



Off-Campus Student Housing Handbook

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Welcome



Congratulations on your acceptance to Trinity! The prospect of moving to a new area and beginning studies can be both exciting and daunting. This handbook is offered by the Housing Office as a resource to guide you in the process of securing living accommodations for the duration of your study.

Trinity owns and operates 141 residence hall rooms and 123 apartments on-campus. We reserve 90% of our apartments for graduate students, however, many of our students live off-campus. For additional information on on-campus housing visit our website at <http://divinity.tiu.edu/student-life/housing-dining/living-on-campus/>. **This guide is primarily a resource for off-campus living.**

Search Process

Outlined below is the general process of searching for off-campus housing. This Handbook will help guide you through the basic steps.

- 1 Determine what type(s) of housing in which you are interested.**
 - The **HOUSING OPTIONS** section gives descriptions of different possibilities.
- 2 Choose two to three communities where you would like to live.**
 - Use the **MAP** and **COMMUNITY PROFILES** to familiarize yourself with the area.
- 3 Begin your search in those communities by:**
 - a. REQUESTING A LIST of housing opportunities from the Housing Office.**
 - Community members post a variety of housing opportunities with the Housing Office, ranging from house-sitting, to apartments for rent, to homes for sale. To receive an e-mail with the current list, submit your request at:
<http://divinity.tiu.edu/student-life/housing-dining/living-on-campus/>
 - b. LOOKING FOR ADVERTISEMENTS in the classified sections of local newspapers.**
 - Physical copies of local and regional newspapers are available at area grocery or convenience stores.
 - Online versions are available at:
Local
www.pioneerlocal.com
www.dailyherald.com
Chicago
www.chicagotribune.com
www.suntimes.com
 - c. CHECKING OTHER WEBSITES including:**
www.craigslist.com
www.apartments.com
www.rent.com
www.apartmentguide.com
- 4 Contact the landlord to schedule a viewing.**
 - Get the address and directions to the property.
 - Ask any questions that are not answered in the ad.
- 5 Visit the apartments in which you are interested.**
 - Inspect the condition of the rental unit and the surrounding community.
 - Note the travel time to/from Trinity. Schedule your visit during peak weekday travel times (7-9 am or 4-7 pm) to get an accurate estimate of the commute.
- 6 Choose the apartment that best suites your needs and your budget.**
 - Make sure you know the rental price as well as any additional cost that may not be included (for example, utilities, parking or laundry).
- 7 Sign a lease and pay the security deposit, securing your rental.**
 - Note your rights and the rights of the landlord as specified by the state of Illinois in **APPENDIX iii**.

Location



TIU is located directly off I-94 (also known as the Tri-State Tollway) in a thriving area of major corporate industry and affluent communities known as the North Shore. The Trinity campus is near the border of the Bannockburn community. Lincolnshire is immediately next door and Deerfield is just a few minutes away.

There is limited multi-family housing in the affluent communities immediately surrounding Trinity. The desirability of the Deerfield community, its excellent school districts and its convenient location to the train lines generally mean a higher cost for rental units. For this reason, more reasonable rental rates can be found in outlying communities. Most students who live off-campus commute from communities in a 3-15 miles radius from campus, primarily to the north and west. The blue cities on the map are more likely to have available, affordable housing.

The map below shows the main routes to take to these areas and their proximity to TIU. Travel times will vary depending on traffic, time of day, and proximity to main streets and interstate highways. Generally, the closer you live to a main artery the shorter the commute will be.



Housing Options



There are many housing options available in the surrounding communities. The following descriptions outline different types of housing available and give some tips on how to look for and secure each type. If this is your first time in rental housing, please read through Renter's Rights in **APPENDIX iii** to become familiar with the expectations for tenants and landlords in the state of Illinois.

On-Campus

TIU owns 141 residence hall rooms and 123 apartments on-campus that meet the needs of some students. Apartments range in size from efficiencies (studio) to 3 bedrooms, while residence halls are all single occupancy rooms with shared community space. On-campus accommodations are reserved for full-time students actively studying in a residential degree program at TIU. Applications are available to students after they have received formal notification of admission to TIU and have confirmed their intentions of enrolling by submitting the required tuition deposit.

