Trinity IDP
COMPLETE YOUR DEGREE
Trinity IDP was created in 1973 as the Individualized Degree Program, the first adult degree option of its kind in the area. Over the decades, more than 800 IDP students have earned Trinity bachelor’s degrees and many academic honors.
If you’re thinking about returning to college to complete your bachelor’s degree, we hope you’ll consider Trinity IDP. Trinity College, nationally recognized for our liberal arts and sciences education, welcomes IDP applicants age 23 and over.

IDP students bring a range of life experiences to Trinity. Some are seeking to advance in their current careers, some to prepare for a career change, and still others to discover new life directions. Many students balance the demands of a family or a job (or both) with their studies.

They may be in their 20s or their 60s, or anywhere in between. Some are recent graduates of two-year colleges, and some had their educations interrupted years ago. As a group, they reflect the full diversity of the region. But all IDP students share the desire to engage in a challenging, substantive education.

WHAT YOU’LL FIND AT TRINITY IDP

THE EDUCATION YOU’VE ALWAYS WANTED
An outstanding liberal arts and sciences education that will challenge you, excite you, and prepare you for professional advancement, graduate study, and new life directions

SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR ADULT LEARNERS
Including full- or part-time study; a flexible time frame for degree completion; fall, spring, and summer courses; mentoring and advising; IDP-dedicated staff members; and a customized admissions and transfer-credit process

AFFORDABILITY
Course-based tuition and need-based financial aid that can be applied to both tuition and expenses

A STRONG COMMUNITY
Community bonds within IDP and across Trinity that will enrich your experience

A PROMISING FUTURE
A tradition of achievement and success among IDP graduates
TRINITY MAJORS

- American Studies
- Anthropology
- Art History
- Biochemistry
- Biology*
- Chemistry*
- Classical Studies*
- Computer Science
- Economics
- Educational Studies
- Engineering
- English*
- Environmental Science*
- French Studies
- German Studies
- Hispanic Studies
- History*
- Interdisciplinary Computing
- International Studies
- Italian Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Language and Culture Studies*(Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese)
- Mathematics
- Music*
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy*
- Physics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy and Law
- Religion*
- Russian
- Sociology
- Student-Designed Interdisciplinary Major
- Studio Arts*
- Theater and Dance
- Urban Studies
- Women, Gender, and Sexuality
- World Literature and Culture Studies

*departmental minor offered

We offer 39 majors, 27 interdisciplinary minors, 11 departmental minors, and more than 900 courses to help you craft exactly the education you’re looking for. And if you want an even more independent course, we’ll help you create your own student-designed major.
THE JOY OF ACADEMIC CHALLENGE

Trinity IDP students come from many backgrounds, but they all share the desire for an outstanding education. You, too, can discover the joy of academic challenge at Trinity. We’re consistently ranked among the nation’s best colleges, and our liberal arts and sciences curriculum will give you the broadest possible preparation for reaching your professional and personal goals.

THE FULL TRINITY EXPERIENCE

With IDP, you’ll be able to take advantage of the complete educational experience that Trinity offers to all of its students. You can choose any of our 39 majors, including a self-designed interdisciplinary major. You can sharpen your academic focus with a minor. You can participate in the experiential learning opportunities that expand on classroom study. No matter what options you choose, you will develop the close relationships with faculty that are at the heart of a Trinity education.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Research with faculty
As part of their ongoing research, Trinity faculty often involve students in their work.

Independent study
Faculty members support and advise students who want to pursue their own research or other independent projects.

Study abroad
Trinity has its own campus in Rome and seven other international program sites around the world, together with partnerships with many other programs. U.S.-based off-campus options include the Trinity/La MaMa Performing Arts Semester in New York City and maritime studies at Mystic Seaport.

Academic internships
Trinity’s network of more than 200 established internship placements gives students the opportunity to extend classroom learning and explore new career interests.

Community learning
Students encounter experiences they could not get in the classroom through academic courses where faculty members work in partnership with local community groups.

“With IDP’s support, I’ve found I could earn my degree while fulfilling my responsibilities at home and at work.”

- Mary Ellen Molski
  English major, teacher certification program
YOUR TRINITY COMMUNITY

Trinity IDP attracts adults who are looking for a rich educational experience, together with services adult learners need and want.

Trinity IDP will welcome you with a faculty adviser and an IDP student mentor, membership in the student IDP Association, and the IDP Lounge for studying and socializing.

At the same time, you’ll have access to all that Trinity offers. IDP students enjoy taking classes with traditional-age undergraduates, where they bring perspectives and life experiences that enliven the discussion. And even with your busy life, you may be surprised to find that you can fit in a guest speaker, a workout, or membership in a student organization.

