



St. Thomas UNIVERSITY

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INSTITUTION INFORMATION

Program highlights	<p>Small Class Sizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Thomas University offers small class sizes to foster connections between professors and students, and to allow for a more enriching learning environment.• Classes at St. Thomas are capped at 60 students, while the average number of students per class (including first-year courses) is 24. <p>Big Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Thomas has been lovingly named “<i>The Small University of Big Opportunities</i>,” because in addition to offering small classes, students also have access to an abundance of opportunities.• The opportunities at St. Thomas (such as participating on a Moot Court team, being a research assistant, completing paid internships, presenting at national and international conferences, publishing in peer-reviewed journals, and more) are typically reserved for graduate-level students at other institutions. However, given that STU is a primarily undergraduate university, these opportunities are accessible to students in all years of study. <p>Academic Flexibility and Focus on Social Responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Thomas University’s emphasis on the liberal arts ensures students develop a well-rounded, nuanced understanding of the complex issues with which we are faced as individuals and as a society.• Academic programming is exclusively and entirely within the arts (specifically, humanities and social sciences), education, and social work, leading to a unique focus on social responsibility both inside and outside of the classroom.• Approximately half of our Bachelor of Arts students complete a double major, with several others completing a major and an honours, a major and several minors, or an honours and several minors. This can all be done within four years – or, in some cases, even less time!
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Student population	1,800 students
Co-op Programs	<p>Internship Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STUdents have the opportunity to complete up to three paid internships with a variety of organizations through the Office of Experiential Learning and Career Development. • Internships are often done through local organizations within the city, but there are also opportunities to complete internships within other parts of the province, country, and world. • This is an excellent way for students to gain hands-on experience in their field during their undergraduate degree. • In addition, there are credit-based internship opportunities for students to complete through their programs of study. <p>Social Work Practicums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bachelor of Social Work program includes 700 hours spent in field placements, which allow students to gain meaningful experience in their field. Students complete two field placements, with one being in a clinical setting and one being a social action-oriented placement, which speaks to the program’s emphasis on structural social work. <p>Education Practicums</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STUdents in our Bachelor of Education program participate in two different placements during their degree. Each placement is with a different grade-level, which helps to ensure that the teacher candidates are equipped with a wide-variety of experiences upon their graduation.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Minimum Alberta Admissions Requirements	<p>High school applicants from Alberta must meet the following minimum requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Arts program at St. Thomas University:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • high school graduation (by end of August of the year in which they apply); and
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum average of 70% on five successfully completed grade 12 academic courses, one of which must be English Language Arts 30-1 and the four remaining academic electives must be chosen from the list found here. <p>Please note: where they exist, AP, IB, enriched courses, and any of the listed electives offered in a French Immersion program are acceptable as substitutes for courses listed. Grade 12 academic language courses (5 credits) will also be considered as admission electives.</p>
Admissions Requirements Online	https://www.stu.ca/admissions/bachelor-of-arts/canadian-students/alberta/
English Language Proficiency Requirements	https://www.stu.ca/international-admissions/
Minimum Admission Average	Minimum average of 70% on five successfully completed grade 12 academic courses, including grade 12 academic English (or French for applicants from Francophone schools).
Conditional Admissions Process	<p>Applications for Fall 2025 intake opened on July 1st.</p> <p>Interested students are encouraged to apply at their earliest convenience. Applicants who do not yet meet all admission requirements (e.g. have not yet graduated from high school) but are on track to meet the requirements will be provided with a conditional offer of admission.</p> <p>These applicants are encouraged to provide first semester transcripts after first semester and final transcripts at the end of the academic year in order to satisfy the requirements of their conditional acceptances and have their admission finalized.</p>
IB Credit Information	Transfer credit will be awarded for a maximum of 30 credit hours if students receive grades of 5,6, or 7 on individual, higher-level IB subjects. Information on this can be located here .
AP Credit Information	Students are eligible to receive transfer credit for a total of 18 credit hours on individual subjects where students received grades of 4 or 5 on the AP exam.

