



Knowledge and Skill

The Service-Learning Program at the University of St. Thomas provides support to faculty interested in community service as a means to support the University's mission to foster engagement, enhance service to our community and promote academic excellence. According to the Campus Compact, "Service-learning is meant to expand opportunities for public and community service in higher education, and to advocate the importance of civic responsibility in students' learning."

Choose UST

For more information on admission to the University of St. Thomas, contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 713-525-3500 or visit our website at www.stthom.edu/admissions.

If you are interested in learning more about the Service-Learning Program, contact:

Office of Service-Learning
713-525-6982
servicelearning@stthom.edu

The University

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

- **The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College:** Among 22 U.S. Catholic colleges and universities recommended by the Cardinal Newman Society, and among 28 such institutions worldwide
- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Specialty areas:** High acceptance rate in medical and dental schools for Pre-Med and Pre-Dental students
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 17
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 34th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2013 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at www.princetonreview.com
- **Study abroad:** The University of St. Thomas periodically ranks among the top 20% of U.S. universities whose students study abroad
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947



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College Initiative Begins Here

Our Mission

The mission of the Service-Learning Program at the University of St. Thomas is to assist the University community in serving others, specifically in offering resources to meet the needs of the Greater Houston Metropolitan area.

Our Students:

- Choose from a variety of service-learning based courses across a wide range of disciplines at the University
- Use service to make a difference in their communities as well as their lives
- Interact with people of diverse cultures and lifestyles
- Gain valuable career guidance and experience
- Have increased sense of civic responsibility



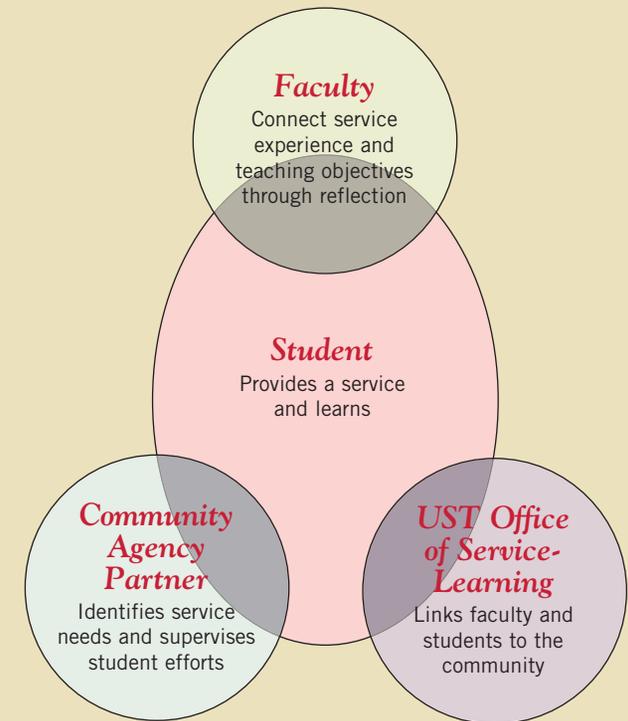
UST Freshmen participated in a service-learning project at the Houston Food Bank, where they sorted and inspected donated food and assembled food boxes for seniors and families with young children.



Jamaican cross-cultural service-learning study abroad trip.

Steps to Service-Learning Program Participation

1. Visit with your academic advisor
2. Register for a class
3. When class meets, learn about options for service placement
4. Agree to criteria set by the professor, e.g. reflective paper
5. Complete contract to perform service hours in community
6. Be supervised and evaluated by the nonprofit agency
7. Fulfill hours and other criteria to receive grade and course credit



“Service-learning combines community service with academic study and structured reflection to offer students a multi-dimensional learning experience. The Service-Learning Program at the University of St. Thomas offers a way to make a contribution in the form of experiential education that incorporates community service within the context of a student’s field of study. Acting to fulfill the University’s goal to respond creatively to challenges posed by poverty, globalization, limited economic resources and changing demographics, students are able to connect classroom theory with practical experience in the community.”

Dr. Jean-Philippe Faletta
Director, Service-Learning Program