For the 2011-2012 school year, the rates are as follows:

Residence Hall Rooms	\$1,640-2,530/semester
Efficiency	\$590-665/month
1 Bedroom	\$795-810/month
2 Bedroom	\$860-1,000/month
3 Bedroom	\$1,140/month

For additional on-campus housing information and application process details, please contact the Housing Office by phone at 847.317.7135, by email at housing@tiu.edu or visit our website at <http://www.tiu.edu/divinity/admissions/housing-jobs/oncampus/>.

Apartment Complexes/Buildings

Apartment complexes are properties that contain many buildings of multiple apartments in a concentrated area that are managed by a management company. Apartment buildings are large buildings that contain three or more apartments often located in a residential neighborhood and can be managed either by a private owner or a management company.

There are many well-kept, attractive apartment complexes/buildings where TIU students reside. The prices vary depending on the community and the amenities a particular complex/building offers. Almost all require a one-year lease and one month's rent as a security deposit. Apartment complexes/buildings often have policies limiting the number of children in an apartment.

If you need to find housing several months before your actual moving date, or if you need to line up housing without being able to visit the area, an apartment complex may be your best option. Many apartment complexes have an office or model apartment that you may view and/or literature that they can send you describing their apartments. In addition, you can ask if other Trinity students live in the complex.

Apartments in Subdivided Homes

Some older homes in the area have been divided into separate rental apartments. These can be less expensive than an apartment complex, but can be more difficult to secure due to the fact that they are advertised with little regularity and on an individual basis by private landlords. An apartment of this nature is usually not as modern as one in an apartment complex but is usually more affordable. Listings of this nature are usually for immediate occupancy or occupancy within a few weeks to a couple months. All apartments of this nature should be evaluated in person before signing a lease.



Rental Houses/Condos

Single family rental homes in the immediate area are usually quite expensive and difficult to find, however, there are some lovely communities within 6-15 miles of TIU where students can find rental homes or condominiums. See the area **MAP** to locate these communities in blue. The same guidelines for finding apartments in subdivided homes apply to private single family home/condo rentals, in that they are usually advertised only a few weeks to a couple months prior to their availability, and they should be evaluated in person to ensure that both the housing and neighborhood meet your needs.

Rooms for Rent/Live-in Arrangements

There are often opportunities to rent a single room from a home owner or apartment renter. For example, there may be two Trinity students renting a three-bedroom apartment looking for an additional flat-mate, or there may be a family that no longer has children at home wanting to rent out an extra room.

Additionally, there are “live-in” types of arrangements where a student receives free housing in exchange for services rendered. A private live-in arrangement in a home may require childcare/babysitting, housecleaning, cooking, yard work or care for an elderly or ill person. A live-in of this type may offer separate living quarters or a room in the home.

While a live-in situation can be a good alternative to the conventional route of working and renting a private apartment, they must be carefully evaluated to ensure an equitable situation for you and the party seeking help. When looking into a live-in situation, be sure your responsibilities are clearly defined. Know what your duties are going to be, when they must be performed, and how many hours a week you are expected to work. Define terms like “general housework” (is it a little cleaning or scrubbing the floor twice a day?), “flexible hours” (flexible for you or them, will you be “on call” 24 hours a day?), etc. Be sure your need for privacy and study time is met. For your own protection we highly recommend drawing up a contract with your live-in provider.

Community Profiles

(Listed in alphabetical order. See [MAP](#) for proximity to campus.)



Buffalo Grove

The community of Buffalo Grove is located just west and a little north of Wheeling. From the original 67 acres incorporated in 1958, the village now covers 7.1 square miles spread out over Lake and Cook counties. Initially, Buffalo Grove was comprised only of single-family housing: but lately townhomes, apartments and duplexes have been added to the housing market. Originally people moved to Buffalo Grove because it was affordable (especially when compared to the North Shore communities), but the upgrading of the area and new upscale housing have caused prices to rise. The average home price is \$260,000. Townhomes and condominiums average about \$140,000, although some can be found for less.

