

- which he/she is currently enrolled or has previously been enrolled (including audits) at St. Thomas or at any other post-secondary institution.
5. The maximum number of credit hours that a student may obtain through challenge exams is 30.
 6. Students will not be permitted to write a challenge exam while on academic probation or academic dismissal.
 7. Students will not be permitted to write a challenge exam for a course with content similar to a course (or courses) for which credit has already been obtained.
 8. Applications to write a challenge exam must be approved by the Department or programme Director concerned. Students must demonstrate, in writing, reasonable grounds for taking the challenge exam (e.g., relevant work experience and/or non-university study). Students should anticipate a 30-day waiting period for processing the application, and, if applicable, scheduling details.
 9. Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, over and above the regular annual tuition fee, paid in full.
 10. The Department Chair or Programme Director concerned will determine the content and the grade on the challenge exam.
 11. If the student successfully obtains the required minimum grade of "C," the credit will be recorded on the student's academic transcript with a notation indicating that the credit was obtained through a challenge exam.
 12. The student's grade on the challenge exam will not be recorded on the transcript, nor will it be included in the calculation of the student's grade point average (GPA).
 13. Challenge exams will take place only at St. Thomas University.
 14. Notification of results will be given to the student within 30 days of writing the exam.
 15. Challenge exams are not offered for language courses.

C. Admission To Social Work

Beginning in September of 2005, there is no entry to the Bachelor of Social Work directly from high school. The Social Work Department will be commencing a new Bachelor of Social Work Programme. Senate has approved the phasing out of the four-year BSW Programme and the establishment of a new programme format. This revised Post-Degree Programme will run from September until December of the following year. The last intake of the Post-Degree Programme in its current format will take place in June 2006, while the last intake for the professional years of the four-year programme will take place in September 2006. The phasing in of the new Post-Degree Programme will be complete by September 2008.

For students **currently enrolled** in the first stage of the four-year Bachelor of Social Work Programme, the following information applies.

Second-stage admission

The second stage, admission to the professional (third and fourth) years of the programme, will occur during the candidate's second year. Eligibility for the professional years is limited to students who have completed at least 60, but less than 120 credit

hours, by the end of April of the year of application. Candidates must apply to the Registrar for admission to the professional years. An admissions committee will select candidates on the basis of the following criteria:

Academic Performance	Weight
GPA (year of application) minimum 2.7	20%
SCWK 2013 mark	10%
SCWK 2023 mark	10%
Experience (work, volunteer, life and learning from experience)	15%
Personal statement	10%
Analysis of a social problem	10%
Group interview	<u>25%</u>
	100%

The application deadline is March 15 of each year. Candidates must have completed the 60 credit hours of the first two years of the programme by the end of April of the year of application. In second year, students take the two required social work courses: SCWK 2013 Introduction to Social Welfare and SCWK 2023 Introduction to Social Work, and another course designated by the Social Work Department. (Prerequisite for enrolment in these social work courses is 30 credit hours in liberal arts.)

Note that successful completion of the first two years of the Social Work Programme does not guarantee admission to the professional years. There are a limited number of spaces in the professional years and the number of candidates exceeds the number of available spaces. The BSW Programme at St. Thomas has an affirmative action policy which may be applied to candidates who meet the minimum entrance requirements and are members of groups which have been traditionally disadvantaged with respect to access to many of our social institutions. Please contact the Department Chair for further information.

Application procedures

Application kits become available in late January of each year and can be obtained from the Registrar's Office. The deadline for applications is March 15. Applications are submitted to the Registrar. A completed application includes:

1. a completed application form;
2. a personal résumé;
3. three references (It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the completed reference forms are received by the Registrar's Office.);
4. an official transcript of marks (Applicants who have attended another university must arrange to have an official copy of the transcript(s) sent by that institution to the Registrar's Office);
5. a personal statement (guidelines for which are in the application kit).

All applicants will participate in a group interview (involving six or seven applicants per group) conducted by representatives of the Social Work Department. In these interviews, which are scheduled in April, participants will be evaluated on self-awareness, ability to relate to others, problem-solving ability, and social/political awareness.

In conjunction with the interviews, applicants will complete a brief test involving an analysis of a social problem. Applicants will be presented with a current or enduring social problem and will be asked why it is seen to be a social problem, what the causes of the problem might be, what the impact or consequence of this problem is on people and on society, and how he/she thinks the problem might be resolved or reduced.

Applicants will be notified of the decision of the admissions committee by June 15. Many qualified candidates will not be accepted. Those individuals will have the opportunity to attend a meeting with a member of the Social Work Department to discuss their options regarding pursuing social work education.

