ADMISSION INFORMATION

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS--UNDERGRADUATE
Each individual desiring enrollment in DCU must complete an Application for Admission. Upon request, we will mail an application to all prospective students. An application may also be obtained online at www.destinycu.org.

All students expecting to enroll in Destiny Christian University for the first time must submit the following:
- an application for admission
- an official high school transcript mailed directly from the high school
- an official transcript from other colleges or universities previously attended mailed directly from the college or university.

When the above requirements have been completed, the Office of Admissions will notify the applicant of acceptance. If a student does not meet the minimum requirements of the University, the Director of Admissions may admit him or her as a special student until the proper requirements are met.

SPECIAL STUDENT
Under certain circumstances, an applicant more than twenty-one years of age, who does not qualify for regular admission, may be admitted as a special student by the Director of Admissions. A student must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted to continue enrollment with DCU.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
International students are considered for admission as first-year and transfer students. Applicants, with a native language other than English, are required to take English as a second language at any of the higher education institutions in Broward County or their location.

A faculty advisor will work with all international students in matters relating to admission and residency with DCU.

DISTANCE LEARNING STUDENTS
Distance learning could be your key to getting the education you need to succeed in your career or ministry. Online distance learning programs allow you to earn your degree on your own time, from your own home, at your own pace, even while holding down a full-time job and maintaining your personal life.

Distance education courses are recommended for students who are disciplined enough to work independently. Students conduct self-directed research and readings and communicate their findings and submit reports via e-mail with their instructor. Other courses may include all the tests, assignments, course materials and textbooks used in the classroom, as well as outlines of the classroom instruction. Completed assignments and tests are e-mailed in and graded by the instructor. Supplemental instructional material may include extensive readings, research, video clips, streaming video, CDs or other visual enhancements. Study when and where it's most convenient for you with online courses. You are on the fast track to success.
TRANSFER STUDENTS
A college student who wishes to transfer to DCU should complete the requirements for admission and submit a complete transcript from all colleges attended. Transcripts must be sent from each institution attended, regardless of whether credit was earned or is desired. We review and evaluate all work from previous schools for acceptance. Courses with a grade less than "C" will not be transferred. Upon approval, course credits may be transferred, but we will not transfer a student's grade point average from another institution to DCU.

Students transferring from recognized theological seminaries and other colleges will be given credit for courses that are the same in course content. Since DCU deems its courses essential for graduation, extending credit for subjects bearing minor similarity to those listed in the prescribed curriculum will seldom be possible.

ACCELERATED PROGRAM
Students with experience or background in an area of study may petition to have that knowledge evaluated toward meeting the requirements for a particular degree. Students may receive credit by examination or experiential learning. Students should consult with their advisor and refer to the criteria established in the catalog to decide if they meet the requirements of this program. Only students enrolled in a degree-seeking program of study at DCU are eligible to receive credit for Life and Ministerial Experience. Documentation of previous experience must be submitted and verified.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION
With the permission of the advisor, instructor, and the department concerned, a student enrolled in the University may petition for credit in any subject listed in the Catalog. By taking a comprehensive examination, students can demonstrate a satisfactory degree of mastery of the course material. A student may not petition for credit by examination for a course that he or she has been enrolled in during a previous semester. Students must file an application for credit by examination with the department at the beginning of the semester in which the student desires credit. The examination will be scheduled at a time convenient with the student and the department administering the exam.

Students must successfully pass the exam with a grade of “C” or better. Credit for the course will be entered on the student’s record with the grade attained.
CREDIT FOR LIFE AND MINISTERIAL EXPERIENCE

Students who have significant experience in the area in which they are pursuing may apply to have that experience evaluated. If the experience is determined to be equivalent to the content in the course in the student’s program of study, credit may be awarded for that experience provided the student follows all guidelines and procedures.

To receive credit for Life and Ministerial Experiences, the student will:

1. Complete and submit a Credit for Life and Ministerial Experiences Application form with a $30 application fee (nonrefundable).
2. Submit a typed résumé detailing life and ministerial experiences.
3. Prepare and submit a portfolio describing the learning and how the experience was acquired. The portfolio should include all supporting documentation such as certificates, awards, publications, etc., substantiating the experience.
4. Provide three letters of recommendation from clergy and professionals who can verify the experience.
5. Interview with a faculty member or the Dean of the department awarding the credit.
6. Take and pass a Biblical Proficiency Examination administered by DCU upon receipt of application.

A maximum of 60 credit hours may be advanced in an undergraduate degree program through a combination of life experiences and/or credit by examination. Upon successful completion of the requirements listed above, the student will be eligible for the recommended credit hours. The equivalent course credit will be applied to the student’s permanent record upon receipt of his or her Life and Ministerial Experience credit hour fees or credit by examination fees. The fee is $20 per credit hour.
GRADUATE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Graduate programs at DCU are an extension of the undergraduate curriculum and University lifestyle designed to give students an area of specialization in their area of ministry. Students seeking admission must meet the following criteria:

1. Possess a baccalaureate degree, biblical or non-biblical, from a recognized higher education institution.
2. Submit an application for admission to graduate school.
3. Submit three letters of reference; one must be a ministerial reference.
4. Submit a signed philosophy of education and a personal goal statement. This should be a 300-word type-written statement of educational and personal experience, preparation, and goals.
5. Submit official transcripts from each college or university attended.

NON-BIBLICAL BACCALAUREATE DEGREE STUDENTS
Students admitted to the graduate program may have a baccalaureate degree from another discipline. However, students are expected to have a good knowledge of the Bible as a basis for their graduate study and for admission. Any student admitted to a graduate program under this category must meet the standard graduate admission requirements and the following:

1. Complete and successfully pass a Bible Proficiency Examination administered by the College in which admission is desired with a score of 70 percent or above. The examination is administered during the orientation session of the semester of enrollment.
2. Enroll in TH 60103 Old Testament Synthesis and TH 60203 New Testament Synthesis as a prerequisite to the program during the first semester of enrollment at DCU.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
Transfer students must meet all admission requirements. Courses accepted for transfer must be equivalent to those required in the degree plan. The Dean of the college will evaluate transfer credits. Documentation such as course outlines, departmental syllabi, etc. may be required for an evaluation of equivalent credit.