REASONS GIVEN BY TRINITY STUDENTS FOR CHOOSING TRINITY

“The level of excellence and overall reputation of Trinity attracted me to both the college and U of T.”

“I love the sense of community at Trinity — it’s amazing.”

“Every professional I talked to who knew of Trinity College praised the college.”

“Trinity is rich in history and academic excellence.”

“What attracted me most to join Trinity College was its strong reputation as a college that fosters community, responsibility, and leadership.”

“I chose to come to Trinity College because of its excellence in education.”

“… the beautiful architecture, and the sense that going to Trinity would mean joining a vibrant community with tradition, history and new things to try out.”

“… high academic standards.”

“… the resources available to students such as Academic Dons and the Writing Centre.”

“… the smallness and prestige of the Trinity community.”
BELONGING TO A COLLEGE

The University of Toronto is one of the few universities in North America to structure the undergraduate academic experience around colleges. Every student in the university’s Faculty of Arts & Science is a member of a college. This gives students a “home base” within a large and diverse university. Their college is where most of their administrative business is handled, and where they have access to academic, personal, and financial advising. Colleges have student residences and offer many extra-curricular opportunities, such as student government, debating, athletics, drama, clubs, and community outreach.

TRINITY COLLEGE IN THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Trinity College is a small academic college with a long and illustrious history within the largest university in Canada.

Trinity was founded in 1851 by John Strachan, the first Anglican Bishop of Toronto. The doors of the original building on Queen Street West opened on January 15, 1852, the same year that Queen Victoria granted the college a Royal Charter.

The first woman student was admitted in 1884, and four years later Trinity established St. Hilda’s College for women, putting the college in the forefront of the movement for higher education for women.

In 1904 the college federated with the University of Toronto and became part of what is now known as the Faculty of Arts & Science. Though part of the university, the college has retained its distinctive character and some independent features, including its charter, governing bodies, administration, and control over its budget, endowment and maintenance.

Trinity moved to the St. George campus in 1925, occupying a choice location close to the other colleges, libraries and teaching departments of the university. The new St. Hilda’s opened in 1938, the final side of the quadrangle was added, and a large new chapel was built, followed by the construction of the Gerald Larkin Building in 1961 and the George Ignatieff Theatre in 1979. The Munk Centre for International Studies opened in 2000; the centre (now the Munk School of Global Affairs) is located in three beautifully renovated historic buildings, one of which houses Trinity’s John W. Graham Library. In 2006 part of the Gerald Larkin Building was renovated to provide a home for the University of Toronto’s Centre for Ethics.
WHY CHOOSE TRINITY COLLEGE?

Trinity, a small, distinctive college at the heart of a great university, offers an exceptional academic experience and fosters community, responsibility, and leadership.

THE COLLEGE IS:

SMALL  Because first-year enrolment is limited to approximately 450, our students have the chance to form lifelong friendships and to build a strong community life;

DYNAMIC  Activities at Trinity include sports, drama, debates, choir, outreach programmes, dances, clubs, research and conference opportunities associated with our academic programmes, and many opportunities for elected service within the college;

DIVERSE  Our students come from many different communities within Canada and abroad, and we celebrate a culture of openness and respect for differences;

SUPPORTIVE  Trinity has a bursary and scholarship program and is the only college at the University of Toronto to have academic dons in residence. The dons offer students timely and informal advice on a wide range of academic subjects. As well, the college offers the services of the registrar, the dean of students, and a chaplain.

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE  We foster superior academic achievement, leadership talent, social awareness and personal commitment. Our outstanding faculty, college courses, excellent library and other facilities attract interesting and talented students who go on to excel in professional programs, graduate studies, business, the arts, politics, and government.

ADMISSION TO TRINITY

Trinity is the smallest undergraduate college at the University of Toronto. We admit approximately 450 students annually across all of the admission categories of the Faculty of Arts & Science.

Our applicants typically have higher averages than required for admission to the faculty. But we base our decisions on more than grades. We also consider students’ personal interests, work experience, and school and community participation.

Ontario high school applicants who rank Trinity first on the Ontario Universities’ Application are required to complete our student profile. Applicants from other Ontario universities, from other provinces, and from outside Canada are strongly advised to complete the profile as supplementary material to enhance their application to the college.
A STELLAR ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR SUCH A SMALL COLLEGE:

FORTY-THREE RHODES SCHOLARS OVER THE PAST 100 YEARS.
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

We support our students with a comprehensive program of bursaries, admission scholarships, in-course scholarships (awarded to the top 25% of our full-time students on the basis of their academic performance in a year of study), and graduation prizes.

LIVING IN RESIDENCE

Nearly 25% of our undergraduates (approximately 430) live in residence. Approximately half are first-year students. Our residences (Trinity and St. Hilda’s) are integrated, with men and women living on separate floors. All student rooms are dormitory style, single or double; about 70% of our first-year students have single rooms.

FIRST-YEAR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

THE MARGARET MACMILLAN TRINITY ONE PROGRAM

This highly successful and popular program has streams in International Relations, Ethics, Public Policy, the Anne Steacy Biomedical Health, and the Anne Steacy Health Science and Society. Each student takes two seminar courses limited to 25 students. Admission to Trinity One is by way of an on-line application. All full-time students in their first year of study in the Faculty of Arts & Science are eligible to apply. For further information, visit the Trinity One website: www.trinity.utoronto.ca/trinityone.

“Trinity One allowed me to engage with fascinating material in a seminar environment that is unparalleled in first year.”