Buffalo Grove parks cover an area of some 380 acres. Three of the parks have either lakes or lagoons. Picnic areas, tennis court and walkways are available, as well as a newly constructed public golf course.

Because the community is spread out over two counties, several school districts serve the village. Elementary students in Lake County attend district 102, 103 and 96. Cook County students attend district 21 in Wheeling. Adlai Stevenson High School, part of district 125 in Prairie View, serves the student who live in Lake County. Cook County high school students attend Buffalo Grove High School, the second largest high school district in Illinois. Each school in the district is equipped with three computer labs, a language lab, library, and college career centers.

www.vbg.org

TOWN	BUFFALO GROVE
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QUICK FACTS	
Population	44,380
Median Age	40.3
Median Household Income	\$98,854

HOUSING STATS	
Median Home Value	\$297,162
Renter Occupied Units	12.6%
Median Rent	\$994
Average Rent	\$1,069

SCHOOL INFORMATION	
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(Districts 96)
No. Schools in the district	7
Enrollment	3,175
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	19.5
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(Districts 102)
No. Schools in the district	4
Enrollment	2,003
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	22.9
HIGH SCHOOL	Buffalo Grove (District 214)
Enrollment	2,087
Average Classroom Size	23.6
Graduation Rate	97.3%
HIGH SCHOOL	Wheeling (District 214)
Enrollment	1,853
Average Classroom Size	20.5
Graduation Rate	93.2%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See **MAP** for proximity to campus.)



Deerfield

Trinity is located in the northwest corner of the Deerfield/Bannockburn community. Many families settle in Deerfield because of its excellent schools and convenient location to major employment centers in and around Chicago. Deerfield has been in the midst of an expanding commercial boom for the last several years. Corporate headquarters located in the village include Baxtor Laboratories and the Walgreen Company. Deerfield's village manager and planning committees have placed a high priority on revitalizing the downtown area.

Deerfield is committed to community services designed with children in mind. This youth-oriented community has a park district that maintains 21 sites covering 262 acres. The well-equipped parks offer all the recreational activities a family could desire.

Much of the housing built in Deerfield in the late 1960s and 1970s were ranches, split levels, two-stories and colonials. The rapid appreciation (more than 120 percent in the last 10 years) of housing prices has increased the value of Deerfield homes to an average price of \$347,246. Home prices start around \$255,000 and condominiums or townhomes start at \$200,000. Most apartment buildings are individually owned and usually advertised in the local paper or curbside (on the actual property.)

Deerfield High School is one of the top ten academic schools in the state. The average composite ACT score at 26.1 is one of the highest in Northern Illinois. Advanced placement courses in a variety of subjects and an excellent foreign language program are other highlights of the school.

www.deerfield.il.us

TOWN	DEERFIELD
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QUICK FACTS	
Population	19,010
Median Age	41.7
Median Household Income	\$129,344

HOUSING STATS	
Median Home Value	\$458,143
Renter Occupied Units	9.8%
Median Rent	\$963
Average Rent	\$1,203

SCHOOL INFORMATION	
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 109)
No. Schools in the district	6
Enrollment	3,198
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	19.6
HIGH SCHOOL	Deerfield (District 113)
Enrollment	1,719
Average Classroom Size	17.8
Graduation Rate	99.5%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See **MAP** for proximity to campus.)



Gurnee

Gurnee, located approximately 12-14 miles north of TIU off I-294/Tri-State Tollway, is another relatively new and growing community. Gurnee's population has more than tripled since 1970 to its present size of 28,834. The commercial area is the home of Six Flags Great America theme park. Carefully planned zoning and growth is evident in the small commercial area. The housing boom in Gurnee has seen the development of new subdivisions. Existing homes sell for \$150,000 to \$1 million. Most new homes start at \$180,000, though larger upscale homes are also being built. The condominiums are priced between \$100,000-\$215,000. The developing area of Gurnee was farmland only a decade ago and the rural feel is evident.

