic history is considered academic dishonesty and may affect a student's admittance to TWU. Courses that do not have a current articulation decision will require an evaluation. Syllabi and/or course descriptions are required for the evaluation process. Please note that all syllabi must be from the year in which the course was taken. An official transfer credit assessment will be completed upon admission to TWU.

Transfer students may be eligible for admission to the University upon completion of one semester of full-time studies (12 credits/hours or more) in a university transfer program, if they have also met the high school requirements in their home province. Admission will be based upon achievement in this post-secondary course work and previous college or high school work. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (C) is required on all post-secondary course work. Students who have attempted a minimum of 27 credits/hours of course work will be admitted solely on the basis of their performance in post-secondary course work.

The University reserves the right to accept only courses that comply with the academic standards

established by TWU and with the requirements for graduation. See Graduation Requirements section in this Calendar.

#### **Transfer Credit Maximums**

The maximum number of semester hours accepted for transfer credit from various postsecondary institutions is 75. Individual maximums are as follows:

#### Universities and Community Colleges

A maximum of 75 sem. hrs. of transfer credit will be given for all acceptable courses with a passing grade (D and higher).

Note: Some required courses in Business, Education, and Nursing programs require a minimum letter grade above that of a pass. In cases where a lower grade than the minimum required is achieved, no credit will be granted and the course must be retaken at Trinity Western University to meet graduation requirements.

#### *Bible colleges accredited with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)*

A maximum of 60 sem. hrs. of appropriate courses of which a maximum of 24 sem. hrs. may be biblical studies and 36 sem. hrs. may be liberal arts courses. Transfer credit will be given for all acceptable courses completed with a C- grade (60 per cent) or higher.

Bible college courses that have been articulated with a public university may be assigned credit for these courses above the maximum totals indicated.

Applicants from Bible colleges with candidate status with the ABHE are eligible for a maximum of 48 sem. hrs. of appropriate courses of which 24 sem. hrs. may be biblical studies and 24 sem. hrs. may be liberal arts courses. Transfer credit will be given for all acceptable courses completed with a C- grade (60 per cent) or higher.

Applicants from Bible colleges not accredited with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) should not expect to receive transfer credit for work completed at Bible college except by appeal and careful review by the University. (Such a review would normally include evaluation of course syllabi and instructor credentials.) No credit will be given for work completed in practical discipleship training programs.

Note: Due to teacher certification requirements, TWU's Teacher Education program can accept Bible college transfer credit only if the Bible college is a fully accredited member of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) or is a member of a recognized regional college and university accreditation body. Students must still meet the normal Education degree and other TWU degree graduation requirements. Transfer credit from colleges with candidate or unaccredited status will not be accepted.

# Institutes of Technology and Colleges of Applied Arts

Courses will be considered on a course-by-course basis where a minimum grade of B- (73%) has been obtained. A maximum of 45 sem. hrs. of credit will be awarded for such course work. Course outlines/syllabi are normally required to facilitate this process.

Note: Students transferring from British Columbia Institute of Technology may transfer up to 75 sem. hrs. of course work to TWU. Courses eligible for transfer must have equivalency and have a passing grade (no less than a D).

### **Transfer Credit Limits**

Students will be able to transfer upper level courses taken at other institutions subject to the following limits (Note: Any exceptions to the major, concentration, and minor upper level limits stipulated below must be recommended by the relevant faculty or school dean and approved by the Vice Provost. See the department concerned for further details):

- Courses in student's major field: 24 to 27 upper level sem. hrs. are required; a maximum of 9 of these can be taken at institutions other than Trinity Western University;
- Courses in student's field of concentration: 12 upper level sem. hrs. are required; a maximum of 6 of these can be taken at institutions other than Trinity Western University;
- Courses in student's minor field: 9 to 12 upper level sem. hrs. are required; a maximum of 3 of these can be taken at institutions other than Trinity Western University;

- Courses outside of student's major, concentration, or minor:
  - no limit to the transferability of appropriate upper level courses for elective credit, subject to the policies on (1) residency and (2) limits in major, concentration, or minor fields
- Notwithstanding the above, no Trinity Western University baccalaureate degree can be earned in a major (or general degree in minors) that the University does not offer;
- A student may not declare a major, concentration, or minor in any field not offered as such by the University (e.g., engineering);
- Students who have transferred to Trinity Western University from other postsecondary institutions with at least 57 sem. hrs. of transfer credit may be eligible for adjustment in the core requirements (see Graduation Requirements section).

