

The Certificate in Christian Studies

“What I really enjoyed about Trinity was the richness and variety of different cultures that are represented. My roommate was Korean, the girl across the hall was from Paraguay, and the girl next door to her was from China. I was able to get involved in people’s lives who were from other cultures and see things from a different perspective. It brought a lot of richness to my life.”

Michelle Crotts (MA '00), Missionary to Honduras

Purposes of the Certificate

The Certificate in Christian Studies is designed for persons who desire to take seminary course work but are not eligible or do not wish to enroll in a degree program. It is also an appropriate course of study for persons who have not yet decided on a degree program but who wish to experience seminary course work or to clarify their ministry calling. Admission to the Certificate does not ensure admission to a Trinity degree program. If a Certificate student later decides to enroll in a degree program, all program admission requirements must be met, and all residency requirements (those course hours that must be taken *after* a student has been admitted to a program) must be completed.

Admission Requirements and Prerequisites

Certificate in Christian Studies applicants should possess a baccalaureate degree, or the educational equivalent, from a recognized accredited institution.

Completion Requirements

The following requirements must be met to complete the Certificate in Christian Studies:

- Complete a minimum of 24 semester hours through Trinity with a cumulative GPA for program course work of at least 2.0, with no course work graded below a “C-” applicable to the Certificate.
- All course work applicable to the Certificate must be completed within a ten-year period.
- Application for Certificate completion should be made one calendar year prior to the intended May, August, or December completion date through the filing of the Intent to Graduate form in the Records Office. This initiates the processes related to completion and serves to advise you of the requirements necessary for Certificate completion.
- Evidence of Christian life and character and recommendation accordingly by the faculty.
- Completion of all requirements required by the catalog curricula in effect at the time of initial enrollment.
- Settlement of all financial obligations to Trinity and any other ACTS seminaries with the accounting office.

Certificate Curriculum

The Certificate in Christian Studies combines course work throughout the curriculum. Participants are encouraged to select a breadth of courses from the various departments at TEDS. The Certificate may be completed by two semesters of full-time course work or by part-time enrollment. Certificate courses are offered on the Deerfield campus, at TEDS extension sites, and through Distance Education. All Certificate course work must be completed through Trinity. No specific courses are required for the Certificate in Christian Studies.

Christian Studies Courses

Total hours required

24 semester hours