



Knowledge and Skill

The Dual Language program at UST provides students with the academic and leadership foundations they need to advance in their education career.

Students learn:

- How to develop their students' language proficiency
- A variety of teaching and leadership methods that provide an ideal environment for learning
- How to interpret and evaluate educational literature and research
- How to solve problems effectively in their classroom and school while integrating the community's expectations and values

Choose UST

For more information about the Dual Language program visit www.stthom.edu/duallanguage or contact:

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The University

The University of St. Thomas is truly a Shining Star in the heart of Houston. At UST 85% of our students say they would choose us again if they could start their college career over.*

- **Range of choices:** Degree programs focused on business, sciences, liberal arts and education at the undergraduate and graduate levels
- **Specialty areas:** High acceptance rate in medical and dental schools for Pre-med and Pre-dental students
- **Personal instruction:** Average class size of 17
- **Personal approach:** Faculty know students by name
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked 27th among universities offering master's degrees in the Western region by the *U.S. News & World Report* 2010 edition of "America's Best Colleges"
- **Nationally ranked:** Ranked by *The Princeton Review* as Best in the West in its 2010 Best Colleges: Region by Region online profile found at www.princetonreview.com
- **The Newman Guide to Choosing a Catholic College:** Named as one of 21 top Catholic universities by the Cardinal Newman Society for the second time
- **Study abroad:** Ranked for the third year in a row as one of the top 20 master's schools in the U.S. for Study Abroad programs according to a report by the Institute of International Educational Exchange
- **Catholic tradition:** Houston's only Catholic university, founded by the Basilian Fathers in 1947

* According to the 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement: www.nsse.iub.edu.



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Dual Language



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College Initiative Begins Here

Dual Language Program

The University of St. Thomas Dual Language Program trains teachers to use their dual language skills in K-12 classrooms to teach linguistically diverse populations. This approach enables students to progress academically in English and another language and gain an appreciation of both cultures.

Houston is a diverse city where Dual Language Program students have many opportunities after graduation. Many foreign dual language job opportunities are available for students who want to teach abroad after college.

The UST Dual Language Program integrates:

- Field experiences in Pre-K through 6th grade
- Service learning
- Study abroad opportunities

The School of Education

The School of Education at UST offers an undergraduate education program designed to develop classroom teachers with the ability to be effective with today's student populations in a variety of field settings, both private and public.

Undergraduate teacher preparation programs are available in: early childhood-grade 6, with certificates in general education and bilingual/dual language education; grades 4-8, and secondary school grades 8-12 in various areas of specialization.

The School of Education offers a Bilingual/Dual Language Bachelor's Degree and a Bilingual/Dual Language Master's Degree.

Why Dual Language at UST?

- Attractive campus
- Small class sizes
- Prestigious program
- Innovative dual language methodology

"I chose to study Dual Language at the University of St. Thomas because I believe it is important for children to develop two languages if the opportunity is available, instead of just focusing on one and losing the other. Being bilingual myself, it only made sense that I use my two languages to help children maintain and develop both of theirs. After graduation I plan to teach Dual Language in an elementary school. Dual Language teachers are in high demand and my classes at St. Thomas have prepared me for a successful and fulfilling career."

Daisy Figueroa, Class of 2011

Field Experiences

Many excellent and diverse field experiences in both public and private settings are available to students majoring in Dual Language.

Through various field placements, students experience dual language instruction in multiple language settings including German, French, Spanish-English and Vietnamese immersion programs and traditional bilingual settings.

Financial Aid Opportunities

Teach Grant Program

Through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007, Congress created the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program that provides grants of up to \$4,000 per year to students who intend to teach in a public or private elementary or secondary school that serves students from low-income families.

High-Need Fields

Specific areas considered high-need fields:

- Bilingual Education and English Language Acquisition
- Foreign Language

Stafford Loan Forgiveness Program for Teachers

The Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program is intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession. Under this program, individuals who teach full time for five consecutive, complete academic years in certain elementary and secondary schools that serve low-income families and meet other qualifications may be eligible for forgiveness of up to a combined total of \$17,500 in principal and interest on their FFEL and/or Direct Loan program loans. (As of August 14, 2008, an otherwise eligible borrower may qualify for forgiveness if the borrower has provided qualifying teaching services at one or more locations that are operated by an educational service agency.)

