

## Special Programs

### International Education

To meet the challenge of preparing liberally educated students for an interdependent world, the University of St. Thomas is committed to teaching with a global perspective and to providing its students with global literacy.

Therefore, the undergraduate College has undertaken to strengthen international academic programs and to develop new programs and learning opportunities with international dimensions.

These programs are designed to enhance the traditional liberal arts education, to prepare students for careers with international responsibilities, and to provide an educated citizenry with international understanding.

See Study Abroad Programs in the "Affiliated Programs" section in this catalog.

### Renaissance Program

The Renaissance Program is one way the University of St. Thomas responds to the challenge of offering students a liberal arts education as well as career preparation.

See Renaissance Program in the "Interdisciplinary Minors" section in this catalog.

### Preparation for the Roman Catholic Priesthood

Students considering a commitment to the Roman Catholic priesthood may major in a variety of fields. However, they must complete certain prerequisites in philosophy, theology and classical languages.

In addition to the usual major field and graduation requirements for the University of St. Thomas that provide in large measure the balance needed for the study of theology, St. John Vianney students will be expected to complete the following academic requirements as part of their pre-ministry preparation. In compliance with the Program of Priestly Formation:

Twenty-four credits of philosophy

Sixteen credits of theology from the following areas:

Introduction to Old and New Testaments

Introductory Theology

Christian Morality

Language Requirements:

Twelve credits in Latin and eight credits in

Greek or their equivalent as determined by the student's diocese.

Preparation for entering a postgraduate seminary takes place best in a college level seminary. St. John Vianney college seminary, located on the University of St. Thomas campus, provides an integrated program of spiritual and apostolic formation, along with the academic course work available through the college. Interested students should contact the rector, Rev. William Baer, at St. John Vianney Seminary ([www.vianney.net](http://www.vianney.net)).

### Parents-on-Campus Program

Parents of full-time students in the undergraduate day program are eligible to take undergraduate courses on a space-available basis in fall and spring semesters without tuition charge. The following requirements must be met:

The daughter/son is a full-time day student taking at least twelve credits. Parents of students in the School of Continuing Studies are not eligible for this program.

Graduate courses, courses at ACTC schools, courses taught in January term or summer sessions, and courses in the HECUA program are not part of this program.

Parents may audit courses or take them for credit. Parents may be non-degree or degree-seeking students. If the parent chooses to become a degree-seeking student, an application must be made through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Fees will be charged for books, music lessons, laboratory charges, individual studies, and experiential learning.

Further information on the program can be obtained from the Office of the University Registrar.