

# FACTS 2018-2019



 **ST. THOMAS**  
UNIVERSITY  
Leaders for Life

# MISSION STATEMENT

St. Thomas is a Catholic university with rich cultural and international diversity committed to the academic and professional success of its students who become ethical leaders in our global community.

## OVERVIEW

St. Thomas University is a not-for-profit Catholic institution of higher education located in Miami Gardens, Florida. Founded in 1961 as Biscayne College by the Augustinian Order, this originally Catholic men's college known as "Villanova of the South" had its roots in the Universidad de Santo Tomas de Villanueva in Havana, founded in 1946 by American Augustinian priests from Philadelphia. However, by 1961 Fidel Castro's militia had confiscated the school's land and expelled the faculty and priests. Many of the administrators, faculty and students came to Miami and the Diocese of Miami invited the Augustinians to start a new college.

By 1984, with the establishment of the School of Law and other graduate degree programs, the college, by then coeducational, became St. Thomas University. Today, the University is recognized for its programs in justice, international business, ministry and the sciences, and for preparing ethical leaders in their local communities and in the global arena. St. Thomas is a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution and its student population reflects the diversity of South Florida and the region. STU's international students come from 51 countries. Last fall, 33% of the University's incoming class was classified as "first generation students" and 53% were designated as "low income."

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The university's tagline "Leaders for Life" is demonstrated by the success of its 25,000 alumni in South Florida and across the United States. Long established programs include Sports Administration, with hundreds of alumni in key leadership positions at major sports franchises, and Criminal Justice, with more than 80 alumni who have served as police or fire chiefs. St. Thomas Law School boasts judges on both the State and Federal levels; prominent politicians; and partners in major law firms.

St. Thomas seeks to offer significant programs in innovative ways. The University has the only Ph.D. in Practical Theology at a Catholic institution in the United States and its Masters in Pastoral Ministries is inter-confessional and intercultural. Through a unique collaboration with the Law School, the University offers five joint degree programs that allow a student to complete both a Juris Doctor and a Master's degree in three years. Examples of areas of study include a J.D. /M.B.A. in International Business and a J.D. /M.S. in Marriage and Family Counseling. In the School of Science, core majors such as Biology and Chemistry are enhanced by teaching laboratories and mandated undergraduate student research projects.

In the last five years, the University has broadened its academic offerings in response to key industry sector growth. Majors added include Cyber & Information Security Management; Trade & Logistics; Big Data Analytics; and Nursing and additionally, two Doctorates, both the first of their kind in the country: a DBA (Doctorate in Business Administration) with a concentration in Sports Administration and an Executive Doctor of Business Administration in Information Security.

# STU HIGHLIGHTS 2018-19

- The Board of Trustees appointed a new President of the university David A. Armstrong, J.D.
- The Gus Machado School of Business Complex commenced construction
- Bobcat Football (and Marching Band) is coming to campus and the first game will be played Fall 2019
- Through a \$2.5 million gift, the John Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy was named
- Tamara Lawson, J.D. was appointed Dean of the Law School – the first woman of color to head a Law School in the State of Florida
- An eSports varsity team was launched – the first in South Florida
- St. Thomas Law student team won the ABA Labor & Employment Law National Trial Competition
- The Monsignor Franklyn Casale Honors College was established
- St. Thomas's Nursing (BSN) Program received CCNE (national) accreditation in under a year

# ENROLLMENT

(As of 10/15/18 Census Date)

4,284	Total credit-taking students, including:
982	Undergraduate degree-seeking students, including: 18 Online-only Undergraduate students
977	Graduate degree-seeking students, comprised of: 589 Masters Students (incl. 118 Online-only Grad students) 388 Doctoral students (incl. 300 Online-only Doctoral students)
571	Law degree-seeking students comprised of: 533 J.D. students 15 J.S.D. students 23 L.L.M. students
1,693	Dual Enrollment (High School) students

