

Mission, Vision and Convictions Statement

Founded in 1885, the **University of St. Thomas is a Catholic, diocesan university** based in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. The largest private university in Minnesota, St. Thomas offers bachelor's degrees in over 85 major fields of study and more than 45 graduate degree programs including master's, education specialist, juris doctor and doctorates.

Mission

Inspired by Catholic intellectual tradition, the University of St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely and work skillfully to advance the common good.

Vision

We seek to be a recognized leader in Catholic higher education that excels in effective teaching, active learning, scholarly research and responsible engagement with the local community as well as with the national and global communities in which we live.

Convictions

As a community we are committed to:

- **Pursuit of truth**
We value intellectual inquiry as a life-long habit, the unfettered and impartial pursuit of **truth in all its forms**, the integration of knowledge across disciplines, and the imaginative and creative exploration of new ideas.
- **Academic excellence**
We create a culture among faculty, students and staff that recognizes the power of ideas and rewards rigorous thinking.
- **Faith and reason**
We actively engage Catholic intellectual tradition, which values the fundamental compatibility of faith and reason and fosters meaningful dialogue directed toward the flourishing of human culture.
- **Dignity**
We respect the dignity of each person and value the unique contributions that each brings to the greater mosaic of the university community.
- **Diversity**
We strive to create a vibrant diverse community in which, together, we work for a more just and inclusive society.
- **Personal attention**
We foster a caring culture that supports the well-being of each member.
- **Gratitude**
We celebrate the achievements of all members of our community in goals attained and obstacles overcome, and in all things give praise to God.