



# **January Admission Guideline**

## **for Spring 2020**

### **Master's Program**

International Admission | Expat Admission  
for Internationals/North Korean Refugees

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## 1. The Program

| Language        | Degree Programs  | Duration      | Credits    | Quota   |
|-----------------|--|---------------|------------|---|
| English Program | Master of Divinity (MDiv)  | 3 yrs (6 sem) | 85 credits | Select 130 people through 'General and Special Admissions', while select international applicants through 'International Admission' separately. |
|                 | Master of Theological Studies (MTS)  | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 38 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Arts (MA) in Christian Counseling  | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 47 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Arts (MA) in Christian Education   | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 45 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Educations (MEd)   | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 36 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Theology (ThM)<br>in Old Testament, New Testament, Church History,<br>Systematic Theology, Practical Theology,<br>Mission & Intercultural Studies, Christian Education | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 30 credits |   |
| Korean Program  | Master of Divinity (MDiv)  | 3 yrs (6 sem) | 85 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Theological Studies (MTS)  | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 38 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Arts (MA) in Christian Counseling<br><i>*Expat Admission only</i>  | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 47 credits |   |
|                 | Master of Theology (ThM)<br>in Evangelical Christian Spirituality  | 2 yrs (4 sem) | 29 credits |   |

## 2. Admission Types and Qualifications

- International applicants can apply through International or Expat Admission, and national applicants can apply through General/Special Admissions (see separate admissions instruction).
  - Common Qualifications:**
    - Confessing and mature believers who are baptized and have assurance of salvation.
    - Bachelor's degree holders from an accredited university or equivalent as recognized by law.  
For ThM, MDiv degree holders from an accredited university with a bachelor's degree, or equivalent as recognized by law.
  - International Admission** applicants must meet the above common qualifications and belong in one of the followings:
    - International applicant whose both parents have non-Korean citizenships
    - International/overseas Korean applicant with permanent residency status, who has been educated in a foreign country (elementary school to university for 16 years)
    - North Korean refugee who has a university degree recognized by the Minister of Unification
  - Expat Admission** applicants must meet the above common qualifications, have valid visa (expiration at least 6 months later), and belong in one of the followings:
    - International applicant whose both parents have non-Korean citizenships
    - International applicant who was educated in a foreign country (elementary school to university for 16 years)
- ※ The Expat program is designed for expatriate professionals in Korea who wanted a theological education. For Expat students, part-time study is possible, and all courses are charged on a credit basis. An up-front entrance fee is replaced with a lesser, semester-based administrative fee that enables students to take 1 or 2 courses more affordably.
- ※ Dual citizenship (Korean citizenship and another) holders must apply for General/Special Admissions.

3. Admission Schedule (*Please check the schedule by admission type.*)

| Procedure                                     | Schedule   | Site /Note  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Online Application</b>                     | Dec 23, 2019- Jan 16, 2020                           | Website ( <a href="http://www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply">www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply</a> )<br>- Print out the application form and submit it. |
| <b>Application submission and fee payment</b> | Mon-Thu, Jan 13-16 (until 5pm)                       | Admissions documents submission can be done in person or by mail, and please pay the application fee to school account.       |
| <b>Exam</b>                                   | Sat, Jan 18<br>- Personal Inventory Test 2:30-4:30pm | TTGU Classroom<br>- Register the Personal inventory test <u>on site</u> . (Test fee: 15,000 KRW)                              |
| <b>Interview</b>                              | Mon, Feb 3   | TTGU Classroom<br>- Interview hours are notified individually.  |
| <b>Announcement for Result</b>                | Fri, Feb 7   | Website<br>- Check the result individually.   |

● **Mailing address** : Torch Trinity Graduate University, Admissions Office (1F)

70 Baumero 31-gil, Seocho-gu, Seoul 06752, Korea

[Note] Application documents must arrive by the deadline, and overseas applicants are recommended to send it two weeks before the deadline.

● **Application fee payment**

- ① International Admission- 70,000 KRW    ② Expat Admission- 40,000 KRW
- Applicants must pay the application fee depending on the admission type.
- Payment account: Woori Bank 1005-602-443681 (Account holder: 햇불트리니티신학대학원)
- Pay the application fee in the applicant's name.

