

## Academic Information

### Baccalaureate Degrees

The University of St. Thomas grants the degrees Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.) to individuals who successfully complete its undergraduate degree programs. These undergraduate degrees have two components: the core curriculum and the major concentration.

To complete the core curriculum, a student takes courses in literature and writing, historical studies, moral and philosophical reasoning, faith and the Catholic tradition, natural science and mathematical and quantitative reasoning, social analysis, fine arts, language and culture, human diversity, and health and fitness. Students also need to demonstrate computer competency. These courses provide the student with a broad education and with the skills needed for further work in these or other areas. Additional general requirements for graduation are listed in the section on requirements for a degree.

A candidate for a degree completes a major concentration in one of the specific academic disciplines represented in the College; or a student may construct a major concentration to meet a specific need or interest, subject to the approval of the Committee on Studies. This major concentration component of a degree provides students with the opportunity to pursue a limited subject in depth and to prepare for a career.

If desired, a student may also complete one or more minor concentrations or an additional major concentration in an area of special interest.

### Majors

The following is a list of major concentrations or programs of study. Details are provided in the "Departments and Curricula" section in this catalog. Curricula involving other institutions in the ACTC are indicated by [ACTC]. Unless otherwise noted, the degree is a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.).

St. Thomas students may choose a major area of concentration not offered at St. Thomas at any of the other four institutions in the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC), which are Augsburg College, Hamline University, Macalester College and the College of St. Catherine. The student must be accepted into the major by the appropriate department chair at the school where the major is offered and the proposed program of study must be submitted to the Committee on Studies at St. Thomas for its approval.

An individualized major may also be proposed to the Committee on Studies for acceptance. Guidelines for such a proposal are available from the Office of the Academic Dean.

Actuarial Science (B.S.)  
Art History  
Biochemistry (B.S.)  
Biology  
Business Administration – Accounting

Business Administration – Communication  
Business Administration – Entrepreneurship  
Business Administration –  
    Financial Management  
Business Administration –  
    General Business Management  
Business Administration –  
    Human Resources Management  
Business Administration –  
    International Business  
Business Administration –  
    Legal Studies in Business  
Business Administration –  
    Leadership and Management  
Business Administration –  
    Marketing Management  
Business Administration –  
    Operations Management  
Business Administration –  
    Real Estate Studies (B.S.)  
Catholic Studies  
Chemistry  
Chemistry (B.S.)  
Classical Civilization  
Classical Languages  
Communication  
Community Health Education  
Criminal Justice  
East Asian Studies [ACTC]  
Economics  
Economics (B.S.)  
Elementary Education  
English  
English – Writing  
Environmental Studies  
French  
Geography  
Geology  
German  
Health Education  
History  
International Business – French Intensive  
International Business – German Intensive  
International Business – Spanish Intensive  
International Studies  
Journalism & Mass Communication –  
    Advertising  
Journalism & Mass Communication –  
    Broadcast Journalism  
Journalism & Mass Communication –  
    Media Studies  
Journalism & Mass Communication –  
    Print Journalism  
Journalism & Mass Communication –  
    Public Relations  
Justice & Peace Studies  
Latin  
Literary Studies  
Mathematics  
Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.)  
Music  
Music/Business

Music Education  
 Philosophy  
 Physical Education  
 Physical Education Health Promotion (B.S.)  
 Physical Education Health Promotion –  
 Science Emphasis (B.S.)  
 Physics  
 Physics (B.S.)  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Psychology – Behavioral Neuroscience  
 Quantitative Methods and Computer Science  
 Russian  
 Russian, Central & East European Studies  
 [ACTC]  
 Social Sciences  
 Social Work  
 Sociology  
 Spanish  
 Theater  
 Theology  
 Women's Studies [ACTC]

**Co-Majors**

The following sets of majors constitute a double major when taken together. They cannot be “stand-alone” majors.

Science and Mathematics for Elementary Education  
 (taken in conjunction with Elementary  
 Education)  
 Secondary Education and Communication Arts and  
 Literature  
 Secondary Education and Science – Chemistry  
 Secondary Education and Science – Earth Science  
 Secondary Education and Science – Life Science  
 Secondary Education and Science – Physics  
 Secondary Education and Social Studies  
 Secondary Education (taken in conjunction with a  
 major from the above list)

**Minors**

Students may choose to complete a minor in addition to a major. A student may declare more than one minor.

A student may propose an individualized minor to meet a specific need or interest, subject to the approval of the Committee on Studies. Guidelines for such a proposal are available from the Office of the Academic Dean.

The following is a list of minor concentrations or programs of study. Details are provided in the “Departments and Curricula” section in this catalog. Curricula involving other institutions in the ACTC are indicated by [ACTC].

