

Student Life

Major Field Advisers


After a student has completed 48 semester credits, the student fills out a major field card and applies to be accepted as a major in his or her chosen field.

When the student has been accepted as a major in a particular department the guidance of her or his program is then transferred from the freshman/sophomore faculty adviser to a departmental major field adviser.

Information Resources and Technologies

Information Resources and Technologies oversees libraries, computing services, and the instructional services. A significant restructuring of the areas served was underway when this catalog went to press.

Computing and Communications Services Center

Computing and Communication Services provides computing and telecommunications (telephone) services to students, faculty and staff. All computing facilities are available to students for classroom, tutorial and research applications free of charge. Long distance telephone services and voice mail are available to on-campus students for a nominal  fee.

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Students will find that there are many cultural, social, and educational events to attend and many activities in which they may participate. Students can further develop their leadership skills by being an active member in one of over 96 clubs and organizations on campus. Being involved with the student life on campus helps to create a well-rounded and spirited college experience.

All College Council

The All College Council (ACC) is the student government of the undergraduate program, representing undergraduate students. 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 six executive officers, two off-campus and two on-campus representatives, one Residence Hall Association representative, the class president and two representatives from each class, one International Student representative, one HANA student representative, one STAR representative, one St. John Vianney representative, one student organization's representative, an external affairs representative, and an adviser, who is the director for Student Leadership, Activities, and Living.

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

Participation in Faculty Committees

Students of the undergraduate program work cooperatively with the faculty and administration on seven committees: the Student Life Committee, the Grievance Committee, the Committee on Discipline, the Undergraduate Planning and Policy Committee, the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee, the Undergraduate Committee on Studies, and the Budget Advisory Committee.

The function and authority of these committees may be found in the *Student Policy Book*.

Student Organizations and Clubs

There are approximately 85 clubs organized on campus for a variety of purposes including social, athletic and academic. All student organizations' recognition and funding processes are overseen by the All College Council and the Center for Student Leadership, Activities, and Living. 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.

A description of all the clubs, organizations, and other types of involvement on campus is available to all students in the *Student Planner*. 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-two varsity sports.

Men's varsity sports are soccer, cross country, football, hockey, basketball, swimming, baseball, golf, tennis and indoor and outdoor track and field.

Women's varsity sports are volleyball, hockey, cross country, basketball, swimming, soccer, softball, tennis, golf and indoor and outdoor track and field.

Intramural Activities

Numerous intramural activities are offered throughout the academic year for men and women.

During the fall semester activities include: flag football, whiffle ball, 4-on-4 basketball, racquetball, coed soccer and volleyball.

During the spring semester the offerings include 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 basketball, floor hockey, sand volleyball, ultimate frisbee and softball. Several aerobic classes are also offered and students are encouraged to use the recreational facilities for leisure enjoyment. All leagues are free and open to students, faculty, staff and alumni. Sign-up forms are available at the cage in O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Student Publications

Each student publication has a faculty adviser, or a managing editor, 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 the publications. The staff is supervised by student editors and publication advisers.

The Aquin

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. Applications for *Aquin* photographers and editors are made to the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Aquinas

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. Applications for *Aquinas* photographers and editors are made to the Center for Student Leadership and Activities.

Summit Avenue Review

Summit Avenue Review is the literary and visual arts magazine at St. Thomas. Designed and edited by students, the magazine publishes poetry, fiction, literary nonfiction, photography, and other visual art from the St. Thomas community. Work on the magazine begins in early fall, with a first submissions

deadline in December and an April publication date. Inquiries should be sent to the Department of English. The magazine's Web address is

www.stthomas.edu/SummitAvenueReview

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 current *Handbook for Music Students* available from the Department of Music.

Theater

Four productions per year are presented by the joint Department of Theater of the University of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine. Alternating between the two campuses, the productions are presented at UST's Foley Theater and at CSC's Frey Theater, with the occasional use of the O'Shaughnessy Auditorium at CSC. The season of plays each year includes a variety of time periods and styles, from classical Greece to contemporary American. A musical is presented every year. Admission is free to all students with ACTC identification.

All students are eligible to take part in theater productions, regardless of major. Casting is by open audition. Audition notices are posted throughout campus and on the Department of Theater's Website. To work backstage, students may sign up at the annual Theater Open House in the fall, or by contacting the department's technical director.