● **Note:**

- Missing documents or non-payment will result in disqualification of the application.
- Documents cannot be modified and application fee will not be refunded after the deadline.
- Admission may be canceled if the documents are found to be forged, falsified, or altered.

## 4. Admissions Exams

## ► International Admission / Expat Admission

| Subject                 | Note  |
|-------------------------|---|
| Paper Screening         | - International/Expat Admission applicant's documents will be reviewed, and interviews will be given only to the applicants who pass the paper screening. (Individual notices to failed applicants)   |
| TOEFL/IELTS/TEPS        | 1) <u>English program applicants</u> : TOEFL IBT 71/ IELTS 5.5/ TEPS 600/ New-TEPS 327 or above taken in last 2 years (after Oct. 1, 2017) is required.<br>2) <u>Korean program applicants</u> : TOEFL/IELTS/TEPS/New-TEPS (no minimum score) taken in last 2 years (after Oct. 1, 2017) is required.<br>- North Korean refugees can take STTEP instead of TOEFL/IELTS/TEPS.<br>- <b>English score submission is waived</b> if the applicant achieved the Bachelor's degree or higher from the US/UK/Canada/Australia/New Zealand/South Africa in English, or graduated from TTGU with 3.3 or higher GPA. |
| TOPIK                   | - TOPIK level 3 taken in last 2 years (after Oct. 1, 2017) is required only for the Korean program applicants. (TOPIK level 4 is required for graduation)<br>- <b>TOPIK score submission is waived</b> if the applicant graduated in Korea in Korean language, or the applicant is North Korean refugee.  |
| Personal Inventory Test | - Personal inventory test is conducted by the TT Counseling Center. (Test time: 2 hours)<br>- Register on the spot and test fee is 15,000 KRW. (cash only)<br>- Applicant can take the test either in Korean and English.<br>- If an applicant chooses not to take the group test, he/she should take the test individually at the TT Counseling Center by the application deadline, and the test fee is 25,000 KRW. (Individual test reservation Tel. 02-570-7115)<br>- Personal inventory test may be postponed only for foreign applicants living overseas.  |
| Interview               | - Interview is conducted as a group of 2-3 people.<br>- Skype Interview is only for the foreign applicants living overseas.   |

- For International/Expat Admissions, please bring Admission Verification Slip, ID card, pen and OMR pen on the personal inventory test.
- Paper screening and interview are conducted in English for the English program and in Korean for the Korean program.
- Applicant will be disqualified if he/she is late or uses unfair means during exam.
- If the applicant does not take any of the entrance exams, he/she will be disqualified.
- The Admissions Committee may disqualify applicants based on personality inventory test and interview results.

## 5. Application Documents List

※ Please download documents marked "use school form" from our website ([www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply](http://www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply)). Please write either in English or Korean according to each respective program.

- 1) **Admission application** (printed out from the online application website [www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply](http://www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply)):  
- Upload a photo in color (Do not use low-resolution, black-and-white, or snapshot photo because this will be used for the student ID card).
- 2) **Personal statements** (use school form)
- 3) **Church attendance certificate** (issued by the church you are attending)
- 4) **Two references by a Senior Pastor and a professor** (use school form, in sealed & signed envelopes)



- Family member/relative cannot be referee; in such cases the referee should be substituted.
  - If you do not receive a reference from your Senior Pastor, substitute it by another pastor who knows your life and character well. For professor's reference, you can replace it with another professor/teacher/superior officer at work/Bible study leader's reference who knows your academic capability well. For referee's substitution, write a reason in your admission application.
- 5) **Graduation certificate and official transcript of undergraduate**
    - Overseas graduate must submit original copies in English with the "apostille approval".
    - National graduate must submit original copies in Korean and English; a degree registration number (학위등록번호) should be on the graduation certificate and the percentage score (백분율점수) on the official transcript.
    - Prospective graduate should submit "expected graduation certificate" instead.
    - Transferred student must submit transcripts from all universities previously attended.
    - ThM applicant must submit the MDiv graduation certificate and official transcript as well.
    - For North Korean Refugee, the Confirmation of Educational Background approved by the Minister of Unification must be substituted.
  - 6) **Certified English test score:** TOEFL/IELTS/TEPS/New-TEPS score within the last 2 years (after Oct. 1, 2017)
  - 7) **TOPIK score:** TOPIK level 3 at least, only required for international applicant who apply for the Korean program.
  - 8) **Financial statement** (use school form) **with a bank statement:** This is only for the international applicant applying for the student visa (D-2). Bank statement should be issued within one month, and the required balance is \$20,000 USD.
  - 9) **Additional documents**
    - International applicant: Copies of passport, alien registration card, and confirmation of health insurance membership (if available)
    - Overseas Korean: Copies of passport, Certificate of Entry/Departure Record from Korean Immigration Office, and permanent residency
    - North Korean refugee: A Certificate of North Korean refugee

