

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 fall convocation and through early conferral on March 1.

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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 Canada (AUCC) may be substituted for the fourth year (30 credit hours) of the BA Degree program 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 programs in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	Gerontology	Philosophy
Catholic Studies	Great Books	Political Science
Communications and Public Policy	History	Psychology
Criminology	Human Rights	Religious Studies
Economics	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science & Technology Studies

## 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.

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

Maliseet	Political Science	Sociology
Mathematics	Psychology	Spanish
Mi'kmaq	Religious Studies	Women's Studies
Peace Studies	Science & Technology Studies	and Gender Studies
Philosophy	Social Work	

c. *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 program are advised to consult the current admissions requirements for more information on “teachables.”

d. *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 program, 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 program and the professional courses in question. These professional courses cannot be counted among the courses satisfying the minimum number required for Majors or Honours.

e. *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, Part C – Evaluation and Grading.

f. *Distinction*

The recognition of “distinction” is awarded to graduates in the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Applied Arts degree programs who attain a combined average of 3.7 over their last two academic years (60 credit hours) of their program.

**Honours BA Degree Requirements**

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

*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 program but who, subsequent to graduation, have completed all requirements for the Honours program. 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 program 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 enroll 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 program, 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 program*

Honours is reserved for students who are performing at a high level in their Bachelor of Arts program. Individual departments, with senate approval, may require a specific level of performance in designated courses as a prerequisite to Honours.

To enter the Honours program, a student must receive the approval of the appropriate Department and notify the Registrar's Office. Normally, students enter the Honours program 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 programs in the following subject areas:

Anthropology	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science and Technology
Criminology	International Relations	Studies
Economics	Native Studies	Sociology
English	Philosophy	Spanish
French	Political Science	Women's Studies and
Great Books	Psychology	Gender Studies
History	Religious Studies	

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