

The Academic Mall and the University Academic Program

The academic mall of the University of St. Thomas is in a true sense symbolic of the educational program of the University. At one end of the mall stands the University library which houses the wisdom of the ages contained in numerous books and computers. From the library, lining the two sides of the mall, are rows of classrooms and laboratories where the wisdom of the ages is dispensed to students through teaching. The sciences, the humanities, the arts follow one after the other, shaping students' minds and abilities to the perfection of their personhood, by factual knowledge raised to the level of understanding by the assignment of reasons and causes, up to the First Cause of all reality known through philosophy and ultimately God known beyond mere reason by the light of faith through theology. At this opposite end of the academic mall stands the University chapel which beckons students to enter, kneel down in prayer and beg for fuller enlightenment from Divine Omniscience Itself become Incarnate in Christ, after the example of the University's patron, St. Thomas Aquinas, who prayed for deeper knowledge as he knelt before the Crucifix.

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