

Student Life

Students will find that there are many cultural events to attend, many activities in which they may participate and many organizations that will welcome their active involvement on the St. Thomas campus. Students are invited to participate fully, according to their interests, for a spirited college experience.

All College Council

The All College Council (ACC) is the student government of the college. All student organizations and clubs fall directly under the Council. STAR (St. Thomas Activities and Recreation) and the ACC operations are financed by an activity fee assessed each full- and part-time student each semester.

Membership in the All College Council consists of five executive officers, two Off-Campus Council representatives, two Residence Hall Association representatives, two representatives from each of the four classes, one International Student representative, one HANA student representative, one New College representative, one Resident Assistant representative, one STAR representative, one St. John Vianney representative, one club presidents' representative, and an adviser, who is the director for Student Leadership and Activities.

The ACC functions in an advisory capacity to administrative and faculty decision making.

Participation in College and Faculty Committees

Students of the College work cooperatively with the faculty and administration on six committees: the College Life Committee, the Grievance Committee, the Committee on Discipline, the Educational Policy Committee, the Committee on Studies, and the Budget Advisory Committee.

Student Organizations and Clubs

There are a number of clubs organized on campus for a variety of purposes including social, athletic and academic. All student organizations are governed by the student government (the All College Council). Some of these clubs are organized around the career objectives of their members or according to their major field of interest; others are organized according to common interests. Some professional, service and social fraternities have chapters on campus.

The *Activities Directory*, a handbook describing all the clubs, organizations and other types of involvement on campus, is available to all students at the Center for Student Leadership and Activities. An "Activities Fair" is held at the beginning of each semester to allow interested students to learn more about the clubs.

Intercollegiate Athletics

The intercollegiate athletic program includes twenty-one varsity sports and several junior varsity programs.

Men's varsity sports are soccer, cross country, football, hockey, basketball, swimming, wrestling, baseball, golf, tennis and track. Junior varsity schedules are played in cross country, football, basketball, tennis, soccer and baseball.

Women's varsity sports are volleyball, hockey, cross country, basketball, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, golf and track. Junior varsity programs exist in cross country, volleyball, basketball, soccer and tennis.

Student Publications

The *Aquin* is the student-edited newspaper at St. Thomas. Its primary purpose is to serve as a voice of the St. Thomas community. Opinions, ideas and information are welcomed from students, faculty, administrators and staff. The paper is published every week during the fall and spring semesters.

The *Aquinas* is the university yearbook, and its student editors capture the school year's events in words and pictures. The yearbook is distributed at no cost to all full-time undergraduate students at the end of each year.

Each publication has a faculty adviser, but the university delegates editorial freedom and responsibility to the editors, giving them latitude to carry out editorial responsibilities. The university is the official publisher of all student publications which, in turn, are governed by the Board of Student Media.

The photo staff consists of student photographers who work throughout the year taking pictures for student publications. The staff is supervised by student editors and publication advisers.

All interested students are encouraged to apply for positions on the news and photographic staffs of the publications. Photographers' applications and newspaper and yearbook editors' applications are made to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The *Summit Avenue Express* is the student literary and visual arts magazine of St. Thomas. Designed and edited by students, the magazine publishes student poetry, fiction, photography, drawings, and other visual art. Work on the magazine begins in early fall, with a submissions deadline in December and a mid-April publication date.

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Musical Organizations

Student musical ensembles appear regularly in concerts on campus, in the Twin Cities area, and tour nationally and internationally.

Instrumentalists and vocalists with diverse interests can choose from a selection of large and small ensembles—bands, orchestra, choirs, jazz ensembles (both vocal and instrumental), ensembles for pianos, guitars, woodwinds, brasses, strings, percussion, and music theater productions. Membership in most of these organizations is by audition. For details consult the *Handbook for Music Students* available from the Department of Music.

Theater and Film Forum

The combined St. Thomas/St. Catherine Department of Theater presents a number of productions throughout the year. The productions range from the classics to the latest Broadway musicals. All students are eligible to take part regardless of major. Casting is by open audition.

Performances are given at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium and Frey Theater at St. Catherine and in Foley Theater at St. Thomas. Admission to plays is free of charge for students.

The Film Forum is co-sponsored by the Department of Theater and the CSC and UST Centers for Women. Films being screened locally in the Twin Cities are selected monthly for discussion. Special interest films on a variety of topics are screened as well at the Women's Centers. Upcoming films are advertised through posters, bulletins, and e-mail. The Forum is open to everyone.

Dean of Student Life Office

The Dean of Student Life Office is committed to helping students resolve problems.

By performing the role of ombudsman for students, the Dean of Student Life Office maintains an open-door policy to aid students in dealing with various student issues and problems. These include, but are not limited to, residence life, student health and on-campus activities.

The office oversees the verification of student directory information, produces the *Student Handbook* and Dial-a-Tommie, the campus student directory.

The office also coordinates orientation for all students and mediates violations of the Rules of Conduct as stated in the *Student Handbook*.

The Student Handbook

The *Student Handbook* is published and distributed to the students at the beginning of each academic year. This handbook, designed as a daily planner, contains general regulations, behavioral expectations, a statement on student rights and responsibilities, a list of campus organizations, a calendar of special events, important dates, and academic deadlines. Students are held accountable for the information contained in the handbook.

Committees of the University

The College Life Committee, the Grievance Committee, and the Committee on Discipline are committees of the university. As such, they include students, faculty and administrators in their membership. The function and authority of these committees may be found in the *Student Handbook*.