

Additional Requirements for International, Visiting and Veteran Students

*The following provides additional information specific for **International, Visiting** (non-degree seeking), and **Veteran** Students. This information and these procedures are part of the admissions process for the MA and Certificate programs in Faith & Culture. Please refer to the Application Process section of the website for a list of all basic requirements for application.*

International Students:

1. International students whose second language is English must submit TOEFL scores with a minimum score of 550 (written), 250 (computer based), 100 (internet based). The student may also submit IELTS with a 6.5 score, or successfully complete the ELS Level 112 test.
2. Students must also submit official transcripts and certificate of completion of undergraduate degree to the Center for Faith & Culture along with \$150 fee (cash or check).
 - Academic credentials may need to be evaluated by an independent evaluation agency. This need will be determined once transcripts are reviewed by the CFC Admissions Committee.
 - International students will be required to cover any additional costs, such as degree verification or translation services.
3. Applicants must be accepted into either the MAFC or the Certificate program before they can apply for their student visas.
4. International students are individually responsible for satisfying visa requirements. In some cases it takes longer than 30 days to receive a visa, therefore, the earlier international students begin the application process, the better.
 - The application for visa requires the help of the University's International Student Advisor. Please contact the [Office for International Student Services](#) at 713-525-3503.
 - Students on student visas are usually not allowed to be gainfully employed outside of the University.
 - A student visa requires students to be enrolled full-time (9 graduate credit hours at UST) or the equivalent per semester.
 - During the final semester of the MAFC or the Certificate program, students are required to take only the credit hours needed to complete the program even if these are fewer than 9 hours.
5. A statement showing financial support must be provided (tuition, room, board, health insurance, etc).

The Center for Faith & Culture, as an entity of the University of St. Thomas, is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Candidates from foreign countries will be considered for admission on a full-time basis only and must plan to earn a degree from UST.

Visiting (Non-Degree Seeking) Students:

The "Visiting Student" classification applies to all non-degree seeking students including those who desire to enroll in graduate level courses (regular on-campus courses and/or those offered as study-abroad options). In all cases, students should demonstrate eligibility to take courses at the graduate level. Contact the Faith & Culture graduate program office (713-942-5066) for more information on

the specific admissions requirements for visiting students. Upon acceptance and enrollment, Visiting Students are required to complete all course work as specified in respective syllabi. These are not audit courses.

Veterans and Dependents of Veterans:

The University of St. Thomas is approved to offer eligible veterans and dependents of veterans the academic courses of study published in the University catalog and bulletins. Eligible applicants must apply for admission to the University by following the procedures of the Center for Faith & Culture.

Any Veteran or Dependent of a Veteran, wishing to use veteran education benefits, must meet with the Veteran Service Director before or immediately after applying to the program. The Veteran Services Director will assist and advise the eligible applicant of veteran educational benefits available. Once admitted and registered for class, the Registrar's Office will certify enrollment with the Department Veteran Affairs. Continuing students who receive these benefits are required to contact the Registrar's Office each semester prior to or during the registration process. The veteran must also have the approval of the Registrar's Office when making changes to his/her approved courses during any semester of registration. For additional information on the enrollment of veterans and dependents contact the [Veteran Service Office](#) at (713) 942-3409.