Aerospace Studies  
 American Cultural Studies  
 Art History  
 Biology  
 Business Administration  
 Catholic Studies

Chemistry  
 Classical Languages  
 Communication  
 Criminal Justice (Sociology)  
 East Asian Studies [ACTC]  
 Economics  
 Electronic Music Production  
 Engineering  
 English  
 English – Writing  
 Environmental Studies  
 Family Studies  
 Film  
 French  
 Geography  
 Geology  
 German  
 Greek  
 History  
 Japanese  
 Jazz Studies  
 Journalism & Mass Communication –  
 Advertising  
 Journalism & Mass Communication –  
 Broadcast Journalism  
 Journalism & Mass Communication –  
 Media Studies  
 Journalism & Mass Communication –  
 Print Journalism  
 Journalism & Mass Communication –  
 Public Relations  
 Journalism & Mass Communication –  
 Visual Communication  
 Justice & Peace Studies  
 Latin  
 Legal Studies  
 Mathematics  
 Music  
 Philosophy  
 Physics  
 Political Science  
 Psychology  
 Quantitative Methods and Computer  
 Science – Business  
 Quantitative Methods and Computer  
 Science – Mathematics  
 Quantitative Methods and Computer  
 Science – Science  
 Renaissance Program  
 Russian  
 Social Welfare  
 Sociology  
 Spanish  
 Theater History/Theory-Criticism  
 Theater Performance  
 Theology  
 Urban Studies  
 Women's Studies [ACTC]

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### Aquinas Scholars Honors Program

The Aquinas Scholars Honors Program is the undergraduate honors program. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for motivated and curious students to deepen and enrich their undergraduate education.

Aquinas Scholars take a minimum of four honors sections of core curriculum courses. (Students admitted to the program with 45 or more credits completed take only three sections.) Limited to 20 students, the honors sections emphasize depth, not acceleration, and encourage discussion.

Aquinas Scholars are also required to complete a minimum of three interdisciplinary honors seminars (on standard grading system), which bring together instructors from two different departments and students from a variety of disciplines to approach a topic of intellectual interest. This seminar format provides students the opportunity to situate themselves within a broader intellectual community at a time when much of their other coursework is engaging them on a more focused level. Aquinas Scholars are not charged tuition for the honors seminars.

The Aquinas Scholars Honors Program also sponsors a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. All St. Thomas undergraduate students are eligible to apply to the program. Continuing and transfer students should generally have at least a 3.3 grade point average, though the admissions committee reviews applications primarily for evidence of intellectual curiosity and academic motivation. Students need to apply to the program early enough to complete the course requirements.

For further information, contact the Aquinas Scholars Center, located in 101 Albertus Magnus Hall.

### Special Curricula

The College offers several programs that a student may pursue in addition to a major concentration. These include:

- Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs (HECUA)
- Pre-Health Professions
- Pre-Law
- Study Abroad Programs
- Superior Studies at Wolf Ridge
- Washington Semester

### Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities

The University of St. Thomas has joined with four other private colleges in the Twin Cities to form the Associated Colleges of the Twin Cities (ACTC), a legal entity designed to facilitate cooperative activities among the five benefiting institutions. Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Hamline University, Macalester College and the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul are the other institutions that make up this consortium with the University of St. Thomas. These colleges possess a long history of cooperative academic activity.

Presently, ACTC operates an inter-campus bus system that transports students among the colleges to take courses at schools other than their own. St. Thomas has approximately 250 students who take advantage of exchange courses each semester. In some cases, faculty members from one institution will teach a course on another campus. A comprehensive Class Schedule for the five institutions is published annually to facilitate the exchange of courses and students among the colleges.

Full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students in the day division are eligible to register for exchange courses.

In addition to the course exchange, St. Thomas students may choose a major or minor area of concentration at any of the other four institutions. The student must be accepted into the major or minor by the appropriate department chair at the school where the program is offered. The proposed program must be approved by the Committee on Studies at St. Thomas.

### The 4-1-4 Calendar

The College follows a 4-1-4 calendar. This calendar consists of a fall semester during the months of September through December, a four-week January term, and a spring semester during the months of February through May. Each of the semesters consists of approximately 14 weeks of classes and a four-day examination period.

### Regular Semesters

During the fall and spring semesters, a student normally enrolls for sixteen credits.

### The January Term

Students may enroll for a maximum of four credits in a January term.

### Summer Sessions

The university offers two six-week sessions, one eight-week session and one twelve-week session during the months of June through August. A student may enroll for a maximum of eight credits in a given session, with a maximum of sixteen credits for the summer.

### School of Continuing Studies

The School of Continuing Studies recruits, mentors and provides academic support for part-time adult and other non-traditional students. It develops on- and off-campus undergraduate academic programs to serve the educational needs of the part-time adult population. The delivery and support of undergraduate courses and programs in the School uses innovative techniques and technologies. The School cooperates with graduate programs to coordinate and support programs offered at off-campus sites. It also develops and supports non-credit programs.