Tiger Advantage Professionalism Program: Frequently Asked Questions

*Why is this worth it?*

Tiger Advantage not only helps you develop skills you’ll need to be competitive in your collegiate career and post-graduation plan, it helps you meet alumni and employers as well as figure out how to target your interests and skills to a career that you’ll truly enjoy. The program is designed to make career exploration and engagement structured so that you can better balance your academics, commitments, interests, and career development.

*Why are so many events required?*

We want you to be successful with whatever you want in life after Trinity. We did a lot of research to determine the necessary professional development you will need to complete to be truly competitive against other applicants in the job search, graduate or professional school application process, and when seeking a promotion or leadership early on in your career. The program components have been hand-picked and align with what recruiters and graduate schools are looking for in candidates. The program takes the busy schedules and various commitments of students into consideration and allows for flexibility as well as individualization.

*How do I get credit for attending events or completing program components?*

Great question! For the events, you will need to swipe your Tiger Card at the event or check in with a staff member to have your attendance recorded. For the task-orientation program components, you will use Hire A Tiger and other sites to complete the task and receive credit. For the experiential learning component, you will send your information and reflection to Laura Kalb (lkalb@trinity.edu). We are updating how progress is tracked so if you have any questions about your status in the program, be sure to reach out to Laura!

*How long do I have to complete the program?*

You have until the semester you graduate to finish the program. You can attend the events and complete the professional preparation as well as experiential learning component at any point during your collegiate career. Certain events are held once a year or twice a year and may require some planning based on your other commitments as a student.

*I’m a senior and I want to join Tiger Advantage. Is that even possible?*

You can get involved in Tiger Advantage at any point during your collegiate career. The program is designed to be flexible and accommodate students of all classifications. It may take a little work to make sure you complete all program components, but we take your participation at previous events and professional preparation into account.

*I have no clue what I am going to major in. I think it’s too soon to think about career stuff.*

No way! The great thing about Trinity is that the curriculum here helps you explore so many different ideas, disciplines, and viewpoints. Tiger Advantage isn’t designed to make you choose a major or choose a career path; it’s designed to help you explore, learn transferrable skills like networking and professional communication, and to open your eyes to possibilities in multiple different industries and fields, including graduate or professional school. It’s never too soon to start thinking about your career - and odds are, you’ll have multiple different careers in your lifetime, so the more you know, the better!