# The Admissions Office

Brian Kerr, Senior Vice President, Enrolment, Personal & Career Development

The Admissions Office provides prospective Undergraduate and Graduate students and their families with information and resources they need to make an informed post-secondary decision. It also provides prospective students with personalized service in a timely and efficient manner.

The Undergraduate Admissions Office services include high school visits, representation at college and career fairs, on-campus visits, individual appointments with admissions counsellors or Enrolment Advisors, , and course pre-registration for new students. The Undergraduate Admissions Office is responsible for the distribution of all information related to Trinity Western University and its undergraduate programs including applications and the Academic Calendar. The Office serves as a liaison between new undergraduate students and other University offices such as Financial Aid, the Office of the Registrar, the Advising Office, and the Housing Office. The Graduate Admissions Office services include on-campus individual visits, individual appointments with Enrolment Advisors, and representation at college and career fairs. The Graduate Admissions Office is responsible for the distribution of all information related to Trinity Western University and its Graduate programs including applications and the Academic Calendar. The Office serves as a liaison between new Graduate students and other University offices such as Financial Aid, the Office of the Registrar, Program Coordinators, the Advising Office, and the Housing Office.

#### **Location**: Mattson Centre **Hours**: 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

#### Admissions inquiries:

 Tel:
 1.888.GO.TO.TWU (468.6898)

 Or 604.513.2019

 Fax:
 604.513.2064

 Email:
 admissions@twu.ca

 Website:
 twu.ca/undergraduate

# **Student Classifications**

#### **Degree Seeking Student**

Students are referred to as being either part-time (1 to 11 sem. hrs. per semester) or full-time (12 or more sem. hrs. per semester), and in a particular year of their study based on the following number of semester hours completed: first year (0 to 26 sem. hrs.); second year (27 to 56 sem. hrs.); third year (57 to 89 sem. hrs.); and fourth year (90+ sem. hrs.).

#### **Casual Studies Student**

Casual Studies students are those individuals who wish to register in university courses for one or two courses per semester without being admitted to Trinity Western University. These students may be life-long learners, or people who are not currently pursuing a program of study at TWU. If casual studies students wish to complete a program of studies at TWU, they must apply and meet the regular admission requirements. The degree requirements that students must meet in order to graduate are the requirements listed in the Academic Calendar of the year the students are admitted.

#### Auditor

A limited number of people who wish to enjoy some of the benefits of university study without being required to fulfil the normal requirements of courses taken for credit may enrol as auditors.

In all cases, admission to the University is required, although a simplified admission procedure is used. International students must meet the regular university TOEFL, IELTS, or CAEL requirement. Students may not pre-register to audit a course.

Students wishing to change to an audit status in a course must do so within the first two weeks of each semester by contacting the Office of the Registrar. Faithful attendance must be maintained by auditors.

# Pre-registration

#### New Students

Course selection and scheduling for new students may be completed through the pre-registration program and services provided by the Admissions Office. Details regarding new student preregistration will be included with the student's letter of admission. Students who do not preregister may register in person upon arrival at the University.

#### Current Students

Students currently enrolled at TWU can preregister for classes in November (for spring) and in March (for fall). Refer to the Calendar of Important Dates for exact dates. Registration is permitted until the deadline for add/ drop. However, because many courses fill quickly, students are encouraged to register as early as possible to ensure the best course and schedule selections.

# **Course Load**

Normal course load for undergraduate students per semester is 15 sem. hrs.; students may not enrol in more than 15 semester hours in one term, unless permission is granted by the Dean of the program in which the student is enrolled, or the student's program so specifies.

# The Advising Office

Academic advising is an integral component of the learning process at Trinity Western University. The Advising Office personnel are available to assist students in developing their program of studies. Services include the selection of a degree program, long-term planning, course selection for each semester, and the adjustment to academic life.

The Advising Office, in consultation with the Office of the Registrar and the deans of the faculties and schools, will assign each student to an academic advisor. Each advisor is a faculty member in the student's chosen field of study, thus ensuring a perspective from which guidance on discipline-specific issues such as careers and graduate study options can be provided.

