

St. John's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences





## Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sustainability and Decision-Making, Staten Island Campus

## ABOUT THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND DECISION-MAKING IN STATEN ISLAND

Environmental issues have become central in today's world. Citizen groups push for sustainable futures for their communities and for the Earth. City officials, business consortia, and community organizations strive for economic growth and development that enhances, rather than degrades, the natural environment. Corporations seek to operate in sustainable ways and to respond to environmental concerns voiced by citizens and government.

All of this activity creates exciting career opportunities in the field of environmental sustainability. The interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sustainability and Decision-Making on the Staten Island campus will help you build an environmentally-centered career that contributes to a better future.

As a major in Environmental Sustainability and Decision-Making, you apply knowledge from the social sciences, physical sciences, and humanities to approach environmental problems from a variety of perspectives, and to build an understanding of the complex interactions and diverse factors that contribute to decision-making in environmental policy and practice. You develop the skills necessary for success in the field by becoming engaged with realworld environmental problems in Staten Island and Greater New York City through St. John's University's wide network of community partners.

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND DECISION-MAKING?

The program prepares you for careers in such fields as environmental policymaking, communications, advocacy, education, community organizing, and management.

Professionals with a background in environmental sustainability find employment in such settings as

- Corporate environmental, government affairs, and public relations offices;
- Environmental advocacy and education organizations, from local to national levels;
- Local, state, and federal governments offices, including those pertaining to city planning, environmental affairs, public works, and parks;
- Media and journalism;
- Public-private and community development organizations, offices, and projects; and
- Public utilities and infrastructure providers.

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

The vital importance and pervasiveness of environmental issues in modern life creates exciting opportunities for those devoted to addressing them. The Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sustainability and Decision-Making on the Staten Island campus combines a rich academic education in an intimate setting with community engagement and hands-on learning, empowering you to build a future in the field. A truly interdisciplinary program, the B.A. draws from the social sciences, natural sciences, and humanities to provide both breadth and depth of knowledge, and help you develop the kind of critical thinking, communication, research, and analysis skills that contribute to success almost anywhere. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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## INTERNSHIPS, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This unique program offers students access to Staten Island's and Greater New York's "living labs" for applied research, field-based learning, and internships. Among these are the Staten Island Greenbelt Conservancy, the New York City (NYC) Department of Parks and Recreation, Snug Harbor Heritage Farm, the NYC Department of Sanitation's Compost Project, the Waterfront Alliance, the NYC Department of City Planning, and other local and regional environmental organizations. In addition to opportunities for fieldwork, all students complete an environmental analysis practicum and senior seminar project, and internships are strongly encouraged and facilitated.

You can enhance the global dimensions of your learning and experience through St. John's many study abroad opportunities. For more information about study abroad, please visit stjohns.edu/global.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

St. John's University strives to place an outstanding higher education within the financial reach of all qualified applicants. Each academic year, the Office of Student Financial Services awards more than \$500 million in aid to students who demonstrate financial need. The Office of Undergraduate Admission also awards highly competitive academic scholarships.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit **stjohns.edu/services/financial**.

### **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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#### **ADMISSION INFORMATION**

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