In addition to its production season, the Department of Theater sponsors an improv comedy team, the OxyMorons. This team performs on the two campuses and in local venues. To join, sign up at the annual Theater Open House or contact the chair of the department.

Film Club

The Film Club, sponsored by the joint Department of Theater of the University of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine, meets weekly to view and discuss outstanding current film. Admission is free, and refreshments are served. For a schedule, contact the chair of theater or check the department's Website.

Dean of Student Life Office

The Dean of Student Life Office assists and supports students in achieving their academic and personal goals. They are available to answer questions, to help resolve issues or concerns, and to refer students to the appropriate department, office or community resource.

The staff members of the Dean of Student Life Office provide a variety of programs and services for

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undergraduate and graduate students. These include new student orientation, student advocacy services, students' rights and responsibilities information, judicial services, emergency loans, and the publication of the *Student Planner*, the *Student Policy Book*, and the student directory.

The Student Planner & Student Policy Book

The *Student Planner* is a complimentary planner produced and distributed each year by the Dean of Student Life Office and Electronic Student Services. It includes an academic calendar as well as an easy resource guide providing information about the over 96 student organizations on campus and ways to become involved in campus life.

The *Student Policy Book* is published by the Dean of Student Life Office and Electronic Student Services. It contains information regarding the Student Code of Conduct and all expectations, guidelines and policies that govern student life. All students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the expectations outlined in the *Student Policy Book* and will be held accountable for upholding the university's policies.



Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry believes that the depth of our faith powerfully affects the way we live and what we become. Christ affects us by giving our lives meaning and purpose. But faith can be especially challenged in college. It is in response to this challenge that Campus Ministry invites students, faculty and staff to explore their faith more fully through worship, service and personal growth.

In addition to six full-time professionals, Campus Ministry employs a team of residence hall chaplains and twenty student employees. The staff coordinates the religious life of the campus and offers a variety of programs.

In the area of worship, there are daily, Sunday and special community masses, penance services, evening prayer, and ecumenical services. Students can participate in worship through the Liturgical Ministers Program, Chapel Singers and the Liturgical Choir.

In the service area, Campus Ministry sponsors the Volunteers in Action program, VISION J-term and spring break volunteer service trips, and the Student Coalition for Social Justice.

To inspire personal growth, Campus Ministry has a number of programs, including prayer groups, retreats, pastoral counseling and referral, marriage preparation, crisis intervention, special groups for support (e.g., Faith in Action – a chapter of Courage ministry for those dealing with sexual orientation issues), and Common Ground – a house of hospital-

ity where students gather to relax, pray, study, and meet new people.

Campus Ministry also offers the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) to those who are preparing for baptism, eucharist and confirmation in the Catholic Church.

The Center for Campus Ministry is located in Murray-Herrick Center.

Personal Counseling and Testing

Personal Counseling is available to help students deal with a wide variety of concerns from the problems of daily living to problems of a more serious nature. In addition to the professional counselors and psychologists employed by the university, outside referral sources are also available. Personal Counseling also provides groups, workshops, seminars and consulting services on a variety of topics. Walk-in hours are available every day and are listed in the *Electronic Daily Bulletin*. Complete confidentiality is maintained in accordance with legal requirements and the professional code of ethics.

Testing Services

Personal Counseling Office offers a full range of services including personality assessment and career testing.

Career Services

Career Services provides career development expertise and job-search assistance. The department gives individual help and easy access to quality resources. Services are available to St. Thomas students and alumni.

Individual counseling, seminars and a variety of resources are offered to assist in:

- Self-assessment and vocational testing
- Career choice and transition
- Major-field choice and change
- Research for specific careers and employers
- Job search services for full-time, part-time, summer and student employment opportunities
- Use of technology in job search and career development
- On-campus interviewing
- Classroom instruction
- Comprehensive Website

Career Resource Center

The Career Resource Center offers students access to written materials including literature from employing organizations. Career Assistants are available to assist students on a walk-in basis.

Individual appointments are available on both the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses. Scheduled individual appointments are encouraged to ensure staff availability.

Career Counseling

Confidential, individual appointments and workshop presentations are used to assist students with skill building and career planning. Students explore their interests, values and abilities to determine possible career options.