

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 100 clubs and organizations on campus.

Undergraduate Student Government

The Undergraduate Student Government (USG) is the student government of the undergraduate program, representing undergraduate students. The Undergraduate Student Government, as a representative of the University of St. Thomas undergraduate student body, is dedicated to advocating student concerns by working with faculty, staff, the administration, community leaders, and fellow students to promote positive change while staying true to the Catholic identity of this institution.

STAR (St. Thomas Activities and Recreation) and the USG operations are financed by an activity fee assessed each full- and part-time student each semester.

The Undergraduate Student Government is comprised of 38 representatives who act as the voice of the students at the University of St. Thomas. Members of the USG serve their constituents by working with faculty, staff, administration, and other students to promote positive change and foster tradition in an effort to provide students with an exceptional college experience both inside and outside of the classroom. Membership in the Undergraduate Student Government consists of six executive officers, two neighborhood and two residential senators, one legislative affairs and one commuter senator, two student athlete representatives, one commuter representative, one elections and credentials chair, one transfer student senator, 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, one Student Alumni Council representative, one Student Diversity Relations representative, and three advisers, including the executive director for the Department of Campus & Residence Life, the director of Campus Life, and the assistant director of Campus Life.

The USG functions in an advisory capacity to administrative 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 120 clubs and organizations at the University of St. Thomas. Clubs and organizations are available in a range of interests, including academics,

sports, honors and service. Choosing to be involved is a great way to develop and build relationships with your peers and the university community. Most importantly, getting involved at St. Thomas is an excellent way to enhance social, interpersonal, problem solving, leadership and other important skills.

The Undergraduate Student Government and the Office of Campus Life oversee all student organization recognition and funding processes. 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 online. 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, tennis, and volleyball.

During the spring semester the offerings include 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 basketball, floor hockey, sand volleyball, dodgeball, and kickball. 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 in the fall of each year. Applications for *Aquinas* student staff positions are made available 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 music ensembles appear regularly in concerts on campus, in the Twin Cities area, and tour nationally and internationally.

Instrumentalists and vocalists can choose from a diverse 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 www.stthomas.edu/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.

Dean of Students Office

The Dean of Students 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 Students 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, ombuds and parent liaison services, emergency loans, and the publication of the on-line *Student Policy Book*.

Contact the Dean of Students Office at (651) 962-6050 or visit the department web site at: www.stthomas.edu/deanofstudents.

The On-Line Student Policy Book

The Student Policy Book is published by the Dean of Students 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. Staff in the Life/Work Center are available to 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.

