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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

St. Thomas the apostle also called 'Didymus' meaning 'twin' was one of the apostles of Jesus Christ. He is best known for questioning Jesus' Resurrection after death when first told of it, which was followed by his confession of faith "My Lord and My God". St. Thomas the apostle arrived in the Kerala state of India in AD52. He arrived by sea at the port of Malankara, the present Kodungallur in Kerala. He preached the word of God and established Churches in seven places. St. Thomas after his fruitful ministry on the Malabar Coast crossed over to the eastern parts of South India where also he had many converts and then on he moved as far as Malacca and China. Later returning to India he came to Chennaipattinam or Madras. Being infuriated by his growing popularity, he was chased by the higher castes and took shelter in a cave near Little mount which is the present Guindy in Chennai, and when he was about to be captured he escaped from that place through a hole in the roof of the said cave and took shelter in the shrine which he had built on the top of St. Thomas Mount, Parinkimalai in Tamil. His pursuers caught up with him there and speared him into death while he was clinging to a cross inside the said shrine. Later his followers took his stained body and buried him on the seashore at Santhome in Mylapore, Chennai.

At the St. Thomas day celebration in New Delhi organized by the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church on 18th December 1955, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the President of India made the following observation in a speech "Remember St. Thomas came to India when many of the countries of Europe had not yet become Christians and so those Indians who traced their Christianity to him have a long history and a higher ancestry than that of Christians of many of the European countries". Christianity in India is as old as Christianity itself. Thus, the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church founded by Apostle St. Thomas in AD 52 is one of the oldest Churches with a rich legacy and tradition. His Holiness Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Malankara Metropolitan and

Catholicose of the East is the successor to this throne of St. Thomas and the head of the Malankara Orthodox Church.

St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Broadway is the first parish outside the outside Kerala Diocese and is the mother of all parishes. To have a parish of their own on this sacred soil is a great achievement for Orthodox Christians. This parish was originally built by the British government as a garrison for British soldiers and with the permission of the Anglican Bishop, the members started to share this church and the first Holy Eucharist was started in 1960. The first congregation consisted of 16 members. In the year 2016, this Cathedral celebrated its centenary. From a 16-member congregation, this cathedral has grown tremendously into a big parish including the Chapel at Mylapore and Pilgrim center on St. Thomas Mount. Presently there are more than 11 independent parishes in Chennai and almost all parishes can trace their origin to St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral. It was a deep desire of the member of St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral to start an education institution to enlighten the society and St. Thomas Matriculation Higher Secondary School in Broadway was established in 1958 under St. Thomas Syrian Cathedral Education and Charitable Trust. After serving society through this school, it was decided to start a college for Arts & Science.

The St. Thomas College of Arts and Science was established in 1999 as a co-educational institution that is governed by the St. Thomas Orthodox Syrian Cathedral Parish Trust of St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral, Broadway. The Patron of our college is His Holiness Baselios Marthoma Mathews III, Catholicose of the East and Malankara Metropolitan The founder Chairman was His Grace Dr. Yakoob Mar Irenios and the present Chairman is His Grace Gee Varghese Mar Philaxenos, Metropolitan of the Diocese of Madras of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. The college is governed by its board of trustees and administrated by its executive headed by H. G. Gee Varghese Mar Philaxenos-Chairman, Rev. Fr. Anish Mathew-Vice Chairman, Mr. Biju Chacko-Secretary, and Mr. Ajit John Punnoose-Treasurer.Academic-related work is headed by our Principal Dr.N.Thangavel.

The Motto

The Motto of St. Thomas College is 'let there be light' (Genesis 1:3). We believe that enlightenment through learning and the growth of knowledge leads us to an awareness of a creative spirit. This, in turn, breaks through the darkness of ignorance, fear, and despair to bring the light of truth, l, love, and hope. It turns us away from self-interest to an awareness of the 'other', to further dimensions of life, to our responsibility to share the light with others.

The Mission and Values

Our mission is to provide a learning environment in which students of the St. Thomas College will have the greatest possible opportunity for academic achievement, intellectual development, and personal growth in a supportive Christian environment which recognizes the rights of individuals to their individuality while encouraging them to develop a sense of community belonging, a sense of worth and a set of high ethical and professional values.

