

**6. A capacity and life long desire for learning.**

Because liberal education is a process of questioning, rather than a set of answers, it is by definition a life long project. Liberal education seeks to create in students a love of learning and the capacity to continue their personal and intellectual development long after they



# Statement of Mutual Academic Expectations of Instructors and Students



## **Growth and Development**

On September 2, 1964, St. Thomas University opened its new premises in Fredericton. Since its relocation, the University has undergone significant growth in the number of students, faculty, and facilities. From fewer than 500 students, 22 faculty and 3 buildings at that time, St. Thomas has grown to more than 2400 students, 121 full-time faculty and 12 buildings.

Expansion was well planned and St. Thomas is now nationally recognized for the beauty of its campus and the quality of its learning environment. In 1964, the institution consisted of the Administration Building (now George Martin Hall), Harrington Hall (residence), and Holy Cross House (classrooms, faculty offices and residence). Vanier Hall (residence) was added in 1965; Edmund Casey Hall (classrooms and faculty offices) in 1969; a new wing to Edmund Casey Hall in 1985; Sir James Dunn Hall (student area, classrooms) in 1994, and the J.B. O'Keefe Fitness Centre and the Forest Hill Residence in 1999.

The new century saw the opening of the Welcome Centre (Admissions) and Brian Mulroney Hall (classrooms, faculty offices, and student areas) in 2001; Chatham Hall was added to the Forest Hill Residence in 2003. During that year, St. Thomas University also began leasing classroom space in a CBC broadcast facility for use by its journalism program, a unique and beneficial arrangement. MaralCID 160 BDC. .x6HdA56



# ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## 2019 – 2020

### 2019

April 29	Intersession begins
May 13	Baccalaureate Mass
May 14	Spring Convocation
May 20	Victoria Day – University closed
June 20	Intersession ends
July 1	Canada Day - University Closed
July 2	Summer Session begins
July 5	Summer Convocation
August 5	New Brunswick Day - University closed
August 9	Summer Session ends
Aug.30 –Sept. 7	Welcome Week
September 2	Labour Day - University closed
September 4	Classes begin
September 8	Opening Mass
September 13	Last day to confirm registration by arranging payment of fees
September 13	Last day to add Fall term and full-year courses
October 1	Last day to apply for November 1 Graduation
October 11	Deadline to opt out of Health Plan
October 14	Thanksgiving Day - University closed
October 30	Last day to withdraw from first-semester courses without academic penalty
October 30	Last day for partial refunds of first-semester fees
October 31	Last day to apply for Spring Convocation
November 1	Deadline to declare major
November 11-15	Fall Reading Week – No classes
November 11	Remembrance Day - University closed
November 22	Last day to hold class tests in first semester
December 5	Last day of classes for first semester
December 6-8	Reading days - no classes
December 9	Semester 1 examinations begin
December 14	Semester 1 examinations end
December 16	Make-up Exam Period
December 24-31	Christmas Break – University closed

## 2020

January 1

New Year's Day – University closed

January 2

University Offices Open

January 6

# Glossary of University Terms

In reading this calendar, you are likely to find terms that are unfamiliar to you. We've prepared this glossary to help you understand terms that are frequently used at university. If there are words that are not covered in this glossary that you find confusing or difficult to understand, contact the Admissions Office or, if you are in high school, speak with your guidance counsellor.

Academic year	An academic session from September to April.
Academic probation	Conditional permission to proceed in a program.
Admission	The acceptance of an applicant as a student, allowing the student to register.
Admissions office	The office responsible for responding to inquiries on the university's programs, regulations, and admission requirements. The admissions office adjudicates applications for admission to the University, coordinates campus tours and off-campus information sessions, and generally provides information on admission procedures.
Admission requirements	Prerequisites for admission to a program; guidelines for academic success at university.
Advanced placement	The process whereby students are excused from taking a particular course, usually at the introductory level, because they have already acquired the necessary background. Unlike advanced standing, this process does not reduce the number of courses which a student must successfully complete to obtain the degree.
Advanced standing	Recognition of transfer credit for courses completed elsewhere.
Application deadline	The date by which the completed application form and all required supporting documents must be submitted to the admissions office.
Applied arts	Programs which offer the fundamentals of a liberal arts education together with "career specific" technical training and practical experience. St. Thomas University offers applied arts programs in criminal justice and gerontology.
Audit student	One who attends classes with the approval of the instructor.



	social work.
Chair	The professor responsible for an academic Department.
Certificate of Honours	The credential which recognizes that a St. Thomas standing graduate has subsequently completed all of the current program requirements for Honours in a particular subject.
Confirmation deposit	An advance payment on tuition made at the time of admission as an indication that a candidate is accepting the admissions offer.
Continuing student	A student who was enrolled at the University during the previous academic semester and is continuing this year.
Co-requisite	A course which must be taken concurrently with another course.
Course load	A unit of study in a specific discipline or on a specific topic. The number of courses in which a student is enrolled. The normal full-time course load for undergraduate programs is 30 credit hours per academic year (September to April).
Credit hour	The value assigned to a course. A six credit-hour course is normally taught for the whole academic year (September to April). A three credit-hour course is normally taught in one semester (September to December or January to April).
Cumulative GPA	The grade point average (GPA) on all courses completed within a program.
Dean's List	A list of outstanding scholars in four-year undergraduate programs who, in the previous year at St. Thomas University, have maintained a minimum average of 3.70 (A-) on a minimum of 30 credit hours.
Department	An academic division of the faculty teaching a specific discipline.
Discipline	A subject area or branch of knowledge.
Distinction	Recognition awarded to graduates in undergraduate degree programs who attain a combined average of 3.7 over their last two academic years (60 credit hours).
Elective course	A non-compulsory course chosen by a student for which credit is given toward a program.
Exchange student	A second or third-year St. Thomas student paying St. Thomas fees while studying abroad under an exchange agreement between St. Thomas and a partner institution, or a visiting student at St. Thomas from a partner institution.
Field work	Professional work experience which students must complete in certain programs.

Full-time student

rently taking classes at the University. The registrar's office collects student fees, records courses and marks on transcripts, advises students, schedules exams, and generally provides information on academic procedures and regulations.

Registration	The process of enrolling in specific courses. The major steps in this process are admission to the University, payment of fees, selection of courses and completion of a registration form.
Seminar	A course, usually at the advanced level, in which classes are normally small and where the focus is generally on independent research shared with other students through the presentation of papers.
Sessions	The academic periods within which courses are scheduled to begin and end. Sessions include the regular academic year (September to April), first semester (September to December), second semester (January to April), intersession (May and June), and summer session (July and August.)
Summer session	The session in July and August during which a limited number of regular credit courses are available to students.
Transcript	A document prepared by the registrar's office recording a student's entire official academic history, including courses taken and grades assigned.
Transfer student	One who has previously attended another university.
Tuition	The cost of a university course or program.
Tutorial	Instruction given to students individually or in small groups.
Undergraduate student	One enrolled in a first university degree.
Visiting student	One who is taking courses for credit transfer to another university, usually with a letter of permission.