Post-Degree BSW

Prerequisites

1. A bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on the most recent 60 credit hours. Students currently in 4th year of a bachelors' degree programme who will have completed 120 credit hours or more by the end of April of the year of application, are eligible to apply and may be given provisional acceptance pending completion of degree requirements by May 15 of the year of application.
2. A minimum of 60 credit hours in liberal arts.
3. An empirical research methods course which provides a familiarity with a broad range of qualitative and quantitative research methods and research ethics. Three credit hours for this course will be transferred to the BSW.

Note: Applicants who do not satisfy these minimum academic requirements are not considered further in the selection process.

4. A critical awareness of the interaction among the individual and the social, political, and economic aspects of society and a demonstrated recognition that for structural social workers the main focus for change is the structure of society rather than the individual.
5. Evidence of familiarity with, and commitment to, the profession of social work, as well as the capacity to learn from experience.

Practicum Conditions

There is one field practicum of 700 hours. This practicum will occur during the winter semester in a block format five days a week. Students in the Post-Degree BSW will normally be required to do their field practicum outside the city of Fredericton. All placements will normally be within a 3-hour drive.

Application Deadline

January 31 of each year. All application materials and supporting documents must be received by the Admissions Office on or before the deadline.

Affirmative Action Policy

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to candidates who meet the minimum entrance requirements and are members of groups which have been traditionally disadvantaged with respect to access to many of our social institutions. Please contact the Department Chair for further information.

Admission Criteria

Criteria	Weight
CGPA on programme or on most recent 60 credit hours (minimum 3.0)	30%
Personal statement	20%
Social problem test	10%
Interview	20%
Experience (work, volunteer, life and learning from experience)	20%
	100%

Application Procedures

Application kits become available in October each year and can be obtained from the Admissions Office. The deadline for applications is January 31. Applications are submitted to the Admissions Office. A completed application includes:

1. a completed general application form for admission to St. Thomas;
2. the supplementary Post-Degree BSW application form;
3. a personal statement (guidelines are in the application kit);
4. a personal résumé;
5. three references (academic, professional, personal). It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the completed reference forms are received by the Admissions Office;
6. official transcripts of marks from all post-secondary institutions attended. If currently enrolled in university courses, official transcripts of final grades for the first semester, together with a list of second-semester courses, if applicable, by the January 31 deadline. In all cases, final transcripts or official confirmation that graduation requirements have been satisfied, by May 15;
7. a course description or course outline of the research methods course that is to be transferred to the BSW. (It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that this course is equivalent or similar to SCWK 3033); and
8. the \$35 application fee.

All eligible applicants will participate in a group interview conducted by representatives of the Social Work Department. These interviews will be conducted either in person on campus, or via telephone conference calls. In these interviews, which are scheduled for February, participants will be evaluated on self-awareness, ability to relate to others, problem-solving ability, and social/political awareness.

In conjunction with the interview process, applicants will complete a brief test involving an analysis of a social problem. This test will be written in Fredericton at the time of the

group interview. Applicants participating in a telephone interview will be asked to arrange to have the test written and monitored at a local educational institution. Applicants will be presented with a current or enduring social problem and will be asked why it is seen to be a social problem, what the causes of the problem might be, what the impact or consequences of the problem are on people and on society, and how they think the problem might be resolved or reduced.

D. Admission to Criminal Justice

First-stage admission

Admission to the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice Degree Programme is in two stages. At the first stage candidates will apply for admission to the New Brunswick Community College's (Miramichi) Diploma in Criminal Justice Programme. Enrolment is limited to 30 students. Admission is competitive. Applicants must satisfy regular admission requirements for St. Thomas University as published in subsection A. "First-year Arts." They must also demonstrate commitment to and aptitude for careers in criminal justice.

Candidates for first-stage admission apply to the College Admissions Service, Department of Advanced Education and Labour, 6 Arran Street, Campbellton, NB E3N 3G3.

The application deadline is March 31.

Completed applications include:

1. a completed NBCC application form;
2. official transcripts of high school and, if applicable, university and college grades;
3. a statement of interest in the field of criminal justice including informal and formal experience, and related studies completed;
4. a \$25 application fee.

The Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice Degree Programme is designed to provide new students with an opportunity to receive a specialized degree in the field of criminal justice. As such, at least 90% of the incoming class (27 seats) will be selected from students entering from high school or as mature students. A maximum of 3 seats will be made available to transfer students.

Second-stage admission

Enrolment in the second stage is also limited to 30 students. To participate in the second-stage admissions competition candidates must satisfy the following minimum academic requirements:

1. successfully complete the diploma in Criminal Justice Programme, and
2. maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.70 (B-) on the designated St. Thomas University courses (i.e. Sociology, Psychology, Deviance, Criminal Justice, Abnormal Psychology, Criminology).

Candidates for admission to the second stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice will apply to the St. Thomas University Admissions Office by February 15 of their