

Renaissance Program

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

Note: 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 220 Statistics I

QMCS 230 Software Design Using the JAVA Language

QMCS 238 Software Design Using Business Languages

Note: Other courses from the Department of QMCS 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 205 Introduction to Accounting

BLAW 301 Legal Environment of Business

BUS 201 Ethics and Practice: Foundations of Business

FINC 300 Finance for Non-Business Majors

MGMT 300 Management for Non-Majors

MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing

Note: 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 (0 credit)

IDSC 333 Renaissance Program Studies

Note: 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.

Urban Studies

Hoffman (POL), director

Urban Studies is an interdisciplinary field of inquiry which treats the city as responsible for the creation of unique patterns of social and physical organizations. The minor provides students with an opportunity to study the "urban way of life" using the insights generated by the traditional social science disciplines. By exposing themselves to such variety, students obtain a more comprehensive and integrated view of the city than is possible with-