As students progress through their educational experience at TWU, they may find that a change of program and/or advisor is necessary. The Advising Office is available to facilitate any changes. The overarching goal of the Advising Office is to ensure that each student progresses through to graduation.

The Advising Office collaborates with the Admissions Office, the Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Life, and all faculties and schools.

Location: Reimer Student Centre, Second Floor Hours: 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday Tel: 604.513.2182 604.513.2121 Ext. 3500 Fax: 604.513.2061 Email: AdvisingOffice@twu.ca Website: twu.ca/academics/advising

# **Program of Study**

When choosing a program of study, consideration should be given to the student's background and special interests as well as to the general course requirements for graduation as outlined in the program checklist for each program. Of necessity, the course selection for a given semester will depend upon the official timetable of course offerings for that semester. (Some courses are offered in alternate years.) Note: It is the sole responsibility of the student to ensure that the courses required for the granting of a degree have been completed satisfactorily. Students are therefore cautioned to be absolutely certain that the number and combination of their courses meet all University and departmental requirements.

# Permission to Study Elsewhere

Trinity Western University students who wish to pursue studies at other universities or colleges with the intention of obtaining credit toward a degree at TWU must complete a Letter of Permission (LOP) request form available from the Office of the Registrar prior to their enrolment at another institution. They must be in good financial and academic standing at TWU in order to be eligible. Once the requested courses have been evaluated the student will be notified and a summary of transfer credit equivalents will be available on the student's Transfer Credit record. Letters are available from the Office of the Registrar if required by the other institution for visiting student status. Students are responsible for ensuring that an official transcript of their grades is sent from the host institution to TWU. It is the student's responsibility to make sure any program requirements are met, that they have not previously taken the course, and to stay within transfer credit limitations.

Note: Application for evaluation does not guarantee TWU Transfer Credit. There is a nominal processing fee for a Letter of Permission.

# Auditing a Course

Students may register to audit a regular university course with permission of the instructor and when they do so their participation is limited to that deemed appropriate by the instructor. In general, auditing students are expected to attend classes and complete some or all course requirements except the final exam, and may lose the audit privilege (i.e., have the audit removed from their record) if their performance is not satisfactory. A grade of AU will appear for any course audited on the student's permanent academic record (transcript). A course completed as an audit is not counted towards a student's GPA, nor are the credit hours added to the hours attempted or completed by the student. After the add/drop deadline, students may not change registration of an audit to the category of a regular course. Nor may students change registration from a regular course to the category of audit after the add/drop deadline. There is a fee to audit courses; see the financial information portion of the Office of the Registrar website for specific amounts.

# Math Survey Exam

All students entering Natural and Applied Science programs in Biology, Chemistry, Computing Science, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, or Physics must write a Math Survey Exam during orientation week. The exam tests general understanding of math skills, mainly at the grade 9 to 11 levels and provides an indication of the student's overall ability in math.

# **Music Placement Test**

This test is designed by the Department of Music to measure the knowledge of rudimentary music theory of students wishing to take courses in music theory or history (not for MUSI 110 Fundamentals of Music or MUSI 150 Music Appreciation). It is not required for students who wish to participate in applied music courses. This short test covers material equivalent to Grade 2 Rudiments as prescribed by the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

# RELS 101, 102 Challenge Examination

Please see Graduation Requirements section. See the Religious Studies Department chair for details.

# Academic Standing

#### **Scholastic Distinction**

To encourage high standards of scholarship at Trinity Western University, the following scholastic honours will be recognized:

Full-time students who achieve 3.60 or higher current grade point average are listed on the Dean's List each semester (Pass/Fail courses do not count toward Dean's List status). Students are eligible to graduate with Great Distinction if they achieve a grade point average that is within the top ten percent of the graduating class for each faculty and school, and is at least 3.6.

Students are eligible to graduate with Distinction if they achieve a grade point average that is within the top twenty percent and below the top ten percent of the graduating class for each faculty and school, and is at least 3.3.

#### Awards:

In order for graduating students to qualify for scholastic awards (including the Governor General's Medal), Bachelor's degree students must have completed a minimum of 60 graded semester hours at Trinity Western University.

