

### Aquinas Scholars

The Aquinas Scholars Program is the honors program of the undergraduate program. It is designed to assist students in developing their intellectual talents, character and interests while pursuing an education of considerable depth and breadth.

See the Academic Information section of this catalog for a description of the program.

### Deans' Honor Lists

A student who attains a grade point average of 3.50 or more at the end of a semester in which he or she has taken at least twelve credits for regular grades (A, B, C) will be placed on a Dean's Honor List if there are no grades of D or F or marks of I or R.

The list is made public and the student receives a letter of commendation from the appropriate dean's office. Freshmen and first-semester sophomores will be listed by the Dean of Arts and Sciences. Second-semester sophomores, and juniors and seniors will appear on lists depending on their major – from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the School of Education, or the School of Social Work.

### Delta Epsilon Sigma

*Delta Epsilon Sigma*, a national honor society for students enrolled in Catholic colleges and universities, was established at St. Thomas in 1941. Students become eligible for membership in their junior year. St. Thomas students are accepted into the national organization of *Delta Epsilon Sigma* after they have been accepted into the University of St. Thomas *Alpha Sigma* chapter and are nominated for membership in the national organization.

Senior candidates must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.50, while junior candidates must have a cumulative 3.75 grade point average. Graduate students are eligible for membership upon completion of one-half of their master's degree requirements. Alumni are eligible if they have been graduated with honors or have received a graduate degree.

Student members receive the *Delta Epsilon Sigma Journal* published by the national society three times each year. In addition, student members may submit articles for publication to the *Journal*, and apply for senior year and graduate school scholarships. Induction ceremonies are held at the beginning of fall and spring semesters each year.

Members enjoy the following privileges: no restriction on class loads; no tuition charges for courses above the normal 16-credit semester load; and attendance as guests of the university at special academic functions.

### Department Honor Societies

A number of departments offer membership in an honor society for the particular discipline. Each of these is explained in more detail in the description of the department's offerings in the Curricula section of this catalog.

Biology – *Gamma Tau* chapter of *Beta Beta Beta*  
 Communication – *Beta Chi* chapter of *Lambda Pi Eta*

Drama – *Pi Epsilon Delta*  
 Economics – *Omicron Delta Epsilon*  
 English – *Sigma Tau Delta*  
 Foreign Language – *Alpha Mu Gamma*  
 Geography – *Mu Alpha Pi*  
 History – *Pbi Alpha Theta*  
 Philosophy – *Pbi Sigma Tau*  
 Political Science – *Chi Theta* chapter of *Pi Sigma Alpha*  
 Psychology – *Psi Chi*  
 Religious Studies and Theology – *Theta Alpha Kappa*  
 Social Work – *Beta Epsilon* chapter of *Alpha Delta Mu*  
 Sociology – *Iota* chapter of *Alpha Kappa Delta*

### Latin Honors

Three types of academic honors are conferred upon graduates of the undergraduate program.

All students considered for graduation with Latin honors have a minimum of 52 credits taken for letter grade (A, B, C, D) at the University of St. Thomas.

All students eligible for Latin honors who have applied for graduation will be informed by the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences before mid-term of their final semester that they are eligible for this honor.

#### *Cum Laude*

A student whose overall cumulative grade point average and St. Thomas grade point average are both between 3.500 and 3.699 receives the baccalaureate degree *cum laude*.

#### *Magna Cum Laude*

A student whose overall cumulative grade point average and St. Thomas grade point average are both between 3.700 and 3.899 receives the baccalaureate degree *magna cum laude*.

#### *Summa Cum Laude*

A student whose overall cumulative grade point average and St. Thomas grade point average are both 3.900 or higher and who is judged to be outstanding by members of an Honors Oral Examination Committee receives the baccalaureate degree *summa cum laude*.

The student has the responsibility to arrange a *summa* examination, in consultation with the chair of the major department or director of the interdisciplinary program.

The chair/director, in consultation with the student, shall then appoint an oral examination committee of at least three faculty members, one of whom shall be from the student's major department or program. The examiners shall represent at least three departments and at least two academic divisions or schools of the undergraduate program.

The faculty member from the student's major department or program shall act as chair of the examination committee. A student will multiple majors shall designate one of the majors as the major department or program for purposes of this examination.

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The examination should have a central theme so that continuity can be maintained throughout the questioning. The student, in consultation with the chair of the committee, takes the initiative in determining this theme, and conveying it to the other examiners.

Further details concerning the examination will be sent to eligible students and the chairs of their departments by the Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

If a student's performance is judged not outstanding by the examination committee, the chair of the committee shall, with the concurrence of the student, reconvene the examination committee at a later time for the purpose of re-examination. The examination committee for the re-examination will consist of the original members. Should the candidate's performance be judged not outstanding at this second examination, or should the student choose not to be re-examined, the student will graduate *magna cum laude*.

If the candidate for *summa cum laude* is also a candidate for departmental honors that involve an oral defense of an honors thesis, this defense may be substituted for the *summa* honors examination, provided that the examination committee represents at least three departments and two academic divisions or schools of the undergraduate program and that the student's performance is judged to be outstanding by the members of the committee following the same guidelines as set forth for the *summa* honors oral examination.

If the student who is eligible for graduation *summa cum laude* chooses not to take the Honors Oral Examination, the student will be graduated *magna cum laude*.



## 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 program 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 "College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Programs" section in this catalog.

## Preparation for the Catholic Priesthood

Preparation for entering a postgraduate seminary takes place best in a college-level seminary. St. John Vianney college seminary, located on the St. Thomas campus, provides an integrated program of spiritual and apostolic formation, along with the academic coursework available through the university.

Seminarians may major in a variety of fields. However, they must complete certain prerequisites in philosophy, theology and languages according to the direction of their diocese.

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 in compliance with the Program of Priestly Formation:

Twenty-four credits of philosophy

Twenty credits of theology

Language requirements: Latin or Spanish if determined by the student's diocese.

Interested students should contact the rector, Rev. William Baer, at St. John Vianney Seminary:  
wjbaer@stthomas.edu

## 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.