# STUDENT DIVERSITY

	(all 4,284 undergraduate, graduate, law, and dual enrollment students)	(all 2,530 undergraduate, graduate, law ONLY; NO dual enrollment students)
Hispanic	48.4%	41.3%
Black	17.1%	25.9%
White	16.0%	12.2%
Asian	1.4%	1.1%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.4%	0.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%
Two or More Races	3.4%	2.4%
International/Non-Resident Alien (from 72 countries on 6 continents)	8.0%	12.5%
Unknown	5.3%	4.4%
Florida Residents	89.3%	82.45%
Female	58.2%	60.0%
Male	41.8%	40.0%
Under 18 years old	36.5%	0.4%
18-22	21.7%	31.1%
23-25	9.4%	15.7%
26-35	16.2%	27.2%
36-45	8.9%	14.9%
46-55	4.9%	7.4%
56 and older	2.4%	3.2%

# TOP 10 FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS OF 2018-2019 DEGREE-SEEKING UNDERGRADUATES

## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Monsignor Edward Pace H.S.	66
Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy H.S.	18
Saint Brendan H.S.	18
Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll H. S.	14
Immaculata-La Salle H.S.	14
Chaminade-Madonna College Prep.	11
Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame H.S.	11
Belen Jesuit Prep School	6
Christopher Columbus H.S.	5
Our Lady of Lourdes Academy	3
St. Thomas Aquinas H.S.	3

## NON-CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

American Senior H.S.	13
Mater Academy Charter H.S.	12
Mater Lakes Academy	12
North Miami Senior H.S.	12
Hialeah Gardens Senior H.S.	11
Dr. Michael M. Krop Sr. H.S.	8
Miami Coral Park Senior H.S.	8
John A. Ferguson Senior H.S.	7
McArthur H.S.	7
South Dade Senior H.S.	7

# ATHLETICS

St. Thomas University offers athletics programs through the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and is a member of The Sun Conference (TSC). Men's teams compete in baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, tennis, track & field and cross-country; women's teams compete in basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, track & field and cross-country. The University also has co-ed Cheer & Dance, Beach Volleyball, and varsity eSports, and is adding Football in Fall 2019. Last year, 12 of its 14 athletic teams received NAIA Scholar Team honors while five of the teams competed in national tournaments. Moreover, athletes annually maintain a 3.0 overall GPA. The success of athletes is a true sign of the University's commitment toward its "student first" mission. St. Thomas University prides itself on being "Champions of Character" and has annually been sighted as a Five Star Champions of Character Institution by the NAIA.

# DEGREES AWARDED

## UNDERGRADUATE

BA, BS, BBA, BSN

## GRADUATE

DBA, EDD, PHD

EMA, MA, MAC, MBA, MDIV, MIB, MS, MSN

and 6 joint law degrees listed below:

## LAW

JD, LL.M, JSD and numerous joint law degrees:

JD/BA with English, or Liberal Studies, or Psychology, or Criminal Justice, or Political Science;

JD/MBA with Accounting, or International Business, or Sports Administration;

JD/MS with Sports Administration, or Marriage & Family Counseling;

JD/MA with Criminal Justice

+ **23 CERTIFICATES** across all schools (1 Continuing Education;  
2 Undergraduate; 13 Graduate or Post-Graduate; 9 Law)

## ACCREDITATION

St. Thomas University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS). The School of Law is accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). The School of Theology & Ministry was granted “Candidacy Status” by The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) in June 2017, for a period of two years (June 2017 – June 2019), anticipating receipt of the initial self-study report no later than April 1, 2019. The Baccalaureate degree program in nursing and Master’s degree program in nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

# FACULTY & STAFF

89 Full-Time Faculty (45% Women, 55% Men; 14% Hispanic/Latino, 14% Black/African American; 6% Asian; 66% White)

## **Dean, Undergraduate Programs**

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# ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

23 Undergraduate Majors

28 Graduate Majors (4 Doctoral + 24 Masters)

1 Professional Program (Law)

## TUITION

Undergraduate (full-time) per year	\$30,900
Undergraduate (full-time) Book Fee per year	\$750
Graduate (Masters)	\$782 (per credit)
Graduate (Doctoral)	\$997 (per credit)
School of Law (J.D.) per year	\$42,190 (tuition & fees)
LL.M Intercultural Human Rights	\$1,164 (per credit)
J.S.D. Intercultural Human Rights	\$3,742 (per semester)
Room per year	\$7,200 (double room)
Board per year	\$4,500
Dual Enrollment	\$60 per credit

# ADMINISTRATION

## **President**

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