We strive to uphold the following values:

- High academic standards with the encouragement of all-round excellence
- Equality of respect for women and men of all backgrounds
- Critical and creative thinking
- Leadership
- Spiritual reflection
- Integrity and ethical conduct
- A balanced approach to life
- International and intercultural awareness
- Tolerance of and respect for diversity
- Compassion for the less fortunate
- Working in harmony with others, and resolving conflicts
- A life-long aspiration to grow as a person and to serve the community

The institution's primary goal is to motivate each of its students to become competent, responsible, self-reliant, and wholesome individuals with a deep sense of goodwill and social commitment.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES			
Shift-I **Timing:8:40 a.m.-01:05 p.m.**			
Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B. A	**English**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras.**
BCA	**Computer Applications**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras with Mathematics or Computer Science as one of the subjects.**

Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B. Sc.	Computer Science Data Science	3 years /6 Semesters	A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras with Mathematics and Computer Science as subjects.
B.Sc.	Mathematics	3 years /6 Semesters	A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. Of Tamil Nadu with Mathematics as one of the subjects or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras.

Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B. Sc.	Psychology	3 years /6 Semesters	A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras.
B.Sc.	Visual Communication	3 years /6 Semesters	A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras.

Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B.Sc.	**Electronic Media**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras.**
BBA	**Business Administration**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras. Knowledge in Accountancy preferred.**

Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B. Com.	❖ General ❖ Corporate Secretaryship ❖ Bank Management ❖ Accounting and Finance	3 years /6 Semesters	A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras with Commerce and Accountancy as main subjects.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES			
Shift-II **Timing: 1.35 pm to 6.00 pm.**			
Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
BCA	Computer Applications	3 years /6 Semesters	A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras with Mathematics or Computer Science as one of the subjects.

Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B. Sc.	**Computer Science**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras with Mathematics and Computer Science as subjects.**
BBA	**Business Administration**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras. Knowledge in Accountancy preferred.**

Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
B. Com.	❖ **General** ❖ **Corporate Secretaryship** ❖ **Bank Management** ❖ **Accounting and Finance** ❖ **Computer Applications**	**3 years /6 Semesters**	**A pass in the Higher Secondary Examination of the Govt. of Tamil Nadu or its equivalent recognized by the University of Madras with Commerce and Accountancy as main subjects.**

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES			
Shift-I **Timing:8:40 a.m.-01:05 p.m.**			
Degree	Program	Duration	Eligibility
M.Com.	**Commerce**	**2 years / 4 Semesters**	**B.Com./B.A.Corp.sec./ B.Com.A & F/ B.Com.BM/ B.C.S./ B.B.A./B.B.M./ B.A[Co-po]/ B.Sc. Computer Science./B.A. Industrial Organization / B.Sc. Maths/B.C.A./B.Sc. Statistics with any two core/main Papers offered at B.Com. level.**
M.Sc.	❖ **Visual Communication** ❖ **Electronic Media**	**2 years /4 Semesters**	**Any Undergraduate degree of the University of Madras or any other University or a qualification accepted by this university's Syndicate as equivalent thereto.**

ACTIVITIES

Clubs	Program
NSS	The aim of the NSS unit is "Not me, but you." Students actively participate in various activities conducted by NSS. Every year the NSS unit conducts a camp in an underdeveloped area. During the camp, they do so many social activities and awareness programs about education, cleanliness, and health, through songs, dramas, street plays, etc. Apart from this, the NSS brings an awareness of public cleanliness, and the evil sides of help, drugs & tobacco, and cleaning the traffic, to instill in the minds of fellow students an altruistic tendency.
NCC	The NCC is the secondary level Indian defence cadet corps with its Headquarters in New Delhi. National Cadet Corps is a Tri-Services Organization, comprising the Army, Navy, and Air Force, engaged in grooming the youth of the country into disciplined and patriotic citizens. The Cadets are given basic defence training in small arms and parades. The officers and cadets have no liability for active defence service once they complete their course but they are given preference over normal candidates during selections based on their achievements in the corps.
YRC	"The Youth Red Cross" is a group movement organized at the initial stages for students between 18 and 25 years of age and thus was started at our college 3 years ago to inculcate in the students who are the youth of our country about their health and that of others, then the understanding and acceptance of responsibilities and acting accordingly with humanitarian concern.