#### **Academic Probation**

All Trinity Western University students are expected to maintain a level of academic achievement that will enable them to graduate at the completion of their program. The University minimum cumulative GPA is 2.00; some departments, especially those involved with professional programs, set the minimum GPA at a higher level. In order to continue in their program from semester to semester, students whose cumulative GPA is below 2.0 during first and second year, or below 2.10 during third and fourth year, must achieve academic standards that are monitored by the Academic Standards Committee. Failure to meet these standards will result in restrictions on course registration and may result in required enrolment in an academic recovery program or being required to withdraw from the University.

Students below the required GPA (2.0 during first and second year, or 2.10 during third and fourth year) are notified of their status after the completion of each semester and are encouraged to engage a plan to improve their academic standing. Programs available at the University to assist students in this regard include Study Skills courses and the Choosing to Succeed program. If a student continues to report an unacceptably low GPA after several semesters, the University will normally require the student to withdraw. Academic trial for the first semester of attendance may be required for students with a low standardized test score or who have completed an ACE program, providing these students with an opportunity to achieve success in university studies. Such students should take SKLS 001 (Study Skills) and have a reduced academic course load.

#### Chapel Attendance

Although it is optional, students are strongly encouraged to attend daily chapel services as part of their regular schedule of activities.

### Change of Registration (Add/Drop) and Withdrawal

A student who wishes to make a change in the program of courses for which he or she has registered must make such changes by the Add/ Drop deadline.

#### Adding Courses

Students may add courses, subsequent to registration, until the end of the second week of the semester. All changes must be made through the online registration program. Courses normally may not be added after the second full week of lectures.

#### **Dropping Courses**

Courses dropped during the first two weeks of classes are not noted on the student's academic record. If a student drops all courses, fees that apply to withdrawing from the University will be assessed.

#### Waitlists

"W" listed in the status column of the student's schedule indicates that the class is currently full and the student has been added to the waitlist. The University encourages students to remain on waitlists, which allows exploration of various solutions as we observe student course needs. Any unpaid classes after the first payment date will be waitlisted; after the course add/drop deadline (2 weeks into the semester) they will be deleted from registration. Waitlisted classes are not accessible in Moodle (online learning platform).

#### Withdrawing from Courses

Between the end of the second week and the end of the sixth week of classes, a student who withdraws from a course will be assessed a late course withdrawal fee and will receive a grade of 'W' on his or her permanent record. Signatures of the student's instructor(s) as well as the appropriate faculty/ school dean(s) are required. Withdrawal after six weeks is not permitted except in severe extenuating circumstances (as assessed by the University Registrar); documentation of the severe extenuating circumstances is required. In such cases, a WP or WF grade will be assigned by the instructor(s) concerned. There is no tuition refund on withdrawals after week six. Forms for three to six week and seven to 11 week withdrawals must be obtained from the Office of the Registrar. Withdrawal from a course is not permitted after the 11th week of classes in a semester (See section on Other Designated Grades in this Academic Calendar for more information).

#### Withdrawal from the University

Any student who, after registration, finds it necessary to withdraw from the University should request a withdrawal form at the Student Life Office and obtain signed approvals and releases from various departments as indicated. The date on which the completed form is submitted to the Student Life Office will be used by the Office of the Registrar for calculating refunds of tuition and residence fees. The administration of the University may request a student to withdraw from the University at any time for unsatisfactory conduct, for failure to abide by University regulations, or for exceptionally low academic performance.

If a student is re-admitted to the University after being away (not registered) for one year or more, the graduation requirements at the point of re-admission will apply.

# **Directed Studies**

If a course is a required component of a student's program and the student has valid reasons for not being able to take it when offered, students may apply to take the course by directed study but only during a semester when the course is not offered on campus. Students must apply during the first week of the semester to allow sufficient time for the instructor and the Office of the Provost to process the application prior to the add/drop deadline. (Application forms are available from the Office of the Registrar.) Directed study courses are normally available to third and fourth year students only. Students are allowed a maximum of 12 sem. hrs. of directed study in their degree program and may not normally take more than one directed study course per semester.

# Transferability of TWU Courses to Other Institutions

Trinity Western University is a full member of the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer, the governing body responsible for transfer agreements between post-secondary institutions within the province of BC. As such, Trinity Western University courses are transferable to other post-secondary institutions.