Gurnee's one small school has become one large school in order to accommodate the rapid expansion. Most elementary students attend districts 56 and 50. Students are separated by grade into individual schools rather than neighborhood schools. The school sponsors an after-school gifted program in addition to accelerated classes. In district 50, the gifted program begins in second grade, focusing on strengthening creativity in fine arts and writing. Parents are active in the PTA.

High school students attend Warren Township High School. The high school has a new facility, since its previous building was destroyed by fire in 1984. This has allowed planning for expansion to accommodate the area's projected growth. The high school's newspaper and yearbook frequently receive awards.

www.gurnee.il.us

TOWN	GURNEE
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QUICK FACTS

Population	32,119
Median Age	35.6
Median Household Income	\$90,405

HOUSING STATS

Median Home Value	\$263,140
Renter Occupied Units	21.0%
Median Rent	\$733
Average Rent	\$753

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 50)
No. Schools in the district	4
Enrollment	6,840
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	18.2
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 56)
No. Schools in the district	4
Enrollment	2,159
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	23.9
HIGH SCHOOL	Warren Township (District 121)
Enrollment	4,300
Average Classroom Size	20.8
Graduation Rate	96.5%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See **MAP** for proximity to campus.)



Highwood

Highwood is located three to five miles directly east of TIU on Route 22/Half Day Road. Highwood is a middle-class working community sandwiched between two extremely affluent communities—Lake Forest to the north and Highland Park to the south. The Chamber of Commerce of Highwood points out the many fine restaurants, family owned stores and apartments in the Highwood/Northern Highland Park area. The majority of our students who rent an apartment of this type live in Highwood. The housing in this area is sought after by Trinity students because of its proximity to the campus and the relatively light traffic. Housing is not as modern as typical apartment complexes, but it may be more varied in floor plan and space provided, and it is less expensive. Most of the housing is individually owned and rented, so you need to be in the area to take advantage of the listings in Highwood/Northern Highland Park.

www.cityofhighwood.com

TOWN	HIGHWOOD
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QUICK FACTS

Population	6,138
Median Age	Age 31.3
Median Household Income	\$60,838

HOUSING STATS

Median Home Value	\$353,929
Renter Occupied Units	55.6%
Median Rent	\$723
Average Rent	\$718

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 112)
No. Schools in the district	11
Enrollment	4,391
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	17.3
HIGH SCHOOL	Highland Park (District 113)
Enrollment	1,940
Average Classroom Size	17.9
Graduation Rate	93%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See [MAP](#) for proximity to campus.)



Libertyville

Libertyville is located approximately eight miles northwest of TIU. Libertyville was incorporated in 1882 with a population of 500. Today the community has a population of more than 20,000. The downtown area of Libertyville is charming reflection of yesterday. Surrounded by woodlands and rolling hills, the community has an open rural feel. Because of Libertyville's charming downtown area and neighborhoods of vintage housing, rentals are more expensive. A wide range of housing prices exist in Libertyville. Most homes sell in the \$250,000 to \$400,000 range. There is little multifamily housing in Libertyville and condominiums are priced from \$80,000 to \$250,000. There are no large apartment complexes in Libertyville. Small apartment complexes are individually owned, and there are some rentals in subdivided homes. There are 440 acres and there are two municipal swimming pools and a golf course.

Most Libertyville elementary students attend school district 70. The schools are academically strong and highly desirable. Libertyville High School has received national recognition for its anti-drug programs. A strong parent network exists with faculty and administration.

www.libertyville.com

TOWN	LIBERTYVILLE
QUICK FACTS	
Population	21,639
Median Age	41.8
Median Household Income	\$111,120
HOUSING STATS	
Median Home Value	\$372,088
Renter Occupied Units	18.7%
Median Rent	\$771
Average Rent	\$779
SCHOOL INFORMATION	
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 68)
No. Schools in the district	1
Enrollment	988
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	16.5
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 70)
No. Schools in the district	5
Enrollment	2,574
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	19.1
HIGH SCHOOL	Libertyville (District 128)
Enrollment	1,982
Average Classroom Size	21
Graduation Rate	98%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See **MAP** for proximity to campus.)