## 6. Apostille Approval Instructions

Overseas university graduates are required to submit the graduate certificates and transcripts notarized by either apostille or Korean embassy/consulate standard. All documents should be in Korean or English. Documents in other languages should be accompanied by notarized English translation.

- 1) Apostille convention country: Submit the graduate certificate/official transcript notarized by Apostille.
- 2) University in other countries: Submit the graduate certificate/official transcript notarized by embassy or consulate office of Korea in the country.
- 3) University in China: Submit the graduate certificate in English from Confucius Institute in Seoul ([www.cis.or.kr](http://www.cis.or.kr)), 中国高等教育学生信息网 ([www.chsi.com.cn](http://www.chsi.com.cn)), or 教育部学位与研究生 教育发展中心 ([www.cdgd.edu.cn](http://www.cdgd.edu.cn)).  
※ As for university in China, it will take about 2 months to issue.
- 4) University in US: Submit an accreditation certificate from Korean-American Educational Commission (T. 02-3275-4000) or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA, [www.chea.org](http://www.chea.org)).

- Apostille Convention Country (<https://www.hcch.net/en/states/hcch-members>).

| Region             | Country (As of Dec 20, 2017)  |
|--------------------|---|
| Asia, Oceania (16) | Australia, Part of China(Macao, Hong Kong), Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Brunei, Mongolia, Cook Islands, Fiji, India, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Vanuatu, Samoa, Tonga, Niue  |
| Europe (52)        | Albania, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Malta, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Kyrgyzstan, Republic of Macedonia, Ukraine, Britain, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kosovo |
| North America (1)  | United States of America  |
| Latin America (30) | Argentina, Antigua and Barbuda, Mexico, Panama, Suriname, Venezuela, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Colombia, Commonwealth of Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Grenada, Granada, Honduras, St. Vincent, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Brazil, Chile  |
| Africa (12)        | Republic of South Africa, Botswana, Burundi, Lesotho, Liberia, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe, Swaziland, Malawi, Cape Verde, Seychelles, Tunisia   |
| Middle East (4)    | Oman, Israel, Bahrain, Morocco  |

Contact: Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (Tel. 02-2100-7600, <http://www.0404.go.kr>)

Ministry of Justice (Tel. 02-720-8027)

## 7. Health Insurance Membership

From July 16, 2019, in accordance with National Health Insurance Act Article 109, all foreigners, except D-2 or D-4 holders, residing in Korea must hold the National Health Insurance Service (NHIS) membership. Yet those who entered Korea after July 16, 2019 and applied for D-2 visa should have another insurance equivalent to NHIS.

- 1) If applicants already hold the NHIS membership or another medical insurance, submit a copy of the confirmation of membership with admission application documents. If not, all international students are required to have a medical insurance within one month after their matriculation.
- 2) International students must submit a copy of confirmation of membership to the Admissions Office periodically until graduation (2 times a year, in March and in July). This will be used for the TTGU's annual report to the Ministry of Education, Korea.

8. Online Application Website ([www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply](http://www.ttgu.ac.kr/apply))

1) "Online Application" instructions

- The applicant must visit and submit the online application at the Online Application Website. Please agree to the 'Collection, Use and Provision of Personal Information' and fill out the online application form.
- Online Application is only available during the given period for each admission.
- The applicant should complete the online application; Applicant Information, Photo Upload, Education, Work/Experience (optional), English Score and so on.
- The applicant must submit the printed online application with the required documents in person or by post before the deadline. The application fee should be wired to the TTGU account.

2) Print out "Verification Slip"

- After completing the online application writing, submitting the documents, and paying the application fee, print out the verification slip and bring it to the entrance examination.