JAKE BROCKMAN, 1T3

“The Trinity One program was an invaluable experience that broadened my intellectual horizons and has largely shaped my undergraduate degree.”

ALIAH EL-HOUNI, 1T2
“THE LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE AND OVERALL REPUTATION OF TRINITY ATTRACTED ME TO BOTH THE COLLEGE AND U OF T.”
FIRST-YEAR LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

INTRODUCTORY COURSES  We offer several first-year seminars limited to 24 students, plus a course open to first-year and upper-year students that combines lectures with tutorials. These courses enable students to participate in small-group discussions, learn to think critically and communicate clearly, and get to know other Trinity students.

FIRST-YEAR LEARNING COMMUNITIES (FLCs)  The FLC program is intended to assist first-year Arts & Science students in making the transition to university. Trinity has a FLC for life science students who live off campus. This FLC offers fun activities and informational seminars to help students get to know other life science students outside the classroom and to learn more about being a student at U of T. The students take courses in common and meet regularly outside class for discussion.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

ETHICS, SOCIETY, & LAW  This is the only undergraduate program in Canada that integrates the three fields that give the program its name. The program draws upon the resources of the University of Toronto’s Centre for Ethics, located at Trinity. A Harvard professor has called the Centre “one of the top three centres of ethics in North America.”

IMMUNOLOGY  Trinity sponsors this program with the Department of Immunology in the Faculty of Medicine. All the courses in the program are taught by research-active faculty. A recent international review ranked the University of Toronto’s Department of Immunology 1st in Canada and among the best in the world.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS  The oldest and largest program of its kind in Canada, “IR” draws upon the resources of the Departments of History, Political Science, and Economics, the Rotman School of Management, and the Faculty of Law, and is part of the renowned Munk School of Global Affairs. Students take a large proportion of their courses in common, and so develop a strong sense of identity as IR students. A number of IR students participate in G8 summit conferences, Model UN assemblies, and similar activities.
Academic Dons

Trinity is the only college at the University of Toronto that appoints graduate or professional-faculty students as residential academic dons in a variety of subjects (e.g., English, political science, life sciences). The dons provide academic support for our students (resident and commuting) in one-on-one consultations and in small-group sessions. They also have a student life role that includes community-building and counselling.

Registrar’s Office

The Registrar’s Office provides academic, financial, and personal advice to all Trinity students. It offers orientation sessions for new students and organizes counselling sessions on such topics as study skills, program selection, and professional school admissions.

The Office of the Dean of Students

The staff in the Dean of Students’ office work with our dons, other staff, and student leaders to promote an active and positive community for both resident and commuting students. They are also responsible for the college’s residential life, and the Dean and the Assistant Dean live in residence themselves.

Health & Wellness

Trinity’s Associate Director, Community Wellness provides support to the community regarding matters of overall health and well-being, focusing on one-on-one counselling, education and resiliency training for students, along with educational outreach, special programs and training for student leaders.

The Humphrys Chaplain

A member of the Anglican clergy, the chaplain is available to every member of the college community, regardless of religious affiliation or belief, to discuss issues of faith or personal problems.

Associates & Fellows

These are professors from many different disciplines across the university whom we have invited to become members of our academic staff. They welcome the chance to meet and interact with our students.

The Library

Trinity’s John W. Graham Library, which opened in 2000 in a beautifully renovated historic building, is an inspiring, comfortable, friendly, and well-equipped place to study within the college. It supports our academic programs and high-demand university subjects and provides personalized service for students from all areas of the university.
WRITING CENTRE & MATH AID CENTRE

Our Writing Centre provides instruction in written course assignments in any discipline. Our Math Aid Centre provides assistance with material covered in math courses taught at the university.

FACILITIES

Our residences have dining halls and common rooms open to all Trinity students. Our Buttery (cafeteria and lounge) is a popular social and study space. Close to it is the George Ignatieff Theatre, used for classes, plays, and meetings. Our quadrangle (winner of a Design Exchange Award) is used for many outdoor student events and for informal socializing. Our space for study and student-group meetings includes several beautiful rooms at St. Hilda’s (one of our residence buildings). St. Hilda’s also has a green roof available as a study area when the weather is suitable. We have the only campus playing field at the University of Toronto that is internationally certified to host athletic throwing events. The Graham Library and the Larkin Academic Building are generally barrier-free; the main building and St. Hilda’s have limited wheelchair accessibility.

STUDENT LIFE

If you want lots of extra-curricular opportunities, you can’t miss at Trinity. Our popular literary institute (the “Lit”) is Canada’s oldest student debating society. Our dramatic society stages classical and contemporary works and plays written by students. Trinity’s athletic association organizes several intra-mural sports teams. Student publications include a newspaper, a review (student art and creative writing), and a yearbook. There are numerous clubs and student associations. The “Trinity College Meeting” is a distinctive form of government, of which all Trinity students are voting members.

Trinity’s extra-curricular activities provide leadership opportunities for our students and contribute to a strong, diverse, and inclusive community.
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SOME DISTINGUISHED TRINITY GRADUATES

JIM BALSILLIE, former co-CEO of Research in Motion
ADRIENNE CLARKSON, former Governor General of Canada
ATOM EGOYAN, filmmaker
MALCOLM GLADWELL, writer
CRAIG KIELBURGER, co-founder of Free the Children
DOROTHY LIVESAY, poet
MARGARET MACMILLAN, historian
JOHN TORY, mayor of the City of Toronto

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