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College of Arts and Sciences
Interdisciplinary Program
MacKenzie (ENGL), director

The Renaissance Program is an interdisciplinary minor which provides students the opportunity to combine 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 is designed for students majoring in the liberal arts who want preparation for their career search.

Students who minor in the Renaissance Program elect a major field of study from any of the liberal arts disciplines – that is, from the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and the like. Students who major in any of the Business fields or in Health and Human Performance are not eligible for the program.

The program's requirements consist of coursework and an internship. Students choose a set of six courses (detailed below) from a broad range of pre-professional and professional areas. In their senior year, students take IDSC 333 Renaissance Program Studies, a capstone seminar that brings together the perspectives of economics, business, and the liberal arts. Students also complete an internship in a career-related field. A variety of options and opportunities are available through the Career Center; students are encouraged to be creative and to search for inventive ways of implementing a plan of practical work experience.

As part of its commitment to Renaissance Program students, the University of St. Thomas extends to graduates of the program the opportunity to take undergraduate business courses tuition-free, on a space-available basis. There is no limit on the number of such courses the student may take. Students may take these courses either for credit or as audits, but may not use the courses toward a major or minor in business.

Application for admission is made through the Renaissance Program director's office, currently in the Department of English. Application should normally take place during the second semester of the sophomore year, but may occur later.

Renaissance Program Professional Minor

Four credits from the following:

ECON 251 Principles of Macroeconomics (4 credits)

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics (4 credits)

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 four credits from the following:

QMCS 110 Introduction to Information Processing (4 credits)

QMCS 120 Computers in Elementary Education (4 credits)

QMCS 220 Statistics I (4 credits)

QMCS 230 Software Design Using the JAVA Language (4 credits)

QMCS 238 Software Design Using Business Languages (4 credits)

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 twelve credits from the following:

ACCT 205 Introduction to Accounting (4 credits)

BLAW 301 Legal Environment of Business (4 credits)

BUSN 201 Ethics and Practice: Foundations of Business (4 credits)

FINC 300 Finance for Non-Business Majors (4 credits)

MGMT 300 Management for Non-Majors (4 credits)

MKTG 300 Principles of Marketing (4 credits)

Note: Other courses from the College 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 (4 credits)

Note: Another course that integrates themes involving the relation between the liberal arts and the world of work may be acceptable provided the necessary prerequisites have been met, and on the approval of the director of the Renaissance Program.

Russian (RUSS)

See Modern and Classical Languages