Clubs	Program
RRC	**Red Ribbon Club was started in August 2006 to create public awareness among students and to find ways to eradicate the mysterious malady, HIV/AIDS from all over India. This club is involved in various activities like blood donation camps, lifesaving, giving solace to HIV/AIDS victims, giving identification to the eunuch society, and drug Rehabilitation programs, etc.**
GREEN CLUB	**The Green Club has revived in St. Thomas College on the 23rd of January 2009 to promote higher awareness in the minds of students about Environmental issues. The club has a vision of education and inspires people of all ages to learn about what green means. The Green club intends to carry its message of conserving resources and living a green lifestyle to have a ripple effect, both within its community and out in the world. In general, the motto of this club is to create awareness among members and to rid us of taboos and environmental disasters.**
ST.THOMAS CONSUMER CLUB	**St. Thomas Consumer's Club was inaugurated on the 4th of April 2008 as per the direction given by the University of Madras. The motto of this club is to expose the rights available to the consumers and the responsibilities of consumers as per the consumer protection Act, 1986. consumer education empowers consumers to exercise their consumer rights.**

Clubs	Program
ORGANISATION FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE	**The Organization for Social Justice was started on the 27th of August 2009. The ultimate purpose of this organization is to promote students to address global concerns such as poverty eradication, promotion of full employment, gender equity, access to social well-being, and justice for all. The motto of this organization is "Giving to each what he or she is due." The organization conducts seminars and meeting through resource persons and social workers who fight for social justice in society. We inspire students to help the poor and down-trodden.**
CAREER GUIDANCE AND PLACEMENT CELL	**The Cell provides a platform for the students about the best career and placement opportunities and the scope of every career and placement option to upgrade the horizon of the students to the next level in a safe and secured environment.**
ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN'S UPLIFTMENT	**It was inaugurated in October 2009. This provides a good platform for the girls as they can expose their hidden talents and abilities other than academics. We celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th on a good scale by conducting so many competitions. We conduct seminars on various topics for the welfare of the women's community. Our organization takes utmost care for the beneficiary of women's society.**
FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION	**Students are encouraged to participate in intramural and inter-collegiate talent festivals and cultural meets. Every year in October, the College hosts the much popular inter-collegiate cultural competition, the "Thom Fest".**
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT CELL	**The ED Cell is inaugurated to make students dream of themselves as job providers instead of job seekers. The cell is named, 'EXPLORE THE SEED IN YOU' Identify your ability and creativity in you.**

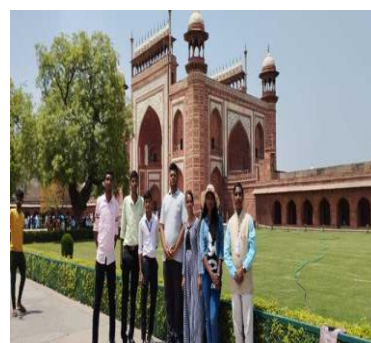| Clubs	Program
COLLEGE CHOIR	The choir is an integral part of the St. Thomas College of Arts and Science. No program is complete without the college choir rendering the college hymn. Musically talented students are encouraged to take part in the choir.
SPORTS & GAMES	Students are trained for the following sports activities: ❖ Cricket ❖ Volleyball ❖ Basketball ❖ Weight Lifting ❖ Athletics ❖ Chess ❖ Table Tennis ❖ Boxing ❖ Badminton
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	The Alumni Association is vibrant and active. Alumni ensure continued contact with the College and facilitate creative involvement in the progress and activities of the College.
ICC	The Objective of the ICC is to develop a healthy and safe atmosphere for the faculty and students of the College and to prevent sexual harassment or exploitation of any kind. Policy measures and procedures are laid down to combat sexual harassment. The students are made aware by proactive measures through seminars and workshops. The Internal Complaints Committee of the college addresses the grievances filed confidentially and sensitively.
IQAC	The IQAC being an integral part of the college works towards realizing the goals of quality enhancement by developing a system for conscious, consistent, and catalytic improvement in different aspects of the functioning of the college.

VALUE EDUCATION:

Ethics:

- ❖ **Salient values for life**
- ❖ **Human Rights**
- ❖ **Environment and Ecological balance**
- ❖ **Social Evils**

SOFT SKILLS:

Students are required to take four soft skills courses of three credits each across different semesters. These courses equip students with life skills such as Personality Development, Basic Computer Skills, Personal Skills, and Social Skills. The soft skills courses in short are aimed at helping students grow spiritually and adopt a holistic way of life.

