

# Section Two: Programmes

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St. Thomas University offers bachelor degree programmes in Arts, Applied Arts, Social Work, and Education.

## Graduation

St. Thomas University awards degrees and certificates at spring and summer convocation and through early conferral on November 1 and March 1.

## A. Bachelor of Arts Degree

The University offers a Major or Honours Programme within the Bachelor of Arts Degree. Both programmes 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 programme 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 Programme 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 programmes in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	Human Rights	Religious Studies
Catholic Studies	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science & Technology Studies
Criminology	Journalism	Sociology
Economics	Mathematics	Spanish
English	Media Studies	Women's Studies & Gender Studies
French	Native Studies	
Gerontology	Philosophy	
Great Ideas	Political Science	
History	Psychology	

The specific course requirements for a Major in a particular subject area are described in Section Four. 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 Four. Students who wish to designate a Minor are responsible for notifying the Registrar's Office of their selection.

## **For students entering the BA Programme prior to September 2005**

### 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 Programme 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.

#### *a. First Year (five courses)*

Five first-year courses, at the 1000 level, in five different subjects, constitute the curriculum for the first year. Unless exempted, students are required to include 12 credit hours from each of Groups A and B. The remaining credit hours may be taken without restriction as to group. There are two types of approved exemptions. Students who wish to take two science courses are exempted from one course in either Group A or Group B. Students who wish to take two language courses at the University of New Brunswick are exempted from one course in Group A. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure a diversity of curriculum in students' first-year programmes.

**Group A**

English	Japanese	Philosophy
French	Latin	Religious Studies
History	Native Studies (Mi'qmaq)	Spanish
Italian	Native Studies (Maliseet)	

**Group B**

Anthropology	Mathematics	Psychology
Criminology	Native Studies	Sociology
Economics	Political Science	

Note: Additional electives are available: Computer Studies (Comp), Humanities (HUM), Journalism (JOUR), Science & Technology Studies (STS). Additional first-year courses, for example, in Languages, Classics, and Science (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) are available to STU students from the University of New Brunswick. (Mathematics 1013 and 1023 are requirements for those who elect Chemistry or Physics at UNB.)

### For students entering the BA Programme September 2005 and later

#### 3. General Curriculum Requirements

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:**

English	Japanese	Philosophy
French	Latin	Religious Studies
History	Native Studies (Mi'qmaq)	Spanish
Italian	Native Studies (Maliseet)	

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

Anthropology	Mathematics	Psychology
Criminology	Native Studies	Sociology
Economics	Political Science	

**Group C: 6 credit hours (normally taken in first or second year) from:**

Environment and Society  
 Natural Sciences (eg. Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics)  
 Science and Technology Studies

**Group D: 6 credit hours (normally taken in second or third year) from:**

Fine Arts  
 Music  
 Visual Arts

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 30 of the 36 credit hours required;

by the end of Year 3, students shall have obtained all 36 credit hours required.

#### *b. The Aquinas Programme*

The Aquinas Programme offers first-year students an alternative to the regular, 30 credit-hour first-year programme. The programme counts as 18 credit hours and is designed to be appropriate to all first-year students. Students in the Aquinas Programme 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 Programme 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 programme 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 programme provides opportunities to make connections between different subject areas, methods of investigation and research, and bodies of knowledge.

Each fall, the University will 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 programme 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.

#### *c. The BA Co-operative Education Programme*

The co-op option enhances arts degree programmes by offering a programme of four co-op courses, three work terms, and several workshops during the four-year degree programme. In an innovative, non-discipline-specific fashion, the programme prepares liberal arts students for the critical role they will play in the workforce upon graduation. Since arts graduates have an educational background which prepares them for a broad range of careers, they may benefit from the opportunity to develop focus and direction. The BA (Co-op) Programme helps with

this career exploration. BA (co-op) students develop career plans with an understanding of how their arts education applies to their career. Coupled with the work experience gained while in the programme, the students' education and the programme's guidance prepare students for employment success. (For more programme information, please visit: [www.stu.ca/academic/coop](http://www.stu.ca/academic/coop)).

*d. Second, Third, and Fourth Years*

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

Anthropology	Great Ideas	Philosophy
Catholic Studies	Human Rights	Political Science
Criminology	Journalism	Psychology
Economics	Latin	Religious Studies
Education	Mathematics	Science & Technology
English	Native Studies	Women's Studies & Gender Studies

*e. 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 Programme are advised to consult the current admissions requirements for more information on "teachables."

*f. 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 Programme, 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 Programme and the professional courses in question. These professional courses cannot be counted among the courses satisfying the minimum number required for majors or Honours.

*g. 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, evaluation and grading.

*h. Distinction*

The recognition of "distinction" is awarded to graduates in the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Applied Arts, and Bachelor of Social Work degree programmes who attain a combined average of 3.7 over their last two academic years (60 credit hours) of their programme.

## Honours BA Degree Requirements

The Honours BA Programme is designed for students with a high level of ability who seek a more challenging and more specialized course of studies within the Arts Programme. Typically, an Honours Programme 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 programmes at other institutions.

### 1. *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 Programme but who, subsequent to graduation, have completed all requirements for the Honours Programme. 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 Programme 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 enrol 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 programme, 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 Programme*

Honours is reserved for students who are performing at a high level in their Bachelor of Arts Programme. Individual departments, with senate approval, may require a specific level of performance in designated courses as a prerequisite to Honours. To enter the Honours Programme, a student must receive the approval of the appropriate Department and notify the Registrar's Office. Normally, students enter the Honours Programme 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 Programmes in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	History	Psychology
Economics	Interdisciplinary Honours	Religious Studies
English	Philosophy	Sociology
French	Political Science	Spanish
Great Ideas		

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: Programmes, Part A. 3. General Curriculum Requirements.)

*d. Grade Point Average Required for Honours*

Candidates in the Honours Programme 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 programme.

*e. Procedures for Withdrawal from Honours*

A student in Honours may withdraw from the programme 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 programmes differ in substance from the BA programmes in that they combine the study of liberal arts with technical training.

Our applied degrees are “articulated” programmes in that each is offered in partnership with one of the campuses of the New Brunswick Community College. Students in the BAA will enrol at St. Thomas for part of their programme and at the appropriate community college for the rest. Upon completion of the course of study, students are normally awarded two credentials: a St. Thomas Bachelor of Applied Arts degree and a diploma from the Community College.

### **Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology Degree Requirements**

To graduate with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology, the student must successfully complete the following programme of studies.

1. First Year (30 credit hours)

Students will take 30 credit hours of courses from St. Thomas University. Twelve