Mundelein

Mundelein is an older community. Originally settled in 1835, its population numbered only 1,300 before World War II. A construction and housing boom in the 1950s and 1960s expanded the community and provided neighborhoods of modest ranches and raised-ranch styles of homes. Many of the homes built then are reentering the market, and many are rental properties as well. Mundelein is surrounded by farmland and growth in the village has been slow enough that the rural feel of the area has been retained. New shopping and industrial areas have been developed on the outskirts of town. The downtown shopping area has the same low-key environment it had in the early 20th century. Mundelein housing is 20 percent multi-family and 80 percent single-family. Most of the neighborhoods have a modest, family feel to them. Newer upscale housing developments and duplexes are being built.

The village has 19 parks, two golf courses and two outdoor swimming pools. In the winter, the park district provides space for ice skating, tobogganing and cross-country skiing.

Elementary school district 75 serves most of the village. The lower-priced housing in Mundelein has created a more diverse group of children in the schools. Parental involvement in the schools is high. The curriculum and teachers are good. Students from Mundelein also attend Libertyville High School.

www.mundelein.org

TOWN	MUNDELEIN
QUICK FACTS	
Population	33,148
Median Age	33.2
Median Household Income	\$86,082
HOUSING STATS	
Median Home Value	\$222,933
Renter Occupied Units	19.7%
Median Rent	\$726
Average Rent	\$751
SCHOOL INFORMATION	
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 75)
No. Schools in the district	4
Enrollment	1,848
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	22.3
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 76)
No. Schools in the district	3
Enrollment	1,127
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	17.3
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 79)
No. Schools in the district	3
Enrollment	2,125
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	23.1
HIGH SCHOOL	Mundelein (District 120)
Enrollment	2,203
Average Classroom Size	18.7
Graduation Rate	89.9 %

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See [MAP](#) for proximity to campus.)



Vernon Hills

Vernon Hills is located approximately seven miles west of Trinity. It is a young community, virtually unknown before 1973. When the village was incorporated in 1958 only a few hundred residents lived in a 125-house subdivision. Now, as one of the fastest growing suburbs in Lake County, the population has increased to more than 20,000. Many TIU students live in one the apartment complexes built in Vernon Hills in the early 1970s. A large number of condominiums were also built in the 70s. Now, however, Vernon Hills is concentrating its efforts on building more upscale housing, as well as keeping the population density low. Because it is a relatively young community, older housing is scarce. Even with its steadily growing population and commercial development, Vernon Hills has retained an open, rural feeling. It is the home of the Hawthorn Center shopping mall and two other shopping centers. The Corporate Woods complex is a new and thriving commercial area, housing more than 30 companies. The village's park district comprise more than 300 acres, including ice rinks, baseball diamonds, bike paths, picnic areas and tennis courts. The village also operates a nine-hole golf course. Vernon Hills is served by districts 73, 128 and 125, but most students attend Hawthorne Community Consolidated School district 73. It has a good reputation academically and has received a number of state and national awards for excellence. All Kindergarten and first graders attend one school, second and third another. Elementary schools are grouped by age, Kindergarten/first grade, second/third grade, intermediate grades, and junior high all have their own school. The school district offers gifted and special education courses. High school students attend Stevenson High School or Libertyville High School (see Libertyville section for school information).

www.vernonhills.org

TOWN	VERNON HILLS
QUICK FACTS	
Population	24,858
Median Age	34.0
Median Household Income	\$90,376
HOUSING STATS	
Median Home Value	\$279,763
Renter Occupied Units	21.1%
Median Rent	\$825
Average Rent	\$1,032
SCHOOL INFORMATION	
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 73)
No. Schools in the district	6
Enrollment	3,861
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	21.9
HIGH SCHOOL	Vernon Hills (District 128)
Enrollment	1,318
Average Classroom Size	20.3
Graduation Rate	95.9%
HIGH SCHOOL	Libertyville (District 128)
Enrollment	1,982
Average Classroom Size	21
Graduation Rate	98%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

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Waukegan

Waukegan is located 14-18 miles from TIU on Lake Michigan. It is known for its affordable housing and lakefront marina. The city of 92,000 is the most urbanized community in Lake County and serves as the county seat. Major employers include Outboard Marine Corp. and Abbott Laboratories, as well as the Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

There are several recreation centers around the lakefront. The Illinois Beach State Park, just north of Waukegan, is a lovely area that attracts nearly two million visitors per year.

