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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 24 of the 30 credit hours required;
- by the end of Year 3, students shall have obtained all 30 credit hours required.

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The Aquinas program offers first-year students an alternative to the regular, 30 credithour first-year program. The program counts as 18 credit hours and is designed to be appropriate to all first-year students. Students in the Aquinas program 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 program 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 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 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 program is eligible to apply, and will be sent detailed descriptions of the individual

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This credential recognizes that the student has completed all of the current requirements for the Honours program in the appropriate subject. Students who earned a first undergrad-

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graduates who have attained a combined average of 3.7 over their last two academic years (60 credit hours) of their program.

A student in Honours may withdraw from the program by notifying the Chair of the appropriate Department and the Registrar.

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