TWU is also a full member of Universities Canada, and has signed the Pan-Canadian Protocol on the Transferability of University Credits. Members who have signed this Protocol agree to recognize each other's credits for transferability, and agree to remove barriers to post-secondary student mobility among Canadian provinces and territories, including barriers to the transferability of university credits.

To determine the exact credit that TWU courses will receive at other post-secondary institutions, students should request an official transcript of their TWU academic record to be sent to the receiving institution. Often more detailed course syllabi are required to determine the exact credit to be awarded. Course syllabi are provided in each class by the instructor but can also be ordered from the Office of the Registrar.

# **Official Transcripts**

Official transcripts of a student's TWU academic record can be ordered online <u>here.</u> All requests will be ready for pick-up or delivery within two business days. Transcripts can be sent by surface mail or courier, or held for pick-up in the Office of the Registrar. Students are encouraged to review their unofficial transcript online before ordering. Unofficial transcripts can be viewed online at <u>here.</u>

Transcript fees (see Student Fees section) include regular mail service within North America.

Courier service within North America or delivery outside of North America is available for an additional fee.

# Office of the Registrar

Grant McMillan, Registrar

The Office of the Registrar is the foremost resource for students' registration and tuition and fee payments. Located in Mattson Centre, the Office of the Registrar serves students in person and online.

#### Location: Mattson Centre

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 pm, Wednesday, Thursday

Tel: 604.513.2070 Fax: 604.513.2096 Email: registrar@twu.ca Website: twu.ca/registrar or twu.ca/services

# Student Fees and Financial Aid

All funds quoted in Canadian currency. Since the programs and policies of the University are under continual review, the University reserves the right to change the schedule of fees and charges without notice.

# **Tuition Charges and Other Fees**

#### Admissions Deposit Domestic Students

A non-refundable admissions deposit is required for newly admitted and re-enrolling students, and is credited toward the first semester tuition and fees. Once the admissions deposit is received, students are notified when online registration will be available as this depends on when they are admitted and the semester they are admitted to. If a student does not attend TWU the deposit is forfeited.

#### International Students

A non-refundable International Admissions Deposit is required. International students (citizenship outside Canada and the US) are encouraged to contact their admissions counsellor for specific information.

# **Tuition and Fees**

For detailed information on tuition and fees, please follow the links below..

#### Tuition and Fees

- Undergraduate Courses
- School of Graduate Studies Programs
- ACTS Seminaries Programs

#### Additional Fees such as:

- Infrastructure, Technology and Activity Fee
- Student Association Fees
  - School of Graduate Studies
  - ACTS Seminaries Program

#### **Housing Fees**

# **Miscellaneous Service Fees**

Confirmation Requests	\$10 per document
Transcript Requests	\$13 per copy
Incomplete Grade Fee (ACTS)	\$50 (contract required)
Graduation Fee (ACTS)	\$100
Syllabi Request	\$5 per syllabus requested
Letters of Permission	\$25
Late Registration Fee	\$50
Late Payment Fee	\$50
Returned Cheque	\$30

# **Payment Dates**

A student account statement is accessible via the student portal with a list of current charges and required payment dates as well as a detailed list of all past transactions. The current semester displayed on the statement is based on the following dates:

- Fall semester July 16 November 15
- Spring semester November 16 March 15
- Summer Sessions March 16 July 15

This is a detailed financial statement for current course tuition and fees, as well as campus housing and meal plans if applicable. Please note that the statement is dynamic and will adjust with registration changes and payments made by the student.

If the minimum payment is not received by the payment deadline, courses may be dropped. The student must then contact the Office of the Registrar to discuss payment and registration.

### **Payment Options**

#### Payment in Full

Students preferring to pay in full should ensure that payment is received by the following dates:

> **Fall** - August 15th **Spring** - December 15th **Summer** - First Friday in April

#### **Payment Schedule Option**

Fall

August 15th - First payment due, to maintain course registration.
September 15th
October 15th
November 15 - Final payment due for Fall semester.

#### Spring

December 15th - First payment due, to maintain course registration January 15th February 15th March 15 - Final payment due for Spring semester.