Waukegan offers a diversity of people and neighborhoods. It is a less-affluent suburb, therefore it does have some neighborhoods that are a little more run-down. Waukegan's housing styles are as varied as its people, and the prices reflect this. There are apartments and homes available along urban streets as well as larger homes on wooded two-acre lots. Small frame homes, brick ranches, and older Victorian homes can be found in the city's historic district. Small frame homes are available starting at \$40,000. Upscale housing and lakefront homes cost more. Townhomes and condominiums begin at \$63,780.

The schools also reflect the diversity of the people. Students attend Community Unit District 60. Schools in the district offer bilingual education. High school students attend either Waukegan East, which has an accelerated studies program, or Waukegan West, which offers an international studies plan. Christian schools in the area offer an alternative to public education.

www.waukeganweb.net

TOWN

WAUKEGAN

QUICK FACTS

Population	92,929
Median Age	30.0
Median Household Income	\$52,940

HOUSING STATS

Median Home Value	\$157,409
Renter Occupied Units	40.4%
Median Rent	\$586
Average Rent	\$567

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 60)
No. Schools in the district	20
Enrollment	15,915
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	20.9
HIGH SCHOOL	Waukegan (District 60)
Enrollment	4,263
Average Classroom Size	17.4
Graduation Rate	73.5%

Community Profiles (cont'd)

(Listed in alphabetical order. See **MAP** for proximity to campus.)



Wheeling

Wheeling is located seven to eight miles southwest of TIU, west of Milwaukee Ave/Route 21. Although Wheeling is an older village, it remains progressive. The older section of town contains tract housing built in the 1950s. Ranch-style homes are predominantly featured. As with all the communities surrounding TIU, the new construction is mostly upscale. Home values are increasing yearly, yet numerous rental units are available. From Wheeling to Chicago, one community runs into another with little open space between villages.

A forest preserve within the community offers park facilities on hundreds of acres of land. The Wheeling park District maintains more than 230 acres and operates 130 programs a season. Travel times to TIU vary with traffic and weather conditions.

Wheeling High School and Buffalo Grove High School in district 214 serve the community. Both high schools have good reputations. The full range of curriculum emphasizes college preparatory courses.

www.vi.wheeling.il.us

TOWN	WHEELING
QUICK FACTS	
Population	36,675
Median Age	36.7
Median Household Income	\$70,162
HOUSING STATS	
Median Home Value	\$213,530
Renter Occupied Units	30.8%
Median Rent	\$824
Average Rent	\$806
SCHOOL INFORMATION	
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(District 21)
No. Schools in the district	12
Enrollment	6,715
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	18.1
HIGH SCHOOL	Wheeling District 214)
Enrollment	1,853
Average Classroom Size	20.5
Graduation Rate	93.2%

Appendix i – Transportation



Chicago Area Public Transportation

The Regional Transportation Association (RTA) operates the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) bus and rail system, Metra commuter rail, and Pace suburban bus service. CTA buses and “el” trains are only available in closer proximity to Chicago proper, while Metra trains and Pace buses service the suburbs. www.rtachicago.com

PACE BUSES – This is a suburban bus system that runs with limited schedules and routes. Specific routes and timetables are available on their website. The regular fare is \$1.75/ride. www.pacebus.com

METRA COMMUTER TRAINS – This commuter rail system serves as the primary artery of public transportation to and from the city of Chicago for suburban residents. The Metra system is easy to navigate and allows you to avoid driving in Chicago traffic and paying high downtown parking rates. Weekday fares are based on route. Weekend passes (Saturday and Sunday) are \$7 for adults and children under 11 ride free. See website for schedules, routes and fare details. www.metrarail.com

