

St. Thomas University offers bachelor degree programs in Arts, Applied Arts, Social Work, and Education. St. Thomas University awards degrees and certificates at spring and summer convocation and through early conferral on March 1 and November 1.

## A. Bachelor of Arts Degree

The University offers a Major or Honours program within the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Both programs have the following basic requirements:

1. Successful completion of 120 credit hours.
2. A concentration in a specific subject area or interdisciplinary grouping constituting a Major or Honours.
3. No more than 60 credit hours in one subject within the 120 credit hours required for the degree except by special permission of the Senate Admissions and Academic Standing committee.
4. A minimum of 72 credit hours at the intermediate (2000) level and above.
5. An annual GPA of at least 2.0 in the academic year of graduation or on the last 30 credit hours of study.
6. Group distribution requirements as outlined below.

*Note: The first year of a program leading to a LLB degree in a faculty of law at a Canadian university recognized by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) may be substituted for the fourth year (30 credit hours) of the BA Degree program with approval of the Registrar.*

The Bachelor of Arts curriculum consists of a subject concentration and a prescribed distribution of courses.

### 1. Subject Major

Normally, 36 credit hours in one subject constitute a Major. Currently the University offers Major programs in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	French	Philosophy
Catholic Studies	Gerontology	Political Science
Communications and Public Policy	Great Books	Psychology
Criminology	History	Religious Studies
Digital Journalism and New Media	Human Rights	Science & Technology Studies
Economics	Interdisciplinary Studies	Sociology
English	International Relations	Spanish and Latin American Studies
Environment and Society	Mathematics	Women's Studies & Gender
	Native Studies	
	Media Studies	

The specific course requirements for a Major in a particular subject area are described in Section Six. Individual departments may, with senate approval, require a specific level of performance in courses applied toward a Major.

Students are expected to declare their subject Major to the Registrar's Office during their second year, and must declare a Major by the beginning of their third year.

## 2. *Minor (optional)*

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree may elect a Minor consisting of 18 credit hours in one subject. The specific course requirements for a Minor in a particular subject area are described in Section Six. Students who wish to designate a Minor are responsible for notifying the Registrar's Office of their selection.

## 3. *General Curriculum Requirements*

The arts curriculum is organized on the basis of a preparatory first year of general studies, partly prescribed, followed by three years of more intensive study in areas dictated by the student's interests and capabilities.

The normal course load in the academic year for full-time students in the Bachelor of Arts program is 30 credit hours. The minimum course load for full-time students is 9 credit hours per semester. The maximum is 18 credit hours per semester, with permission of the Registrar's Office.

In order to meet the goal of a liberal education to develop a breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding, the BA curriculum is offered in different groups and levels of courses. Candidates must successfully complete the following credits from each of the designated groups.

### **Group A: 12 credit hours (normally taken in first year) from:**

Catholic Studies	History
Communications and Public Policy	Human Rights
Digital Journalism and New Media	Irish Studies
English	Italian
ESL	Japanese
French	Latin
Great Books	Native Studies (Maliseet)
	Native Studies (Mi'kmaq)
	Philosophy
	Religious Studies
	Spanish and Latin American Studies

### **Group B: 12 credit hours (normally taken in first year) from:**

Anthropology	Native Studies
Business	Political Science
Criminology	Psychology
Economics	Sociology
Gerontology	Women & Gender Studies
International Relations	

Students are required to complete a minimum of 6 credit hours from Group C or Group D or both. This means that a combination of courses from Environment & Society, Natural Sciences, Science & Technology Studies, Fine Arts, Music and Visual Arts totalling 6 credit hours will satisfy general curriculum requirements for graduation. NOTE: All students who meet the requirements for a major in Psychology are deemed to have completed 6ch in Group C.

### Group C:

Courses in natural sciences or Environment and Society or courses offered by the Science and Technology Studies Program, including those approved for cross listing in Science and Technology Studies, and any other courses approved by Senate.

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Environment and Society

Mathematics

Natural Sciences (eg. Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics)

Science and Technology Studies

### Group D:

Courses that have the goal of serving to develop students' aesthetic literacy through creative, cultural, and/or reflective artistic activity which include any courses offered by the Fine Arts Program, and those approved for cross listing in Fine Arts, and any other courses approved by Senate – Senate meeting November 16, 2006.

