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OFFICIAL ADMISSION GUIDE

University Transition First Year (U1)

Trinity Western University – Canada

Document Purpose

This document provides official guidance for prospective applicants to the University Transition First Year (U1) programme at Trinity Western University (TWU), Canada, in partnership with Patris Schools.

It is intended for:

- Nigerian applicants
- Applicants from other African countries
- International applicants worldwide

This guide outlines academic requirements, English language criteria, documentation expectations, and application guidance.

1. Overview of the U1 Programme

The University Transition First Year (U1) is a fully accredited first year of undergraduate study at Trinity Western University.

Key Features:

- Students enrol as full TWU undergraduate students
- All courses count toward a bachelor's degree
- Credits earned appear on the official TWU transcript
- Successful completion leads directly into Year Two
- The programme does not delay graduation

Duration: 1 Academic Year

Total Credits: 36 Credit Hours

2. General Academic Admission Requirements (All Applicants)

Applicants must demonstrate successful completion of secondary education equivalent to Canadian Grade 12.

Minimum Requirements:

Requirement	Standard
Academic Subjects	4 Grade 12-level academic courses
Mandatory Course	English 12 (or equivalent)
Minimum Overall Average	70%
Minimum English Grade	55%

English 12 (or its equivalent) is required for academic entry.

3. Nigerian Applicant Requirements

Applicants from Nigeria must meet the following standards:

3.1 Secondary Education (WAEC / NECO / SSCE)

Applicants should have:

- Completed Senior Secondary School
- A minimum of five credit passes at O'Level (WAEC or NECO)
- English Language is compulsory
- Mathematics is strongly recommended

Competitive applicants typically present grades ranging from A1–C6 in core academic subjects.

For U1 admission consideration:

- Four strong academic subjects must demonstrate performance equivalent to a 70% average
- English Language must meet the minimum threshold equivalent to 55%

Higher grades improve competitiveness for admission.

3.2 English Language Proficiency (Nigeria)

Because English is Nigeria’s official language of instruction, many applicants may qualify without additional English testing.

Applicants must provide:

- An official letter from their secondary school confirming that English was the language of instruction.

If additional English proof is required, acceptable tests include:

Test	Minimum Requirement
IELTS Academic	6.0 overall (minimum 5.5 per band)
TOEFL iBT	78 overall
CAEL	60 overall

4. International Applicant Requirements (Africa & Global)

Applicants from countries outside Nigeria must:

- Complete secondary education equivalent to Canadian Grade 12
- Present four academic subjects including English
- Demonstrate a minimum 70% average or equivalent

English proficiency is required unless:

- The country’s primary language is English, and
- The school confirms English-medium instruction

Where English testing is required, minimum test scores apply as outlined above.

5. Academic Trial and Conditional Admission

In certain cases, applicants slightly below the standard requirement (for example, averaging between 63–69%) may be reviewed individually.

Applicants who do not meet English language thresholds may qualify for conditional admission through Trinity Western University’s language support pathway.

Each case is assessed carefully and holistically.

6. Required Documentation

All applicants must submit:

- Official secondary school transcripts
- Proof of graduation
- English language test results (if required)
- English-medium confirmation letter (if applicable)
- Valid passport

Additional documentation may be requested by Trinity Western University during processing.

7. Financial Information

Tuition Structure:

Item	Cost
Cost per Credit Hour	\$350 USD
Total Credits	36

Total tuition is calculated based on credit load.

Additional expenses (accommodation, meals, health insurance, travel, visa processing, and personal costs) are separate and determined by Trinity Western University and Canadian regulations.

8. Important Clarifications

The U1 programme:

- Is not an ESL programme
- Is not a foundation year
- Is not a separate or lesser academic track
- Does not delay degree completion

Students may complete their undergraduate degree within four years or less depending on academic progression.

9. Study Permit Requirement

International students must obtain a valid Canadian study permit before commencing study in Canada.

Patris Schools provides advisory support but final visa decisions are determined by Canadian immigration authorities.

10. Application Support Through Patris Schools

Patris Schools offers structured guidance for applicants including:

- Eligibility review
- Document preparation guidance
- Application support
- English proficiency guidance
- Pre-departure advisory support

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Patris Schools University Pathway Office for personalised assistance.

Official Notice

This document serves as an informational guide. Final admission decisions are made by Trinity Western University in accordance with its academic policies and Canadian higher education regulations.

For the most current university requirements, applicants should consult the official Trinity Western University website.

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