Toll Roads & I-PASS

Chicagoland is full of toll roads (also called toll-ways), including I-94, the major expressway near TIU. The I-PASS is a prepaid system that allows you to use open tolling, rather than stopping to pay cash at a toll booth. Drivers who use the I-PASS get half-off tolls as per the Illinois incentive plan. An I-PASS is not required to drive on toll roads, but offers cheaper and more convenient travel. You can purchase an I-PASS at any Jewel Osco store from the customer service desk. Signing up will require a \$50 deposit that goes straight into your I-PASS for tolls. It may be a worthy investment for your time here on the North Shore. www.illinoistollway.com

Driver’s License & Vehicle Registration

Students who intend to make Illinois their official residence must obtain an Illinois driver’s license and register their vehicle. This does not apply to students maintaining residence in another state or country as long as a valid license in that state is maintained. This applies to all family members with driver’s licenses. International students should check with the International Scholars and Students Office for current non-citizen driving regulations.

To change your license and/or register your vehicle, you must go in person to the Secretary of State. The nearest location that can both issue licenses and do new vehicle registration is in Libertyville.

Brookside Shopping Center
342 Peterson Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Click here for further information on driving in IL: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/services/new_residents.html

Appendix ii. – Short Term Housing



TIU Short Term Housing

The Housing Office is pleased to be able to offer short-term accommodations that can be reserved for use by students, staff and faculty. Several residence hall locations and one guest apartment are designated for this purpose. The rooms are fully furnished and ready for your stay. Guests may reserve a room for any length of time.

RESIDENCE HALL ROOM

Single Occupancy Only – \$25/night or \$40/night

This is dorm room housing with a private bedroom room and a shared bathroom. There are two pricing options for Single Room Short Term Housing. \$25/night if you provide the bed & bath linens or \$40/night if we provide your bed & bath linens. For linen service please give one weeks notice as we need to order the linen in from an outside company. Orders are placed on Tuesday for Thursday delivery. All of the rooms are furnished with a single bed, a desk, and a dresser. There is a common bathroom in the suite. The University is responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the bathrooms. Each person will have his or her own bedroom, but there could be other people in the same suite. (Each floor has 12 bedrooms and two bathrooms.)

JOHNAON HALL APARTMENT

Single or Double Occupancy – \$45/night or \$60/night

Apartment has a private kitchen, a private bathroom, exterior entrance, air-conditioning and internet access. This is a one bedroom apartment that comes with a "Full Size" bed, a kitchenette for cooking a living room/dining room and a private bathroom. There are two pricing options, \$45 per night if you provide your own linens \$60 per night if you we provide the bed linens and the bath linens. If you select the linen service option you will need to give at least a one weeks notice as we need to order the linen in from an outside company. Discounted Rates If you have selected the "with linen" option and will be staying on campus for more than 7 nights there is a \$5 per night discount available. If you are a staff or faculty member making a personal reservation, or if you are making a departmental reservation then you may be eligible for discounted rates. Please contact us at 847.317.4029 for more information. Your discounted rate will be applied in the room offer.

For more information or to make a reservation, please visit our website at:

<http://www.tiu.edu/divinity/admissions/housing-jobs/oncampus/short-term>

Appendix ii. – Short Term Housing (cont'd)



Hotels/Motels

There are many quality hotels and motels in the area. Listed below, in order of distance from Trinity, are hotels that give small discounts to TIU students, staff and faculty. Please make sure that you identify yourself as a Trinity guest in order to receive the quoted hotel rates.