Fine Arts

Music

Visual Arts

For example:

- 6 credit hours in Group C and none in Group D
- 6 credit hours in Group D and none in Group C
- 3 credit hours in Group C and 3 credit hours in Group D

Normally a full-time student in first year will take five different first-year courses, at the 1000 level, for a total of 30 credit hours. In second year students are encouraged to pursue the breadth of knowledge by selecting a variety of subject areas. In third and fourth years, students are encouraged to pursue the depth of knowledge or the more intensive concentration in their choice of a Major or Honours subject area.

Students are advised to meet the requirements for Groups A, B, C, and D by the end of their third year of full-time study, or by completion of 90 credit hours, in accordance with the following benchmarks:

- by the end of Year 1, students shall have obtained 18 of the Group A and B credit hours required;
- by the end of Year 2, students shall have obtained 24 of the 30 credit hours required;
- by the end of Year 3, students shall have obtained all 30 credit hours required.

#### a. *The Aquinas program*

The Aquinas program offers first-year students an alternative to the regular, 30 credit-hour first-year program. The program counts as 18 credit hours and is designed to be appropriate to all first-year students. Students in the Aquinas program are required to complete 12 other first-year credit hours, on an elective basis, in order to complete their first year.

Those enrolled in the Aquinas program will join in a learning community of no more than 36 students and three or more professors to study, from a cross-disciplinary perspective, a particular theme of interest in the liberal arts. Students' time will be

flexibly scheduled so that seminars, tutorials, full classes, and independent and group work will be scheduled as appropriate. Students will continue with their section of the program for the entire academic year and will receive, upon successful completion, six credit hours in each of the disciplines represented by the three professors. The multidisciplinary structure of the program provides opportunities to make connections between different subject areas, methods of investigation and research, and bodies of knowledge.

The University will annually announce specific areas of study or themes, and the professors who will cooperate in designing and teaching the course for the coming academic year. Any student who has been admitted to St. Thomas for a first-year program is eligible to apply, and will be sent detailed descriptions of the individual sections for the coming academic year. All such students will be informed of application procedures and deadlines. Because all first-year students should have equal opportunities to choose this alternative, if there are more applications than can be accommodated, admission will be by random selection.

**b. *Second, Third, and Fourth Years***

Thirty credit hours are to be chosen in each year. Subjects available are:

Anthropology	French	Philosophy
Biology	Gerontology	Political Science
Business	Great Books	Psychology
Catholic Studies	History	Religious Studies
Communications and Public Policy	Human Rights	Science & Technology Studies
Criminology	Irish Studies	Social Work
Digital Journalism and New Media	Italian	Sociology
Economics	Japanese	Spanish and Latin American Studies
English	Maliseet	Women's Studies and Gender Studies
Environment and Society	Mi'kmaq	
Fine Arts	Peace Studies	

**c. *Note on Requirements for Teacher Certificate***

For the purpose of teacher certification in the province of New Brunswick certain requirements in curriculum must be met. The specific requirements may be found in the New Brunswick Schools Act and regulations thereunder. Candidates for the BEd program are advised to consult the current admissions requirements for more information on “teachables.”

**d. *Note on Credit for Professional Courses***

Third and fourth-year arts students may be given academic credit for professional courses not ordinarily considered part of the liberal arts or science curriculum; credit will be given for a maximum of 18 credit hours in professional courses.

Applicants for such credit must obtain the consent of the Department in which they are taking their Major or Honours program, of the Registrar and of the committee on admissions and academic standing. Application for such credit should indicate a clear relationship between the student's Major or Honours program and the professional courses in question. These professional courses cannot be counted among the courses

satisfying the minimum number required for Majors or Honours.

*e. Grade Point Average Required for Graduation*

In addition to completing all the course requirements, candidates for graduation must earn an annual grade point average of at least 2.0 in their graduation year. A candidate whose annual grade point average is below 2.0 must take additional courses as determined by the Registrar's Office and achieve such standing in them as the Registrar's Office may determine in order to graduate. For information on calculating grade point averages, see Section Five, Part C – Evaluation and Grading.

