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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT ST. THOMAS

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St. Thomas University has a reputation as a leader in liberal arts education.

Established nearly one century ago, St. Thomas is a Roman Catholic university where excellence in undergraduate teaching is our highest priority. Our teaching is second-to-none, our classes are small, and our students are engaged. They excel at both academics and athletics. They are active participants in the political, social, and cultural aspects of life on campus and beyond. And when they graduate from St. Thomas, they are recognized for their critical thinking, effective communication, and adaptability.

St. Thomas is also a university with a social conscience. Our students enjoy an education of the same calibre as the most elite liberal arts colleges while benefiting from a leading scholarship programme and one of the lowest tuition rates in Canada, proof of our commitment to quality and opportunity.

The university's picturesque campus, considered one of the best in Canada, is located in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Lush lawns, flowering trees, red brick buildings, and cobblestone walkways make St. Thomas feel like home.

A PERFECT PLACE TO LIVE & LEARN

Canada is a safe and peaceful nation with a first-class education system. It is globally recognized for its beautiful and welcoming environment, remarkable cultural diversity, and outstanding quality of life. In fact, the United Nations ranked Canada sixth out of 177 countries on its 2006 Human Development Report, which measures the level of development and standard of living.

New Brunswick, an ocean-side province in eastern Canada, is located within easy access to all major cities in the east - Toronto, Montreal, New York, Boston and Halifax. Our "picture province" is



VIRTUAL TOUR

Not able to come to campus? You can now visit St. Thomas by using our virtual tour on the Future Students section of our website. From a 180° overhead of campus, you can stand in the courtyard and look all around, view academic or residence buildings, and see a residence room.

EASY ACCESS



St. Thomas University
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada



Diego Ponce, BA '08 (second from right)
Quito, Ecuador, Men's Soccer, Male Athlete of the Year

I WANT TO BE THE BEST

Diego Ponce is known around campus for many things. He is a fourth-year economics student, he led the STU Tommies to the Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association men's soccer final, he was STU's athlete of the year, and he is active in residence life. He links his involvement with the welcome he received at STU: "Everyone was so welcoming, it made my transition

smooth. Being part of residence and athletic communities allowed me to meet many amazing people and some of them have even visited Ecuador."

His experiences - inside and outside the classroom - have taught him to be more independent and open minded. "With so many different cultures in one place and friends from all around the

world, I've learned a lot from every one of them." Apart from graduating, he has one goal for this year. "Soccer is my passion and I want to represent my university as best I can. I am pleased to be the athlete of the year, but we still have a soccer title to win."

characterized by open spaces and clean air but also boasts an exciting urban atmosphere and cultural diversity in its three major cities. New Brunswickers enjoy a moderate climate and four very distinct seasons without the extreme temperatures of the Canadian north or the American south.

Fredericton represents the best of two worlds, featuring big-city choices in food, entertainment, and shopping and a small town feel among its tree-lined streets, Victorian-style mansions, and plentiful parks. In the summer, New Brunswick's capital city on the banks of the scenic St. John River is a community of 50,000. During the academic year, the city flourishes as the influx of students increases the population by 15,000.

MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME

Campus living is a big part of the St. Thomas experience and many students choose to spend their first year - or more - in our residences. We have three on-campus residences and two residences at the Forest Hill Complex, a 15-minute-walk from campus, as well as apartment-style options for upper-year students. All residence rooms have wireless high-speed Internet, telephone, and cable services, study areas, TV lounges, laundry facilities, and snack machines. Security staff patrol residence overnight and a residence staff member is on duty 24 hours-a-day.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUPPORT

The strength of St. Thomas is the personal attention we give our students, and this approach guides our curriculum in the English as a Second Language programme. Students who have not fully mastered the language are assessed through an oral interview and written tests. Based on the results, we develop a curriculum for each student's level of English language proficiency.

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Our cornerstone programme is the four-year Bachelor of Arts degree. With more than 30 academic disciplines and numerous signature programmes, our curriculum is inspiring and challenging. It broadens our students' knowledge in a wide variety of academic disciplines while providing enough subject concentration to deepen understanding in a specific area.

