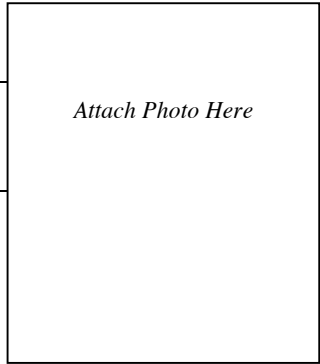




# Insight Application 2011-12



**Application Fee: \$35    Primary Application Deadline: May 1**

*Add \$15 for applications mailed after May 1.*

## I. General Information

I am interested taking Insight for:  Trinity International University credit     Certificate     Unsure

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
                    *First*                                      *Middle*                                      *Last*                                      *Preferred Name*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
                    *Street*                                      *City*                                      *State*                                      *Zip*                                      *Country*

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Skype \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Webpage/MySpace \_\_\_\_\_

Are you on Facebook?     Yes     No            Sex: \_\_ Male \_\_ Female    Age \_\_\_\_\_    Birth date \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship\* \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Non-U.S. citizens may apply as certificate students only. INSIGHT cannot provide F-1 documentation for student visas.*

If you've lived abroad, how many years in which countries? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or your family affiliated with a NGO? Which one? \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Education *Please have your school(s) send an official high school and any college transcripts to Insight.*

1. High School \_\_\_\_\_ Year graduated \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Have you been homeschooled?     No     Yes, grade levels \_\_\_\_\_

2. College \_\_\_\_\_ Dates attended \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Degrees/major \_\_\_\_\_

3. Degrees, certificates, other training: \_\_\_\_\_

4. SAT or ACT scores

**Required** for credit students. You DO NOT need to have your scores officially sent to Insight. The college you apply to for INSIGHT credit will require the scores sent officially to them by the testing service once you have been accepted to INSIGHT.

SAT I: Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Composite \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_

If you have registered for or plan to retake the SAT/ACT, what is your retake date? \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Work Experience**

Please list your work history.

### **IV. Ministry and Missions Experience**

Please list your ministry and/or mission experience.

### **V. Special Needs**

Do you require accommodations for a disability or other condition during Insight?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **VI. About You**

Please briefly answer these questions in an open and honest manner, to help us get to know you.

1. Describe your experience of coming to faith in and following Jesus.

2. Describe where you are at now in your journey with God.

3. How did you hear about INSIGHT and what about it most interests you?

4. How many books have you read in the last year? \_\_\_\_\_ List your favorite books:

5. List the activities of a typical week for you (other than school):

6. List the following, including at least one academic and one social each:

My Strengths

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

My Weaknesses

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

7. What are your career interests?

8. Are there hobbies, work, or other things you hope to have time to do while you are taking INSIGHT?

## VII. Personal History

*The questions in this section are of a personal nature. Please answer them truthfully. The purpose of this section is not to make a judgment on your character, but to raise awareness for program staff of any issues that may surface during Insight. Only necessary program staff will have access to this information, unless it needs to be disclosed to protect your or another person's safety. You may be asked to clarify or elaborate on your responses during the application interview.*

**With the past two years in mind, if you have been involved in any of the following areas, please tell us about your activity and where you currently stand in regard to the issue(s). Please leave them blank if they do not apply.**

alcohol/drug use

pornography

gang activity

premarital sex

eating disorders

depression/suicidal thoughts

trouble with law enforcement

suspension or expulsion from school

the Occult (including witchcraft, psychics, astrology, or Satanic worship)

cults

cutting or other self-inflicted harm

rebellion from parents or other authority figures

**Note:** Although Insight includes a spiritual formation component designed to mentor you in your walk with God, it is by nature an academic program, not a discipleship program. The intensive academic rigor of the program should be taken into consideration if you are working through a serious issue prior to Insight. Insight strives to support students' growth, and that involves helping prospective students determine if Insight is a good fit. Insight staff are happy to talk with you about your personal situation.

