

initial registration in a degree program.

3. A student will not be permitted to write a challenge exam more than once for any one course.
4. A student will not be permitted to write a challenge exam for any course in which he/she is currently enrolled or has previously been enrolled (including audits) at St. Thomas or at any other post-secondary institution.
5. The maximum number of credit hours that a student may obtain through challenge exams is 30.
6. Students will not be permitted to write a challenge exam while on academic probation or academic dismissal.
7. Students will not be permitted to write a challenge exam for a course with content similar to a course (or courses) for which credit has already been obtained.
8. Applications to write a challenge exam must be approved by the Department or Program Director concerned. Students must demonstrate, in writing, reasonable grounds for taking the challenge exam (e.g., relevant work experience and/or non-university study). Students should anticipate a 30-day waiting period for processing the application, and, if applicable, scheduling details.
9. Applications must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, over and above the regular annual tuition fee, paid in full.
10. The Department Chair or Program Director concerned will determine the content and the grade on the challenge exam.
11. If the student successfully obtains the required minimum grade of “C,” the credit will be recorded on the student’s academic transcript with a notation indicating that the credit was obtained through a challenge exam.
12. The student’s grade on the challenge exam will not be recorded on the transcript, nor will it be included in the calculation of the student’s grade point average (GPA).
13. Challenge exams will take place only at St. Thomas University.
14. Notification of results will be given to the student within 30 days of writing the exam.
15. Challenge exams are not offered for language courses.

C. Admission to Criminal Justice

First-stage admission

Admission to the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice Degree program is in two stages. First-stage candidates will apply for admission to the New Brunswick Community College’s Diploma in one of the following programs: Criminal Justice; Police Foundations; Correctional Techniques; or Youth Care Worker. Alternatively, first-stage candidates may apply for admission to the Collège Communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick’s Diploma in one of the following programs: Techniques d’intervention en délinquance; Techniques correctionnelles; Techniques parajudiciaires; and Techniques policières diploma programs.

Enrolment is limited to 30 students. Admission is competitive. Applicants must satisfy regular admission requirements for St. Thomas University as published in subsection A. “First-year Arts.” They must also demonstrate commitment to and aptitude for careers in criminal justice and related fields.

Second-stage admission

Enrolment in the second stage is also limited to 30 students. To participate in the second stage admissions competition, candidates must satisfy the following minimum academic requirements:

1. Successful completion of one of the acceptable diploma programs at NBCC (Criminal Justice, Police Foundations, Correctional Techniques, or Youth Care Worker) OR CCNB (Techniques d'intervention en délinquance; Techniques correctionnelles; Techniques parajudiciaires; and Techniques policières)
2. A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.70 (70%) on courses taken in the diploma programs at NBCC or CCNB. In addition, students must meet the minimum average of 2.70 (70%) on the following courses, if taken as part of the diploma program: Sociology, Psychology, Deviance, Criminal Justice, Abnormal Psychology, Criminology, and Victimology.

Candidates for admission to the second stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice will apply to the St. Thomas University Admissions Office by February 15 of their second year at NBCC or CCNB.

Successful completion of the first stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice Degree program does not guarantee admission to the second stage. Candidates not admitted to the second stage may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts Degree program. They must complete regular graduation requirements for the BA degree.

Application procedures

Candidates will apply to the St. Thomas Admissions Office for admission to the second stage of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Criminal Justice. The application deadline is February 15.

Applications for second-stage admission will include:

1. completed application form;
2. official NBCC or CCNB transcript, an official high school transcript and, if applicable, official transcripts from other post-secondary institutions attended;
3. non-refundable application fee (please contact the Admissions Office for current fee).

D. Admission to Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology

The Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology is a four-year program of study that provides linked credentials. The student is awarded a certificate in Human Services by NBCC following one year of successful study in the program. The Bachelor of Applied Arts in Gerontology is awarded by STU following successful completion of the entire program. Students must successfully complete, in any order, three years of study at St. Thomas University plus the one-year Human Services Diploma at the New Brunswick Community College (NBCC).

Students interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Gerontology) degree program must meet the Admission requirements of the institution where they begin their studies (either St. Thomas University or NBCC). Students who begin their studies at St. Thomas must meet the normal admission requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree. For details on the BA admission requirements, consult Subsection A. "First-year Arts."