

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*

Anthropology

Catholic Studies

Communications and

Public Policy

Criminology

Economics

English

Environment and Society

French

Gerontology

Great Books

History

Human Rights

Interdisciplinary Studies

International Relations

Journalism

Mathematics

Native Studies

Media Studies

Philosophy

Political Science

Psychology

Religious Studies

Science & Technology Studies

Sociology

*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 Registrars 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	Irish Studies
Communications and Public Policy	Italian
English	Japanese
ESL	Journalism
French	Latin
Great Books	Native Studies (Maliseet)
History	Native Studies (Mi'kmaq)
Human Rights	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.

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