*f. Distinction*

The recognition of “distinction” is awarded to graduates in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Applied Arts degree programs who attain a combined average of 3.7 over their last two academic years (60 credit hours) of their program.

### **Honours BA Degree Requirements**

The Honours BA program is designed for students with a high level of ability who seek a more challenging and more specialized course of studies within the Arts program. Typically, an Honours program includes a greater number of courses in a student's chosen subject area, and certain advanced-level courses. In most departments, an Honours thesis is required. An Honours degree is commonly required for admission to master's programs at other institutions.

#### *Certificate of Honours Standing*

The certificate of Honours standing has been established to provide a means of granting appropriate recognition to those St. Thomas University arts graduates who did not follow the regular Honours program but who, subsequent to graduation, have completed all requirements for the Honours program. Students who have had the Bachelor of Arts degree conferred upon them are not eligible to receive a second arts degree.

This credential recognizes that the student has completed all of the current requirements for the Honours program in the appropriate subject. Students who earned a first undergraduate degree from another university are not eligible for this certificate of Honours standing. These students may enroll as upgrading or non-degree students on a full-time or part-time basis.

In addition to the basic requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree listed in Section One: Part A, candidates for the certificate of Honours standing must meet specific requirements regarding entrance to the program, the Honours subject or interdisciplinary subject area, the Minor subject (optional), the prescribed curriculum, and the minimum grade point average. These requirements, as well as the procedures for opting out of Honours, are described below.

*a. Entrance to Honours program*

Honours is reserved for students who are performing at a high level in their Bachelor of Arts program. Individual departments, with senate approval, may require a specific level of performance in designated courses as a prerequisite to Honours.

To enter the Honours program, a student must receive the approval of the appropriate Department and notify the Registrar's Office. Normally, students enter the Honours program at the beginning of their third year.

### b. Honours Subject

A minimum of 48 credit hours in one subject will normally comprise an Honours specialization. Candidates will include a minimum of 12 credit hours exclusively designed for Honours students and others capable of independent work at a high level. Usually these courses will be of the seminar type. In most departments, one course is an Honours thesis. Currently, the University offers Honours programs in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	Human Rights	Religious Studies
Criminology	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science and Technology
Economics	International Relations	Studies
English	Native Studies	Sociology
French	Philosophy	Spanish and Latin
Great Books	Political Science	American Studies
History	Psychology	Women's Studies and Gender Studies

The specific requirements for Honours in a particular discipline are described in section four. Individual departments may, with senate approval, require a specific level of performance in courses applied toward Honours.

### c. General Curriculum Requirements

The general curriculum requirements for Honours are the same as those for a general BA. (See Section Two: programs, Part A. 3. General Curriculum Requirements.)

### d. Grade Point Average Required for Honours

Candidates in the Honours program are normally expected to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 in the Honours subject. In calculating the grade point average for Honours, all courses in the Honours subject (or interdisciplinary subject area) will be counted. For Honours at graduation, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in the Honours subject (or interdisciplinary subject area) is required. Distinction is awarded to those Honours graduates who have attained a combined average of 3.7 over their last two academic years (60 credit hours) of their program.

### e. Procedures for Withdrawal from Honours

A student in Honours may withdraw from the program by notifying the Chair of the appropriate Department and the Registrar.

### f. Minor (optional)

Students pursuing an Honours BA degree may elect a Minor consisting of 18 credit hours in one subject. The specific course requirements for a Minor in a particular subject area are described in section four. Students who wish to designate a Minor are responsible for notifying the Registrar of their selection.

## B. Bachelor of Applied Arts Degree

St. Thomas University currently offers a Bachelor of Applied Arts in two areas: criminal justice and gerontology. Applied arts programs differ in substance from the BA programs in that they combine the study of liberal arts with technical training. Our applied degrees are “articulated” programs in that each is offered in partnership with one of the campuses of the New Brunswick Community College. Students in the BAA will enroll at St. Thomas for part of their program and at the appropriate community college for the rest. Upon comple-