

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

credit hours shall be taken from humanities disciplines (group A), twelve credit hours shall be taken from social-science disciplines (group B), and 6 credit hours from either group A, or group B, or electives.

2. Second Year (30 credit hours)

Students will take 30 credit hours of courses from St. Thomas University. These courses will include gerontology 2013 and 2023, 6 credit hours in gerontology-required core courses, 3 credit hours in gerontology electives, and 15 credit hours in humanities/social sciences. See course requirements for the gerontology Major in section four.

3. Third Year: New Brunswick Community College (Saint John)

Students will be enrolled full time at the New Brunswick Community College in Saint John. Upon successful completion of the Human Services Diploma Programme, including two Major placements in the field of gerontology, students will be awarded 30 credit hours.

4. Fourth Year (30 credit hours)

Students will take 30 credit hours of courses from St. Thomas University. These courses will include 21 credit hours in gerontology and 9 credit hours in humanities/social sciences.

Students who enter the BAA (Gerontology) having already completed the human services diploma at NBCC-Saint John must complete 36 credit hours in gerontology courses at St. Thomas University.

### **Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice Degree Requirements**

St. Thomas University and the New Brunswick Community College (Miramichi), have partnered to offer this unique articulated degree programme. This programme is a double certification, two-stage admission programme. It provides students with a combination of practical training and liberal arts education that will prepare entry-level practitioners to work in various sectors of the criminal justice system (e.g. community correctional practice, policy analysis, programme design, or private sector management). Through an integrated programme design, a set of curriculum features embed the technical aspects of the programme into a humanistic and social science framework. The graduates of this programme should enter the criminal justice field with solid occupational skills based on sound academic foundations so that they can better adapt to the changing nature of their field of practice.

In the initial two years of the programme, students will be enrolled at NBCC Miramichi with the focus being on providing the student with a well rounded social science education and an introduction to the criminal justice system. The occupational course content provides exposure to both adult and youth oriented criminal justice with a focus on equipping the student with direct and indirect practice. Upon completion of the first two years of the programme, students will have completed the requirements for the credential diploma in criminal justice from NBCC (Miramichi).

Candidates will apply to the St. Thomas Admissions Office for admission to the second

stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice by February 15 of their second year at NBCC. The third and fourth years of the programme at St. Thomas University will focus on the further development of the student's theoretical and conceptual understanding of the criminal justice system in Canada into a broader context and framework. Through exposure to the humanities and social sciences at St. Thomas University, the third and fourth years of the programme will further enhance the student's ability to think, write, and communicate effectively.

The completion of this articulated programme, with the two programme components providing their respective emphasis on skilled practitioners and critical thinkers, will result in a competent, adaptable criminal justice practitioner.

Students who have completed the NBCC-Miramichi diploma in criminal justice, and who are not admitted to the second stage of the BAA (Criminal Justice), may apply to the Bachelor of Arts Degree Programme. These students must complete regular graduation requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

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

1. *First Year: New Brunswick Community College (Miramichi)*  
Students will be enrolled full time at the New Brunswick Community College (Miramichi). In addition to a series of required and elective courses, the programme includes a three-week practicum in a criminal justice agency.
2. *Second Year: New Brunswick Community College (Miramichi)*  
Students will be enrolled full time at the New Brunswick Community College (Miramichi). In addition to a series of required and elective courses, the programme includes a nine-week practicum in a criminal justice agency.
3. *Third Year: St. Thomas University (30 credit hours)*  
Upon acceptance into the second stage admission to the BAA (Criminal Justice), students will take a programme of studies which includes 9 credit hours of required courses, 6 credit hours of Criminology electives, 6 credit hours of humanities courses (in English, Philosophy, Religious Studies, History, French or Spanish literature) and 9 credit hours of electives.
4. *Fourth Year: St. Thomas University (30 credit hours)*  
Students will complete a programme of study which includes an integrative seminar (3 credit hours), 6 credit hours of required Criminology courses, 9 credit hours of prescribed indirect and direct-practice electives, 6 credit hours of humanities course offerings and 6 credit hours of electives.

## C. Bachelor of Social Work Degree

St. Thomas is in a transition phase with respect to the two streams leading to the Bachelor of Social Work degree. 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 BSW Programme; Senate has approved the phasing out of the four-year BSW