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Policy on Repeated Courses	If a student takes a course more than once, we will accept the higher mark.
Policy on summer school, night school, online courses, and correspondence courses	As long as students present the completion of the high school level course, and it is a course that we accept, we will be able to use any summer school, night school, and online courses.
Treatment of out of province high school courses from schools such as Blyth or MEI	If the school is accredited, courses completed would be eligible for consideration. Further guidance can be provided by emailing admissions@stu.ca .
Application Deadline	Recommended Deadline: February 15, 2024 Scholarship Application Deadline: March 1, 2024 Residence Application Deadline: April 15, 2024 Admission Application Deadline: August 31, 2024
Application Fee	\$55 Application fees are waived for students who complete virtual or in-person tours. Book here or by emailing tours@stu.ca .
Timing of offers/grades used	July 1 – February 1: Early admission is based on grade 11 marks and grade 12 course enrolment. Applicants who meet preliminary requirements will be offered early conditional acceptances. February 1 – June 15: Applications received after the early admission period will be considered based on a combination of grade 11 and grade 12 marks. Applicants who meet preliminary requirements will be offered conditional acceptances. June 15 – onward: Applications received after graduation notation is added to one's transcript will be considered for unconditional offers of admission.
Deferral Policy	Students are able to defer their acceptance to the following semester or year, provided they do not complete studies elsewhere in the interim.

NEW INSTITUTION UPDATES/HIGHLIGHTS

Early Scholarship Program:

- St. Thomas University is pleased to offer an early scholarship program. After applications for admission open on October 1st, high school applicants can now be considered for scholarships and provided an initial scholarship offer prior to the March 1st scholarship application deadline.

Introduction of Advanced Standing Program:

- St. Thomas University now offers a program for grade 12 students from across the country – and the globe – to complete up to two courses online per semester for university credit through the Advanced Standing program. Additional information can be found [here](#).

New Digital Media and Creative Arts Program:

- St. Thomas University now offers a major in Digital Media and Creative Arts. This interdisciplinary program draws upon a variety of disciplinary perspectives, including those from English, Fine Arts, and Journalism.
- The Certificate of Digital Media and Media Literacy will aim to prepare students for success in the current job market.

Moot Court Team Update:

- St. Thomas University has an excellent Moot Court team, which allows for students to construct arguments in a simulated court case. STU Moot Court students often compete against law students from other universities, with the team being recognized on an international level.
- Recently, STU's Moot Court team placed first in every category at the North American round of the Stetson International Moot Court Competition, and advanced to the international finals in Florida.
- In the past academic year, STU's team also advanced to the international finals of the Nelson Mandela Moot Court Competition, which is held in Geneva, Switzerland, placing second.

New Experiential Learning Trip to Costa Rica:

- STU's Experiential Learning and Career Development Office, in collaboration with Costa Rica's Global Learning Program, launched a fully funded trip for 12 students to travel to Costa Rica in the fall of each year.
- This trip will allow students to learn about Costa Rica's culture, language, economy, ecology, and sustainability, while participating in service projects.

New Great Books Travel Study:

- The Great Books Program held its inaugural travel study to Greece entitled "Eros and Empire" in May 2023. This course counted towards students' credits at St. Thomas University.
- The course examined the literature of the Peloponnesian War, including Thucydides, Aristophanes, and Plato, all while students visited historical sites in

Greece mentioned throughout the texts.

Residence Renewal:

- St. Thomas University has three residence options: Holy Cross House (which is all-female), Harrington Hall (mixed-gender), and Vanier Hall (mixed-gender). Vanier Hall was recently renovated (in 2021) with jack-and-jill private washrooms.

STU + RBC Internship Scholarship Program:

- In the summer of 2022, the STU + RBC Internship Scholarship was launched. Selected candidates create their own 14-week internship anywhere in Atlantic Canada.
- This allows students to gain hands-on experience and create an internship about which they are passionate.