DATE: October 2019

TO: All Prospective Graduates, Class of 2020

FROM: The Registrar’s Office

SUBJECT: COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS AND THE DEGREE CLEARANCE TIMETABLE

To assist you in completing your final year at Trinity so that you may participate in Commencement for our 197th academic year on May 17, 2020, the Registrar’s Office is providing you with this timetable of preparatory deadlines and summary of College graduation requirements. Please review this material very carefully and retain it as a source of reference throughout your senior year.

Please note: You must complete ALL degree requirements and fulfill ALL financial obligations to the College to graduate this May, to participate in the commencement ceremony, and to remain a member of the current Class. Failure to do so BY MAY 9th will result in your being moved to the next graduating class.

College Requirements:

The Registrar’s Office oversees only one aspect of your degree clearance; that of the verification of the Trinity College general degree requirements. These are summarized below and explained in greater detail in the current Bulletin, in the section entitled “Requirements for the Bachelor’s Degree:”

1. Complete 36 course credits.
2. Satisfy the requirements for a major.
3. Satisfy the General Education Requirements: Writing Foundation, Quantitative Literacy, Distribution, and other General Education Requirements (see the current Bulletin for details).
4. Attain a minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.00).
5. Earn at least 18 course credits in courses taught or supervised by Trinity faculty.
6. Pass a General Examination, if required for the major.
7. Not count toward the degree more than the maximum number of course credits allowed in Internships, Teaching Assistantships, Physical Education, Techniques and Application of Theater and Dance, Applied Music, or courses taken in duplication of those for which credit has already been earned.

Transcript Review:

By now, you and your major advisor will probably have reviewed your progress toward completion of the major. It is essential that you also check 1) that all of your College requirements will be or have been met, and 2) that the requirements of the Major, Minor (if applicable), and General Education requirements have been completed, or that their completion is imminent. If you perceive problems, omissions, or discrepancies, please bring them to the attention of your advisor immediately. Special concerns should be directed in the following manner:

Questions about AP Credit and Transfer Credit........................................ The Registrar’s Office

Grades or Grade Changes..............................................................................The Registrar’s Office

Questions about your General Education requirements.......................... The Registrar’s Office

Questions about your Major requirements............................................. Your Faculty Advisor

Questions about your Minor requirements ........................................... Your Minor Coordinator

TIMETABLE FOR DEGREE CANDIDATES
October 25  Friday  Final deadline to have AP (Advanced Placement) scores sent from the College Board to the Registrar’s Office for credit consideration.

Deadline to submit Applications for Transfer Credit and official transcripts from host institutions to the Registrar’s Office. **NOTE:** Students enrolled in courses away from Trinity in their final term will not be able to graduate on time unless a final transcript of grades earned and credit received from the host institution is received on or before May 9.

November 6  Wednesday  Deadline for all seniors to submit Degree Applications to the Registrar’s Office for May 2020 graduation. This is also the deadline for students who plan to complete all degree requirements in Fall 2019. Degree applications are available in the Registrar’s Office and online at: [http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/registrar/Documents/UGRD%20degree%20application.pdf](http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/registrar/Documents/UGRD%20degree%20application.pdf)

Deadline for all students with the following majors to select the Bachelor of Science instead of the Bachelor of Arts: Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Neuroscience, Physics, Psychology, or an interdisciplinary science major such as Physical Sciences.

**PLEASE NOTE:** A HOLD WILL BE PLACED ON THE RECORDS OF ANY STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN THE CLASS OF 2020 WHO DO NOT SUBMIT A DEGREE APPLICATION BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6. THIS HOLD WILL PREVENT ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING 2020 SEMESTER.

December 17  Tuesday  Deadline to submit major or minor declaration forms (to add and/or drop majors and minors) for inclusion in the Commencement Program.

February 24  Monday  Deadline to report any corrections that need to be made to your transcript.

March 25  Wednesday  Final clearance by Registrar and Department Chairpersons of graduation requirements based on work completed prior to spring grades.

April 30 – May 1  Thurs-Fri  General Examinations for Seniors (required for certain majors).

May 4 - 8  Mon-Fri  Final examinations for all students (seniors take final exams during this period).

May 9  Saturday  All Senior grades are due in the Registrar’s Office (this includes grades for courses taken at other schools).

May 15  Friday  Faculty votes on the list of degree recipients for 2020.

May 17  Sunday  Commencement Exercises for the 197th Academic Year.

Remember that all requirements for the degree must be earned and “in hand” by the deadlines above. The faculty cannot grant your degree if any aspect of your requirements is incomplete, insufficient, or missing. So do not hesitate to ask now, if you have questions about your progress toward completion.

Best wishes for a successful final year!