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Coulter (PHIL), director

The Renaissance Program is an interdisciplinary program which provides students the opportunity of combining the distinct learning experiences of a concentration in a liberal or non-business related field with exposure to career-related studies and significant work experience. It targets students majoring in the liberal arts who want preparation for their career search.

Specifically, the Renaissance Program has a three-fold set of objectives for each of its students.

1. Participants elect a major field of study from any of the liberal arts disciplines, namely, from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and the like. Majors in the Division of Business or the Department of Health and Human Performance are excluded from this program.
2. Participants take the Renaissance Program Professional Minor, composed of a set of six courses selected by each student according to personal interest and career-plan, from a broad range of pre-professional and professional areas.
3. Participants complete one internship in a career-related field. Students are encouraged to be creative and to search for inventive ways of implementing a plan of practical work experience. A variety of options and opportunities are available through the Career Center.

As part of its commitment to Renaissance Program participants, the University of St. Thomas extends to graduates of this program the offer of undergraduate business courses, free of charge and without limit, on a space-available basis. These courses may be taken either for credit or as audits (but may not be used toward a second degree at the university).

Application for admission is made through the office of the Renaissance Program, currently in the Department of Philosophy. Such application should normally take place during the second semester of the sophomore year, but may occur later.

Renaissance Program Professional Minor

One of:

ECON 251 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics

(Other courses from the Department of Economics may be acceptable if the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.)

Plus one of:

QMCS 110 Introduction to Information Processing

QMCS 120 Computers in Elementary Education and LOGO

QMCS 130 Problem Solving in the Natural Sciences

QMCS 220 Statistics I

QMCS 221 Statistics II

QMCS 238 Software Design Using Business Languages

(Other courses from the QMCS Department may be acceptable if the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.)

Plus a total of 12 credits in:

ACCT 211 Financial Accounting

BLAW 366 Legal Environment of Business

FINC 300 Finance for Non-Business Majors

MGMT 150 Introduction to Business

MGMT 300 Management for Non-Majors

MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing

Other courses from the Division of Business may be acceptable if the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

Plus:

IDSC 330 Renaissance Program Internship

IDSC 333 Renaissance Program Studies

Another course that integrates theoretical and practical themes may be acceptable provided the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

Russian

See Department of Modern and Classical Languages

Russian, Central and East European Studies

Shambour (RUSS), adviser

The ACTC program in Russian, Central and East European Studies seeks to give the broadest pos-