



## Master in Liberal Arts Program

What do you want out of a master's degree? The University of St. Thomas Master in Liberal Arts Program offers you the freedom to customize the degree plan to your interests; the flexibility of conveniently scheduled classes and the choice from 18 different academic concentrations within the humanities and social sciences or the opportunity to explore new areas of study.

The MLA program appeals to a diverse range of students from recent graduates to retirees. If you seek professional advancement, admission into doctoral programs, or personal enrichment, the MLA Program is for you. Most MLA students have full-time jobs and are able to complete the degree program on a part-time basis by taking classes in the evening. Small, intimate classes and individual attention assure greater depth of understanding and lively class discussions.

In an environment infused with the tradition of Catholic higher education, the MLA program challenges you to stretch your mind to full capacity, ponder issues that give full meaning to your life and cultivate wisdom. With so many customizable options and opportunities for personal growth, the MLA is a degree as unique as you are.

*"Having the freedom to choose my classes was the greatest part of the MLA experience. The variety of choice really helped me take ownership of my academic career path, because I selected the classes from a wide array of courses each term."*

Claudia Carvalho, MLA - Communication  
2015 graduate

## The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston.

- **Range of graduate programs:** 18 different graduate programs in accounting, business, liberal arts, theology, philosophy, education, pastoral studies, divinity, faith and culture, clinical mental health counseling, public policy administration
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 15
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its 2015 Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at [princetonreview.com](http://princetonreview.com)
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

## Choose UST MLA program

Attend one of our open house events scheduled throughout the year. To RSVP for an open house event or for more information about the MLA program, visit [www.stthom.edu/mla](http://www.stthom.edu/mla) or contact:

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The University of St. Thomas is a private institution committed to the liberal arts and to the religious, ethical and intellectual tradition of Catholic higher education.

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# Education for Life

## Why the MLA Program is Right for You

**Choice:** You choose from 18 different areas of study within the humanities and social sciences.

**Freedom:** You design a degree plan to fit your academic interests and professional goals.

**Flexibility:** You balance personal and academic responsibilities through flexible scheduling.

## MLA Program at a Glance

- 36 credit hour program
- Choose from more than 100 classes
- Courses offered during the day and evening
- Part-time or full-time enrollment
- More than 215 students currently in the program
- Diverse student population
- Study abroad and internship opportunities available

## Degree Requirements

- Complete 36 credit hours (12 courses) with an overall grade point average of “B” (3.0 GPA) or better
- Earn at least 9 credit hours (3 courses) from graduate seminars specifically designed for the MLA program
- Complete 9 credit hours (3 courses) of electives of which 6 credit hours (2 courses), which can be used towards a thesis or a project
- Choose a minimum of 18 hours and a maximum of 21 hours in a concentration of your choice

## Areas of Concentration:

Applied Music	Irish Studies
Art History	Medieval Studies
Catholic Studies	Philosophy
Communication	Political Science
Drama	General Psychology
English	Russian Studies
French	Spanish
History	Social Justice Studies
International Studies	Theology

## MLA Seminars

MLA seminar courses are designed exclusively for the Master in Liberal Arts program. These courses are offered only to graduate students and are structured to provide a graduate community centered on interdisciplinary discussion. Seminar topics vary each semester across disciplines and focus.

## Unique Opportunities

### Study Abroad

MLA students benefit from study abroad opportunities throughout the academic year. Previous locations include England, Ireland, France, Spain, Taiwan and Singapore.

### Internships

Academic departments and advisors collaborate with students to recommend internship opportunities. These internships provide students with avenues to gain practical knowledge in the academic discipline of their choice.

## Admissions Requirements

- An undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university with an overall GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Official transcripts of all college level work sent directly to the Master in Liberal Arts Program
- Two confidential letters of recommendation from academic or professional sources submitted directly to the MLA Program on official letterhead or stationery
- An essay describing the applicant’s academic goals and interests in the liberal arts
- Resume (optional). It is recommended that each applicant submit his or her resume
- Standardized test scores are not required

## Application Process

For information, please visit [stthom.edu/gradadmissions](http://stthom.edu/gradadmissions)