Events

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

1. Application forms for admission to the B. A.(English)/B. Sc.(Maths)/ B. Com./B. Com. (CS)/ B. Com.(A&F) / B. Com.(BM)/ B.Com(Computer Applications)/B. B. A. /B. C. A. / B. Sc.(Computer Science / B. Sc.(Psychology) /B. Sc.(Electronic Media)/ B. Sc.(Visual Communications) and M. Sc.(Visual Communications) / M.Sc.(Electronic Media) /M. Com. can be accessed online at www.saintthomascollege.com .

2. For details regarding online applications for all programs, including the date of issue of applications, please check the College website.

3. The admission procedure for all undergraduate programs will begin after the publication of the Higher Secondary Examination results; the postgraduate admissions will begin subsequently.

4. Information regarding interviews for provisionally selected applicants for all programs will be sent by e-mail and SMS.

5. Applicants should produce all original mark statements and certificates at the time of the interview.

6. Requests for deferring the date of the interview will not be considered.

7. No information will be sent to applicants who have not been selected for the interview.

8. Selected applicants must pay the prescribed semester fees and submit original and two attested photocopies of the following documents:

Applicants for undergraduate programs:

a. STD X Statement of Marks or Equivalent Certificate.

b. STD XII Statement of Marks or Equivalent Certificate.

c. Pass Certificate (CBSE/ISC/others).

d. Transfer Certificate and Conduct Certificate with two recent passport-sized photographs.

e. Community Certificate in the case of MBC/OBC/DNC/BC/SC/ST.

f. Certificate of proof for the differently-abled/for those applying in the NCC/Sports quota and for daughters of ex-servicemen.

g. Baptism Certificate and letter from Parish Priest for Orthodox Syrian applicants.

h. Applicants from Boards other than TNHSC/CBSE/ISC (within/outside India) should also furnish the Eligibility Certificate from the University of Madras.

i. Blood Group Certificate.

Note: At the time of admission students of other Boards (within/outside India) should also furnish the Provisional Eligibility Certificate from the University of Madras.

The name of the applicant and date of birth on the application form should be identical to that in the Standard X certificate. No correction or overwriting is permitted without attestation of the proper authority.

Applicants for postgraduate programs:

a. STD X Statement of Marks or Equivalent Certificate.

b. STD XII Statement of Marks or Equivalent Certificate.

c. Pass Certificate (CBSE/ISC/others).

d. Diploma Certificate (if available) for international applicants.

e. Statement of Marks (semester/year) of the undergraduate program of study.

f. Consolidated Statement of Marks or Cumulative Marks Statement of the undergraduate program (in the case of applicants from Autonomous Colleges).

g. Undergraduate Degree/Provisional Certificate issued by the University.

h. Transfer Certificate and Conduct Certificate with two recent passport-sized photographs.

i. Community Certificate in the case of MBC/OBC/DNC/BC/SC/ST.

j. Certificate of proof for the differently-abled and daughters of ex-servicemen.

k. Baptism Certificate and letter from Parish Priest for Orthodox Syrian applicants.

l. Eligibility Certificate from the University of Madras (for applicants who have passed their qualifying examinations from other Universities).

m. Blood Group Certificate.

Note to Parents :

- ❖ Parents and guardians are informed that the College does not accept donations for admission directly or indirectly. Any malpractice in this regard may be brought to the notice of the Principal immediately.

- ❖ The management reserves the right to admit, train, discipline, and administer according to its policy and philosophy of education.

- ❖ Students will not be permitted to form unions or associations based on color, creed, caste, language, religion, or ideology within the campus.

- ❖ Strikes and violent activities meant to bargain with influence or interference with the management are illegal.

- ❖ Students must take all the courses offered as an obligatory package of education from which none will be exempted.

- ❖ Students must maintain the best behavior on the campus and outside.

- ❖ Discontinuance in the middle of the course or removal from rolls for any reason will entail forfeiture of course fees for the whole duration of the course.

- ❖ In case of damage or loss of any property of the college, students shall be made liable, individually or severally, to compensate the same, and transfer certificates will not be issued unless the loss to the management is made good.

- ❖ Tuition and special fees prescribed by the college must be paid before the last date set down by the college.

- ❖ Delayed payments will be subject to levy of fines. Excessive delays will entail the removal of names from the college rolls and denial of attendance. Any amount paid towards the admission fee or any fee will not be refunded.

- ❖ Students are not permitted to participate in talk shows and any other public performance without prior permission of the Principal.

All communication should be addressed to
The Principal,
St. Thomas College of Arts and Science,
140/6, AKR Road, St. Thomas Nagar,
Koyambedu, Chennai - 600 107.
Please quote the application number for further reference.