## VIII. Essays

Please answer **BOTH** of the following 2 questions. Each response should be 1-2 pages handwritten or double-spaced type.

1. How have your family and your experiences shaped the person you are today as well as the person you are becoming?
2. Please choose **ONE** of the following questions to answer. (Your writing will help us understand how you approach and analyze a given topic. We are looking for clarity of thought and well-reasoned support for your point. )
  - a) Define “church.” What are its purposes, benefits and shortcomings? What is the role of church in your life, our society and the world at large?
  - b) In Romans Paul talks about submission to authority. When, if ever, is it permissible as a Christian to rebel against authority? Why or why not?
  - c) Define culture. Identify some of the major aspects of culture that change as well as some that stay the same across different cultures. Provide examples from at least 3 distinct cultures.
  - d) America is a religiously and philosophically diverse country. Identify 3 of the larger belief systems, and discuss why these belief systems are popular in the United States. Include the significant ways in which these systems are different and how they succeed despite their differences.

## IX. Writing Sample

Please include with your application an additional sample of your writing, such as an essay or research paper you have already written for a school assignment. The writing sample should be at least 3 pages in length.

## X. References

List a pastor and a teacher who know you well and can objectively evaluate your character and aptitude for this program. Please send a reference form to each (available in the “Apply” section of the Pasadena page on [www.yearofinsight.org](http://www.yearofinsight.org)) with a stamped envelope addressed to:

**INSIGHT**  
**1605 E. Elizabeth St.**  
**Pasadena, CA 91104**

### 1. Pastor Reference *(A youth pastor, spiritual mentor, or spiritual director is acceptable.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Teacher Reference *(A non-parent teacher reference is preferred. If not possible, a parent reference is acceptable.)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## **XI. INSIGHT Rules** *(please sign)*

### **1. Facilities**

The Insight classroom is not an Insight-only space, and must be respected and returned to its original condition after class meetings. No food or drink (except water) is permitted in the Heimbach Community Room, and no food is permitted in the INSIGHT classroom. The balcony area immediately outside the INSIGHT classroom may be used for study purposes only. Please remain quiet in this area. The student study room located in the INSIGHT office suite is available during office hours. INSIGHT owned books may not leave the office suite. Snacks and drinks are permissible, but you are responsible for your own mess. INSIGHT staff reserves the right to confiscate any edible item for their consumption.

### **2. Safety**

Students must inform INSIGHT staff when off-campus for more than 4 hours, or when they will be gone for the weekend. Students are encouraged to travel in groups, and are expected to inform another student if going out alone. Ladies may not walk/jog/etc. alone off campus between dusk and dawn. On school nights, residential students must be on campus by 11:00 PM and in their rooms no later than 12:30 AM. On Friday and Saturday nights, students must be back on campus by 1:00 AM and in their rooms by 2:00 AM.

### **3. Group Cohesion**

Students must use discretion in the amount of time spent together in any exclusive relationship. If INSIGHT staff think that group cohesion is being threatened, they will take necessary steps to redeem group cohesion.

### **4. Male-Female Relationships**

Because the emotions involved in male-female relationships are often difficult to manage, and because INSIGHT demands that students be in a state of emotional health, the following rules are in effect:

a) Students may not be in the dorm rooms or wings of the opposite sex (exceptions may be allowed at set times as determined by the Resident Director).

b) Students must avoid any physical contact with those of the opposite sex.

c) Exclusive male-female relationships will not be allowed.

d) These rules apply to all male-female relationships, including those between an INSIGHT student and a non-INSIGHT student. Local students in existing relationships must abide by the same rules.

### **5. Apparel & Personal Expression**

The guideline is to “err on the side of modesty” in choice of clothing. Pajamas, pajama bottoms, and sweatpants may not be worn in USCWM or INSIGHT class meetings. Women: One-piece or tankini bathing suits only. Spaghetti-strap tops/dresses and shelf-bra or braless camisoles may only be worn without a sweater or another layer in the women’s area of the dorm. Men: Shirts must be worn outside of the men’s area of the dorm. For field trips, students may be required to remove piercings, cover tattoos, and abide by culturally appropriate standards of dress.