#### Summer

Monthly payment due dates are April 15, May 15, June 15, and July 15.

# Graduate Studies and ACTS Students

For programs with on-going enrolment, payment is due on or before the first day of class. If registration for all courses is done at the beginning of the semester, the four payment schedule is available as an option

#### **Payment Methods**

For information regarding payment methods, visit: <u>Payment Methods</u>

#### **Financial Aid Program**

Rochelle McPherson, Associate Director

The Financial Aid program for undergraduate studies at Trinity Western University includes scholarships, need-based awards, campus employment opportunities, and loans (Canadian and United States governments). These may be extended to the student individually or in combination. All students seeking financial assistance should also apply for available assistance from local, regional, and provincial or state sources.

#### Scholarships

Merit-Based Financial Aid: Merit-scholarships are typically awarded for academic achievements. At Trinity Western University, new students are automatically assessed for scholarships once accepted to the University. Returning students are encouraged to complete the Financial Aid application to be considered for scholarships. The application is available at <u>Financial Aid &</u> <u>Awards</u>

#### **Need-Based Awards**

Eligibility for need-based awards is determined by the student's and his or her family's financial situation. A standard formula is used nationwide to evaluate the student's and family's ability to pay for post-secondary expenses. This formula takes into account variables such as: family income, assets, taxes paid, family size, the number of dependent children in post-secondary studies, etc. The resulting figure is subtracted from an institution's cost of attendance to determine a student's total need. The amount of aid awarded may or may not meet the student's total eligibility. The application is available at <u>Financial Aid &</u> <u>Awards</u>.

# **Campus Employment**

Students who wish to apply for campus employment must do so online through the Financial Aid Need- Based Award Application. The application can be found at twu.ca/awards. All students selected for campus employment will be notified of their eligibility via email. The email will also contain information on how to access campus employment opportunities.

# Loans

A variety of government and private loan programs are available to university students. TWU urges students to evaluate their personal financial situations carefully with a view to avoiding accumulation of excessive educational debts. However, for many students, responsible borrowing is an important means of meeting educational costs, and the University's Financial Aid Office is prepared to offer students counsel and assistance in applying for aid under applicable government programs. Visit <u>Financial Aid/loans</u> for instructions on how to apply for loans.

# **International Students**

Students who are not residents of Canada and who require financial assistance to attend TWU must arrange for such assistance in their country of origin before arrival in Canada. Although TWU permits non-Canadian students to compete for scholarships, it must be stressed that non-Canadian students should not predicate their tuition and living expense estimates upon these sources. Any student may seek employment in Canada but the employer must receive approval from the Canada Employment Centre (CEC) to hire a foreign worker before the student can obtain an Employment Authorization. Only those who have skills that are in demand will be approved by CEC. Such students are expected and required by federal law to have sufficient funds guaranteed for their education prior to arrival in Canada.

# **Priority Application Dates**

Undergraduate students (returning, new, and transfer): March 15 (scholarships, grants, and endowment awards)

**Graduate students:** May 1 (scholarships, grants, and endowment awards)

Applications submitted after priority application dates will be considered based on availability of funds. Applications submitted before priority application dates will be guaranteed funds (based on eligibility).

# **General Financial Aid Policies**

Factors considered in awarding scholarships and grants include academic achievement, financial need and evidence of student effort at self-help in terms of summer and part-time employment. Only full-time students (12 sem. hrs. or more for undergraduate students; 9 sem. hrs. for graduate students) are eligible for Trinity Western University financial assistance.

Awards are made on an annual basis, with onehalf of the award applied to the fall semester and the balance applied to the spring semester. All scholarships and grants require at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA. Individual awards may have specific cumulative GPA requirements.

Academic Scholarship amounts are based on a 15 sem. hr. course load per semester and will be prorated according to the student's course load. Ongoing academic requirements must be met in order to renew the scholarship each year.

# **Financial Aid Office**

The Financial Aid Office seeks to provide potential and current students with timely financial information, counsel, and funding, thereby ensuring that every reasonable effort has been made to enable students to meet their educational expenses in a fiscally responsible manner.

Location: Mattson Centre Hours: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday

 Tel:
 604.513.2031

 Fax:
 604.513.2159

 Email:
 awards@twu.ca

 Website:
 twu.ca/awards