SIGNATURE PROGRAMMES

HUMAN RIGHTS

St. Thomas is a national leader in the interdisciplinary study of human rights. Students examine human rights with a multi-faceted liberal arts education, incorporating courses in Philosophy, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Criminology, Native Studies, Anthropology, and Religious Studies.

ECONOMICS

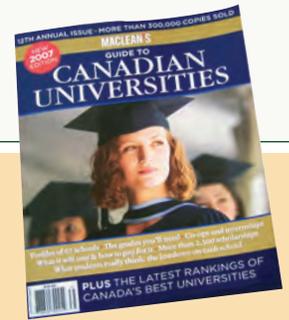
A new economy is emerging based on new technology and global information systems. Our major in Economics explores this rapid change through courses in both economics and business, focused on contemporary issues including women in society, environmental economics, and industrial relations.

JOURNALISM

A journalist in today's multimedia world must have an independent and inquiring mind along with skills in computer and digital technologies. That's why our Journalism programme combines a liberal arts focus with instruction in the latest technology used by media organizations.

COMMUNICATIONS

The new Communications major teaches practical skills essential for work in communications and public relations. Students learn about communications tools and strategies while critically examining information management.



NATIONAL RANKINGS

Maclean's Canadian University Rankings (2006)

8th: primarily undergraduate university category

outperformed the three top-ranked schools in:

- first/second-year class size
- faculty with PhDs
- percentage of operating budget devoted to scholarships and bursaries

Globe and Mail University Report Card (2006)

- A+** campus attractiveness, safety, security
- A+** faculty knowledge of subjects
- A** faculty availability, student interaction, class sizes
- A** university atmosphere, quality of education

National Survey of Student Engagement (2006)

2nd in Canada: level of academic challenge

2nd in Canada: student-faculty interaction

SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Thomas University's generous scholarship programme has contributed to its community of exceptional scholars and dynamic leaders. Almost 60% of entering high school students hold an entrance scholarship, and almost ten percent hold a renewable scholarship ranging in value from \$2,000 to \$50,000. Here are four ways our scholarships can work for you:

1. **Guaranteed entrance scholarships** from \$500 to \$2,000 reward all students of academic achievement
2. **Major renewable scholarships** from \$2,000 to \$50,000 honour the best academic minds
3. **Student Leader Scholarships** valued at \$8,000 target community leaders
4. Scholarships tailored for **international students** recognize this vital part of our larger community

Students wishing to be considered for competitive scholarships must apply by March 1, 2008. Students are eligible for the guaranteed scholarships until September.

ADMISSIONS

International applicants must demonstrate academic strength in a high school programme of college/university preparatory courses with subject distribution, other minimum requirements, and academic standing



comparable to that required of Canadian applicants. Criteria such as academic achievement and rank in class will also be considered in admission decisions. The university recognizes the rigour of programmes such as GCE Advanced Level, IB and AP by offering advanced credit for some of these courses. For country-specific information, please visit www.stu.ca.

International applicants are encouraged to submit applications and supporting documents by June 1 for September admission and October 1 for January admission. Students who apply later risk having insufficient time to obtain student visas and other authorization. Processing times at embassies can take up to three months.



ADVISING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

With 49 countries represented, international students are an important part of the St. Thomas community. To ease the transition to a new culture, our international student advisor offers advice on living in Canada and even organizes services like airport pickups so all international students are met by a STU representative when they arrive in Canada.



Shi Dan Fang, BA '09
China

BUSY, EXCITING, AND CHALLENGING

Beginning her fourth year in Economics with a business option, Shi Dan Fang finds life at STU busy, exciting, and challenging. Besides her school work and part-time job off campus, she is active in the International Student's Organization. "I am learning to manage my time better than before. It's crazy, but I enjoy every moment!"

STU's close community has helped her expand her horizons. She finds her fellow students always ready to explore new things around campus and Fredericton.

"We are very close to each other. I was amazed by everything I saw and experienced when I left home. You learn quickly, especially when you are

around nice people. They are willing to show you things you need to know. Canada is a multicultural country and we see it at STU."

WORK ON/OFF CAMPUS

International students are able to work on or off campus while studying full-time at New Brunswick universities. This allows students to gain valuable work experience in the Canadian workforce while earning extra spending money. It provides an advantage over peers studying in the U.S. where international students cannot seek off-campus employment.

OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY

Australia	Kenya
Austria	Lebanon
Bahamas	Lesotho
Bangladesh	Malta
Barbados	Mexico
Bermuda	Netherlands
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Nigeria
Brazil	Norway
Cayman Islands	Oman
China	Philippines
Colombia	Romania
Congo	Russia
Costa Rica	Saudi Arabia
Dominica	Scotland
Ecuador	Sierra Leone
Ethiopia	Somalia
France	South Korea
Germany	Spain
Guatemala	Sweden
India	Switzerland
Iran	Turkey
Jamaica	United States
Japan	Virgin Island
Jordan	Zambia
Kazakhstan	

25% of the world's countries are represented at St. Thomas

HEALTH AND COUNSELLING

International students at St. Thomas have access to the same medical care that Canadian students enjoy with university health insurance providing medical coverage equivalent to Canada's Medicare, and Blue Cross health insurance providing extra coverage for things which are not covered by Medicare, like prescription medicine. Quality health and counselling services are available on campus. Physicians, nurses and a dietician take appointments and accept walk-in patients at the Student Health Centre, a shared facility with the University of New Brunswick. At nearby Counselling Services, students can also seek personal and career counselling from qualified professionals.



IT'S NOT THAT COLD HERE!

Month	Fredericton New Brunswick		Central Massachusetts	
	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Avg. High	Avg. Low
Sept.	19°C 66°F	7°C 45°F	23°C 73°F	9°C 48°F
Dec.	-1°C 30°F	-11°C 12°F	3°C 37°F	-8°C 18°F
May	17°C 63°F	4°C 39°F	21°C 70°F	7°C 45°F
July	26°C 79°F	13°C 55°F	28°C 82°F	15°C 59°F

SAMPLE STUDENT BUDGET

Tuition	\$9,140
Student Fees	\$350
Health & Dental	\$300
Residence & Meals	\$6,450
Total (CDN)	\$16,240

Students should also budget for travel, spending money and books.



Michelle Arevalo-Carpenter, BA'04
Quito, Ecuador

PEOPLE BELIEVE IN YOU

When Michelle Arévalo-Carpenter traveled 5,255 km to St. Thomas, she knew it would change her – "I felt that STU was a hidden gem in Canada." But she also changed St. Thomas, strengthening its ties to her South American homeland. In her home country Michelle had developed a passion for social justice, which attracted her to the Human Rights programme.

Michelle later brought a team of St. Thomas students to Ecuador to work on rural development projects.

Following graduation, she studied International Human Rights Law and worked with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. "STU has made a huge difference in my life. The STU community is made up of

people that believe in you as a learner. In the classroom, professors always understood the difficulties I faced as an international student, but they never ceased to challenge me."

BACHELOR OF ARTS - Majors and Honours

Anthropology	Human Rights
Catholic Studies	Journalism
Communications	Mathematics
Criminology	Native Studies
Economics	Philosophy
Economics with Business Option	Political Economy
English Language and Literature	Political Science
English with Drama Concentration	Psychology
Environment and Society	Religious Studies
French	Science and Technology Studies
Gerontology	Sociology
Great Ideas	Spanish
History	

INTERDISCIPLINARY Majors and Honours

American Studies	Media Studies
Canadian Studies	Medieval Studies
Film Studies	Self-Designed Interdisciplinary Programme (ie., Development Studies, Social Justice)
International Relations	
Irish Studies	Women's Studies & Gender Studies
Latin American Studies	

ELECTIVES

Biology	Education	Humanities	Milkmaq
Chemistry	Fine Arts	Italian	Music
Chinese	Geology	Japanese	Physics
Classics	German	Latin	Russian
Computer Studies	Greek	Maliseet	Social Work

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

English as a Second Language

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

Founded	1910
Location	Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
Type	Liberal Arts
Faculty	97% with PhD's
Enrolment	2,500
Scholarships	60% of students entering from high school receive a scholarship
Countries Represented	49
Average Class Size	30 (largest is 60)
Popular Majors	Criminology, Psychology, History, English, Sociology
Ring	T-Ring
Colours	Green & Gold
Athletic Teams	Tommies

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