### **6. Respect**

Students are expected to show appropriate respect for people and property, including field trip locations, and campus facilities. Students must abide by posted and published campus rules. Students may not physically fight, strike, intimidate, or assault another person.

### **7. Work**

Students are not allowed to work during the first month (mid-module) of INSIGHT to ensure that they have learned to manage the program well and excel in their studies. Students who earn a minimum 83% (B) in the Module One mid-module grading period will be qualified to work thereafter. However, students may work no more than 10 hours/week and must not drop more than one level below their previous grade level (i.e. B+ to B is acceptable) at each mid-module grading period to maintain their qualification. We will be concerned if the student’s grade drops down two levels (B+ to B-), but once it drops three grade levels at a mid-module grading period (i.e. B+ to C+), INSIGHT has the right to withdraw the working privilege if necessary. If students want to work longer hours, they must seek permission from the Program Director first. Exceptions are made for local students who come to INSIGHT with existing jobs. In those cases, the Program Director will either allow them to keep working or require them to stop working, based on their previous academic record. In all cases, students may not work more than 10 hours/week, without special permission.

### **8. Major Offenses**

Students may not consume or be in possession of alcohol, nonprescription drugs, or tobacco, regardless of age. Gambling and the possession and/or viewing of pornography are not permitted.

*INSIGHT does not have the resources to enforce these rules comprehensively. Therefore, students are reminded that the greatest offense is the dishonesty of knowingly breaking any of these rules, having promised that they will not. The first violation of items 1 through 7 will incur a warning. Major offenses will incur more serious measures. Repeated violations, or serious incident, will require probation involving stricter guidelines, observation and meeting with staff. Violation of probation will result in suspension from the program for a period of time, or expulsion, depending on the offense. INSIGHT staff reserves the right to determine the severity of the offense and its punishment.*

**I have read and agree to honor and abide by the INSIGHT Rules stated above. My failure to abide by these rules may involve disciplinary action and/or expulsion from the program.**

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Printed Name of Student

Signature

Date

## XII. Application Checklist

Your application is not considered complete until the Insight office has received all of the following:

- \_\_\_ \$35 non-refundable application fee, payable to INSIGHT (add \$15 for late applications mailed after May 1)
- \_\_\_ official transcripts from high school and any postsecondary education (have the school mail/fax them directly)
- \_\_\_ application
- \_\_\_ 2 essays (see Section VIII)
- \_\_\_ writing sample (see Section IX)
- \_\_\_ pastor & teacher references
- \_\_\_ SAT or ACT scores or test registration

All application materials should be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

**INSIGHT Admissions**  
**1605 E. Elizabeth St., Box 1023**  
**Pasadena, California 91104**

Fax: **(626) 398-2471 Attn: INSIGHT**

Email: **pasadena@yearofinsight.org**

## XIII. Interview

Once INSIGHT has received all of your application materials, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with program staff. We prefer to conduct your interview in person at our Pasadena Insight office. However, if this is not possible, the interview may be conducted by phone. The interview gives Insight staff an opportunity to get to know you before making a final acceptance decision. You can expect questions related to your academic, personal, and spiritual life. You will also have an opportunity to ask us questions.

Your interview will take approximately 30 minutes. Which times and days are most convenient for your interview?

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We will call or e-mail you to schedule your interview.

Feel free to contact INSIGHT prior to your interview for questions about admissions, partner colleges, or general information:

**(626) 398-2297**

**pasadena@yearofinsight.org**

## XIV. Signatures

### Applicant's Signature

I attest that the essays and writing sample in this application are my own work, and that all information on the application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

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*Signature*

*Date*

### Parent's Signature (required for applicants under 18)

I affirm that I am aware of my child's application to the Insight program.

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*Signature*

*Printed Name*

*Date*