****Please note:** *The information and rates contained below are subject to change as deemed necessary by the individual businesses represented. The rates listed were provided by the hotels in the Deerfield area and are the prevailing rates for all Trinity International University guests as of August 1st of 2008. Please contact the hotels directly for more information.*



La Quinta Inn and Suites
2000 Lakeside Dr., Bannockburn
847.317.7300
800.338.0008
0.2 miles from Trinity (walking distance)



Marriott's Lincolnshire Resort
10 Marriott Drive, Lincolnshire
847.634.0100
2.91 miles from Trinity



Hampton Inn & Suites Lincolnshire
1400 Milwaukee Ave., Lincolnshire
847.478.1400
3.96 miles from Trinity



Embassy Suites Hotel
1445 Lake Cook Rd., Deerfield
847.945.4500
4.2 miles from Trinity



Marriott Courtyard Lincolnshire
505 Milwaukee Ave., Lincolnshire
847.634.9555
2.68 miles from Trinity



Marriott Residence Inn Deerfield
530 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield
847.940.4644 or 800.331.3131
4.68 miles from Trinity
Full kitchens with full sized appliances.
Two Bedroom suites also available

Extended Stay

For stays of a longer duration, Extended Stay America has weekly rates that are a lower cost than a nightly hotel/motel room.

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Extended Stay America
215 N. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills
847.821.7101 (at Hawthorn Mall)
4.6 miles from Trinity
Rates: \$44-\$65

Appendix iii. – Renter’s Rights



For a quick reference guide to Illinois Landlord and Tenant Rights and Law, please visit:

www.douglascountyhealth.org/docs/Rentalrights.pdf

Appendix iv. – Community Profiles at a Glance



TOWN	BUFFALO GROVE	DEERFIELD	GURNEE	HIGHWOOD	LIBERTYVILLE	MUNDELEIN	VERNON HILLS	WAUKEGAN	WHEELING
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QUICK FACTS

Population	44,380	19,010	32,119	6,138	21,639	33,148	24,858	92,929	36,675
Median Age	40.3	41.7	35.6	Age 31.3	41.8	33.2	34.0	30.0	36.7
Median Household Income	\$98,854	\$129,344	\$90,405	\$60,838	\$111,120	\$86,082	\$90,376	\$52,940	\$70,162

HOUSING STATS

Median Home Value	\$297,162	\$458,143	\$263,140	\$353,929	\$372,088	\$222,933	\$279,763	\$157,409	\$213,530
Renter Occupied Units	12.6%	9.8%	21.0%	55.6%	18.7%	19.7%	21.1%	40.4%	30.8%
Median Rent	\$994	\$963	\$733	\$723	\$771	\$726	\$825	\$586	\$824
Average Rent	\$1,069	\$1,203	\$753	\$718	\$779	\$751	\$1,032	\$567	\$806

SCHOOL INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(Districts 96)	(District 109)	(District 50)	(District 112)	(District 68)	(District 75)	(District 73)	(District 60)	(District 21)
No. Schools in the district	7	6	4	11	1	4	6	20	12
Enrollment	3,175	3,198	6,840	4,391	988	1,848	3,861	15,915	6,715
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	19.5	19.6	18.2	17.3	16.5	22.3	21.9	20.9	18.1
ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS	(Districts 102)		(District 56)		(District 70)	(District 76)			
No. Schools in the district	4		4		5	3			
Enrollment	2,003		2,159		2,574	1,127			
Average Kindergarten Classroom Size	22.9		23.9		19.1	17.3			
HIGH SCHOOL	Buffalo Grove (District 214)	Deerfield (District 113)	Warren Township (District 121)	Highland Park (District 113)	Libertyville (District 128)	(District 79)	Vernon Hills (District 128)	Waukegan (District 60)	Wheeling (District 214)
Enrollment	2,087	1,719	4,300	1,940	1,982	3	1,318	4,263	1,853
Average Classroom Size	23.6	17.8	20.8	17.9	21	2,125	20.3	17.4	20.5
Graduation Rate	97.3%	99.5%	96.5%	93%	98%	23.1	95.9%	73.5%	93.2%
HIGH SCHOOL	Wheeling (District 214)					Mundelein (District 120)	Libertyville (District 128)		
Enrollment	1,853					2,203	1,982		
Average Classroom Size	20.5					18.7	21		
Graduation Rate	93.2%					89.9%	98%		



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