SUPPORT AND SERVICES JUST FOR YOU

Academic transition and support
• The IDP Transitional Seminar, taken by all entering IDP students, is designed to help you make a successful transition to Trinity. While devoted to an important topic, such as globalization or social class, the seminar also emphasizes analytical reading, critical thinking, discussion, and writing skills.
• A research and instructional librarian for IDP students
• An IDP-only section of Math 101
• Math and writing centers

Dedicated resources
• The IDP Office, staffed by a faculty director and assistant director
• Designated staff members in the Financial Aid and Registrar’s offices and the Career Development Center to serve the particular needs of IDP students

Academic flexibility
• Full- or part-time enrollment
• Fall, spring, and summer courses
• Study units, essentially traditional courses redesigned for IDP students to take independently under faculty guidance

Convenience
• Central location in Hartford
• Dedicated parking for IDP students
• On-campus child care available

“What I’m learning is so thrilling that I can feel the steam rising off my skull during class.”

– Jan Neuberger
English major
WHERE IDP GRADUATES HAVE GONE FROM HERE

Many have become:
- accountants
- bankers
- college and university faculty
- educational administrators
- entrepreneurs
- information technologists
- K-12 teachers
- lawyers
- legislative staff members
- medical researchers and analysts
- social workers

REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYERS INCLUDE:

- Aetna Inc.
- Bank of America
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford
- Cigna
- City of Hartford
- Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
- George Washington University
- Hartford Hospital
- Keane Inc.
- Long Wharf Theatre
- Mount Holyoke College
- New London Development Corporation
- Northeast Utilities
- Pension Funds of Connecticut
- Pratt & Whitney
- Stamford High School
- State of Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice

NOTE THESE DEADLINES!

To be eligible for financial aid, you must complete the FAFSA online and submit all required documents to Trinity by:

- April 15 for the fall semester or
- November 15 for the spring semester.
COMMITTED TO AFFORDABILITY

We understand the investment that you are making in your education, and Trinity is committed to making degree completion as affordable as possible for all IDP students. IDP tuition is charged by the course rather than by the semester, as it is for traditional students. This policy makes tuition more affordable whether or not you qualify for financial aid. And, many of our adult students are surprised to learn that they are eligible for need-based financial aid at Trinity. More than 80 percent of IDP students receive financial aid.

For more detailed financial aid information, please visit www.trincoll.edu/Academics/IDP/IDPFinAid.

THE RETURN ON YOUR INVESTMENT

The investment of time, hard work, and finances you put into a Trinity education will influence the rest of your life. IDP students typically excel at Trinity and continue to achieve long after graduation. Most IDP students come from Connecticut and develop their careers in the state. They follow diverse paths, including professional positions in large and small businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit organizations. A significant proportion of IDP students go on to graduate study and earn advanced professional or academic degrees.

“Because of IDP’s financial aid, I was able to be a full-time student, study abroad, and graduate sooner.”

Curtis Stone
Political science major with international studies concentration, translator at the Chinese government’s Central Translation Bureau
ABOUT TRINITY COLLEGE

Overview

• A private, highly selective liberal arts and sciences college located in the capital city of Hartford, Connecticut
• Founded in 1823 and consistently listed among the nation’s best colleges
• Degrees offered: bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, master of arts
• Approximately 2,195 full- and part-time undergraduate students, about 100 of whom are in Trinity IDP
• Student-to-faculty ratio of 10:1
• Small classes: 63% with fewer than 20 students, and 92% with fewer than 40

Academic programs

• Approximately 900 courses in 39 majors, including a student-designed option
• Departmental and interdisciplinary minors
• Double majors
• ABET-accredited engineering program
• First-of-its kind Center for Urban and Global Studies
• Leading Human Rights Program

Experiential learning opportunities

• Research with faculty
• Faculty-guided independent study
• Study abroad and study away
• Academic internship program
• Community learning

Academic resources

• Fully networked campus
• Library and information technology center featuring one of New England’s largest collegiate libraries, with more than 1.2 million books; online catalog; computer access to more than two million titles; digital media labs; videoconferencing facilities
• Studios for visual arts and two art galleries
• Proscenium and “black box” theaters; two studio performance spaces

Service, recreation, and athletics

• Student-driven service, cultural, arts, civic, media, and humanitarian organizations
• Service opportunities coordinated by Trinity’s Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement
• Fully equipped fitness facilities in addition to organized sports

PERSONALIZED ADMISSIONS

IDP students come from such diverse backgrounds that admissions is a highly personalized process, with each application and transfer-credit decision evaluated individually. Applications for admission are reviewed on a rolling basis, with deadlines of April 15 for fall admission and November 15 for spring admission.

Admissions decisions are made by the IDP Council, a rotating group of faculty dedicated to working with adult students and helping them identify the resources they need to succeed at Trinity. After students are admitted, IDP Council members serve as their academic advisers and oversee their academic progress.

BEGIN THE CONVERSATION

The admissions process starts with a personal conversation, which we invite you to begin by contacting Roberta Rogers ’10, the program’s assistant director and a Trinity IDP graduate with honors.

Web: idp.trincoll.edu
President Joanne Berger-Sweeney pauses with the incoming class of IDP students after the 2014 matriculation ceremony.