

Qualified students with disabilities are responsible for identifying themselves and making all requests for accommodations and aids or services to the staff of the Enhancement Program.

Support services are provided to enrolled students and based on assessed needs. These services include screening interviews and referral services, accommodation and academic assistance service, interagency coordination and advocacy services.

To be eligible for these services, documentation from a licensed professional is required. The documentation should state the nature of the disability and the types of accommodations recommended by the licensed professional.

For more information, please contact the Enhancement Program Office, located in OEC 119 or consult the Website:

www.stthomas.edu/enhancementprog/

Center for Writing

Undergraduate and graduate students at all levels of experience and expertise across the university use the Center for Writing. In intensive one-on-one hourly sessions, students typically work on issues such as developing ideas, creating a focus, organizing materials, and clarifying sentences. Most students work on course assignments, but may work on graduate school and job applications, extensive research papers, master's theses and dissertations.

The Center is staffed by peer writing consultants who are selected through a rigorous application and interview process conducted each spring semester. The staff does not offer an editing service, but instead provides the much more valuable service of working collaboratively with students to help them best express what they want to say in their writing.

Services are free. Computers are available to work on during a session with most software for IBMs available.

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 (IRT) oversees the university libraries, information and computing technology (systems and desktop application acquisition, support and service) and instructional and institutional Web and media services.

IRT provides information technology (computing and library) support and service as well as telecommunication (telephone) services to students, faculty and staff. All public 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.



Student Life

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 70 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 executive director for Department of Campus Life.

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*.

Electronic Student Services

Electronic Student Services (ESS) is committed to enhancing the student learning experience and advancing technological communication for students, faculty, and staff. Working collaboratively within Student Affairs and the university community, ESS promotes, creates, and supports technology initiatives, develops divisional marketing strategies, coordinates division publications, and offers access to comprehensive cultural and outdoor educational experiences. As an advocate for technology, the ESS staff work to learn more about the technological needs, expectations, and interests of students and to share this information throughout campus.

Student Organizations and Clubs

There are approximately 70 clubs organized on campus for a variety of purposes including academic, athletic, honor and recognition, special interest, and

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university service. All student organizations' recognition and funding processes are overseen by the All College Council and the Department of Campus Life. 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 on-line. 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 and staff. 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 staff captures the school year's events through words, pictures, and graphic theme. The yearbook is distributed at no cost to all full-time undergraduate students in the fall of each year. Applications for *Aquinas* student staff positions are made through the *Aquinas* yearbook managing editor's office in Murray Herrick Center 112D.

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 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 on-line *Student Policy Book*.

The On-Line Student Policy Book

The *Student Policy Book* is published by the Dean of Student Life Office. 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 on-line *Student Policy Book* and will be held accountable for upholding the university's policies. It can be found at www.stthomas.edu/policies.

Student Affairs Life/Work Center

The Life/Work Center in 110 Terrence Murphy Hall on the Minneapolis campus, a department within the Division of Student Affairs, provides special services and resources to meet the unique needs of graduate students, education students (both graduate and undergraduate), and alumni/ae. Our core services include career counseling, personal counseling services, and the resources of the International Student Services and Multicultural Student Services staff. Legal services are provided periodically. Staff in the Life/Work Center can provide consulting services for career development, and personal life management concerns. Staff are available for in-class presentations and can provide resources and support for standardized self assessments which complement the curriculum goals. Contact the Life/Work Center at 651-962-4763 or lifework@stthomas.edu. 

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 hospitality 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 concerns of daily living to problems of a more serious nature. In addition to the licensed 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 Daily Bulletin. Complete confidentiality is maintained in accordance with legal requirements and the professional code of ethics. The Personal Counseling Website has an extensive self-help section including anonymous screening for depression, anxiety, alcohol and eating disorders: www.stthomas.edu/pc.

Testing Services

Testing Services located in the Personal Counseling Office offers a full range of services including personality assessment, career testing, and group tests such as the Law School Admissions Test and the Miller Analogies Test.