



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 students the freedom to customize the degree plan to their interests; the flexibility of conveniently scheduled classes and the choice from 21 different academic concentrations within the humanities and social sciences or explore new areas of study.

From recent graduates to retirees, the MLA program appeals to a diverse range of students who seek professional advancement, admission into doctoral programs or personal enrichment. 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 students to stretch their minds to full capacity, ponder issues that give full meaning to life and cultivate wisdom.

What MLA Students have to say

"I chose St. Thomas because it's a school that offers interesting classes that will help me to prosper professionally, as well as stimulate my personal interest."

Ashley Easterwood, 2010 Graduate

The University

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

- **Range of graduate programs:** 10 different graduate programs in accounting, business, liberal arts, theology, philosophy, education, pastoral studies, divinity, faith and culture
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 18
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **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
- **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 or contact:

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Education for Life

Why the MLA Program is Right for You

Choice: Students choose from 21 different areas of study within the humanities and social sciences.

Freedom: Each student designs a degree plan to fit his or her academic interests and professional goals.

Flexibility: Students 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

- Completion of 36 credit hours (12 courses) with an overall grade point average of "B" (3.0 GPA) or better
- At least 9 credit hours (3 courses) from graduate seminars specifically designed for the MLA program
- Completion of 9 credit hours (3 courses) of electives of which 6 credit hours (2 courses) can be used towards a thesis or a project
- A minimum of 18 hours and a maximum of 21 hours in a chosen area of concentration

Areas of Concentration:

Applied Music	Medieval Studies
Art History	Philosophy
Catholic Studies	Political Science
Communication	Psychology
Drama	Public Administration
English	Russian Studies
French	Spanish
History	Social Justice Studies
International Studies	Theology
Irish Studies	Women Culture and Society
Interdisciplinary Studies	

MLA Seminars

The 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 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 www.stthom.edu/mla.

