



The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston. At UST 85% of our students say they would choose us again if they could start their college career over.*

- **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 18
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 27th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2011 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its 2011 Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at www.princetonreview.com
- **The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College:** Named as one of 21 top Catholic universities by the Cardinal Newman Society for the second time
- **Study abroad:** Ranked for the third year in a row as one of the top 20 master's schools in the U.S. for Study Abroad programs according to a report by the Institute of International Educational Exchange
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

* According to the 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement: www.nsse.iub.edu.



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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.

Study Abroad Program



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Winter Programs

Winter programs are typically taught by one UST professor and offer three credit hours of instruction. Group short duration programs have been conducted in Argentina, China, London, Peru, and Taiwan. These programs typically depart at the start of the new year and return just prior to the start of spring classes.

Scholarships

UST offers scholarships to support study abroad participation. Students are also encouraged to seek external scholarships as well. The Study Abroad Web site has a listing of internal and external scholarships.

For details on Study Abroad courses and scholarships: www.stthom.edu/abroad.

Registration Deadlines

Individual Study Abroad

- Fall semester—Second week of April
- Spring semester—Second week of October
- Summer—Mid March

Group Study Abroad

- Winter—End of October year prior to departure
- Summer—First week of March

If you are interested in learning more about the University of St. Thomas Study Abroad program, contact:

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College Initiative Begins Here

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Program at the University of St. Thomas offers undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to pursue life-shaping experiences throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia while earning college credit. Study abroad experiences expose students to global diversity through individual and group programs.

UST study abroad programs take students from behind four walls to create rich environments for immersive and experiential learning. While students participate in rigorous academic coursework while abroad, there are also excursions and free time to take full advantage of the surrounding culture and sites.

Top 20 Ranking

The Institute for International Education Exchange has consistently ranked UST as one of the top 20 master's schools in the United States for study abroad participation by undergraduate students. The University sends approximately 8 to 10 percent of its undergraduate student body abroad compared to the national average of 2 percent. Students in good academic standing are eligible for study abroad opportunities.

Individual Study Abroad

UST offers students a variety of ways to study outside of the United States on an individual, semester-long, basis. This may be done through student exchange with sister universities or on a non-exchange basis elsewhere.

Individual Exchange

UST has exchange agreements with universities in several countries. Students may spend either a semester or a year participating in these study abroad programs. In countries where the language of instruction is not English, UST students must possess advanced competency in the host country language. UST has exchange agreements with

universities in the following countries:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Canada
- Chile
- France
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Japan
- Mexico
- Spain
- Taiwan
- United Kingdom

ICUSTA Exchanges

UST is a member of the International Council of the Universities of St. Thomas Aquinas. ICUSTA partners are found throughout South and Central America, Australia, North America, the Philippines and Spain

Information about our individual exchange partners can be found at:
www.stthom.edu/exchangepartners

Group Study Abroad

Group study abroad programs are offered during winter break and the summer session by UST faculty. Past programs have included undergraduate and graduate level courses in English, modern languages, art history, business, Catholic studies, theology, international studies, history, political science, psychology and education.

Many courses are cross-listed with the Master in Liberal Arts Program.

"As a Catholic Studies major, the history of the Church is very interesting to me, so it was amazing to see all of those sites in Rome in person. It was incredible to see how history has contributed to the Church as it is today, and to see that it is still so alive."

Rebecca Heffern, UST Catholic Studies and Spanish double major

Summer Programs

UST offers two to four-week summer programs for groups of undergraduate and graduate students. These programs are typically taught by two UST professors offering a menu of four classes from which to choose six credit hours of credit.

"After returning from a study abroad to India, my employer notified me that the completion of my MBA along with the international exposure I had gained qualified me for a promotion and a 33 percent raise. Today, I am an Inventory Analyst for one of the largest oilfield firms in the world."

Michelle Wilson, MBA 2008 Graduate

The University of St. Thomas Study Abroad Program has taken students to the following locations:

