ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Graduate Admission
Online Learning
Degree Programs FAQs

What is an online learning program?

The graduate program at The School of Education at St. John's University offers graduate online degree programs as well as individual online courses. Whether you are a traditional college-age student, a working professional, or a returning adult student, our web-based courses offer flexibility combined with a special interactive educational experience. As an online student, you are no longer required to travel to campus to participate in a course or restricted by scheduling conflicts. Courseware tools such as Blackboard turn your home or office computer into a virtual classroom where you study texts and online resources, complete assignments and exams, and actively engage with the instructor and fellow students in threaded discussions and chats. All of this is done at times that are convenient for your demanding schedule. We also offer hybrid (online and campus) programs. Please note that we are not an "online" university. If you plan on attending a hybrid learning program, you MUST submit immunization records.

What degree programs do you offer?

Doctoral
Ph.D. in Literacy

Master's Degree Programs (M.S.Ed.)
School Building Leader
Teaching Children with Disabilities in Childhood Education 1–6
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Pre-K–12

Advanced Certificate (Adv. Crt.)
Bilingual Education
Gifted Education
School Building Leader
School Building Leader/School District Leader
School District Leader
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Pre-K–12

Intensive Teacher Institute (ITI) Programs BOCES
ITI: Bilingual Pupil Personnel Services (Adv. Crt.)
ITI: Bilingual Special Education (Adv. Crt.)
ITI: TESOL with Special Education (Adv. Crt.)
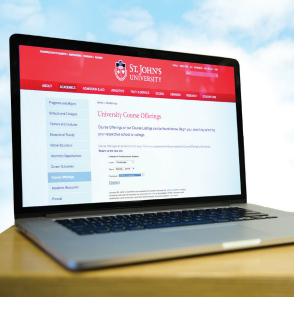
CR (Clinically Rich) ITI Programs
CR-ITI Bilingual Education (Adv. Crt.)
CR-ITI Teacher Institute in ESL (Adv. Crt.)

We also offer individual courses online. Please check with the specific department.

Is online learning for me?

Successful completion of online courses requires participating students to be independent and collaborative learners who are disciplined and able to dedicate sufficient time to their course work. Online courses typically follow the semester calendar, with assignments and assessments posted on a regular basis. Prospective online students should consider whether the format and time demands of an online course are conducive to their lifestyles before registering for a course.

What kind of technical abilities will I need?

In addition to meeting academic prerequisites for the courses, all prospective online students must meet rudimentary computer proficiency requirements such as logging on, cutting and pasting text using word-processing software, and attaching documents as e-mail attachments.

What are the computer requirements?

Internet service with any local service provider (telephone-based or cable service where available).

- ❑ Pentium class or higher PC/Mac with a minimum of 1.7 Ghz
- ❑ Minimum of 1GB RAM
- ❑ Cable/DSL or better connection
- ❑ Microsoft Word
- ❑ Acrobat Reader (latest version)
- ❑ The faculty member teaching the course usually sets software requirements. Please check with your instructor following registration.

- ❑ Web browser requirements: Most of our online courses are conducted using Blackboard courseware tools. Access to Blackboard is also available on mobile devices and tablets.
- ❑ For all browsers, JavaScript must be enabled for Blackboard to work.
- ❑ Webcam

How does an online course differ from a face-to-face course?

Web-based software creates a virtual classroom where the learning experience takes place. St. John's University uses Blackboard. This software uses icons to direct you to the featured pages within the virtual classroom. Clicking on these icons helps you to navigate within the courseware tool to participate in the course. For example, professors post course syllabi, assignments, readings, and assessments that are accessible by all students within the course. Students may communicate via an internal e-mail system with the professor and with other participants.

In an online course, the student is more independent but collaborative, and learns by sharing ideas with fellow students and the instructor. The student reads text supplemented by online resources such as slide presentations, videos, and links to websites and learning materials, then actively engages in detailed discussions online with classmates. These discussions take place on a conference board within the virtual classroom. Each student is required to be an active participant by submitting a certain number of responses over a period of days. This is called a threaded discussion. The instructor monitors the discussions and gives feedback to the group. You can enter your response messages at any time during an assigned period of two days to a week; hence, there is more time to reflect on your comments. However, online courses require more work and preparation from both the learner and the teacher. In order to be considered "in attendance," an online student must post a response and keep up with the discussion. This means logging on almost every day to participate in the online discussions and group projects. Professors may also require more detailed assignments (e.g., research papers) and assessments (tests or graded projects), which are posted as responses or file attachments.

As an online learning student, am I ever required to come to campus?

You are not required to come to campus as an online learning student. At the end of the Special Education program, you take an online comprehensive exam administered using Respondus, a secure online testing server that requires webcam access.

How many credits must I take for each program?

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How long is the program?

You may attend full time or part time, so the length of the program is really up to you. Continuous enrollment and completion of all requirements must be done within a five-year period.

Am I eligible for financial aid?

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Services for more information. They may be reached at studentfinancialserv@stjohns.edu or **718-990-2000**.

What are my payment options?

You may pay via check, credit card, or financial aid.

What differentiates St. John's Online Learning program from others?

The three master's programs are accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council and *U.S. News & World Report* ranked our program in the top 50 in the nation for online learning. All our online professors are certified to teach online.

What resources are available to me as a distance-learning student?

A range of University services are available online: access to library databases, career guidance, registration, and financial aid.

What are the requirements for admission?

For admission consideration for a master's degree, we look for the following:

- ❑ Completed application
- ❑ Official transcripts from every institution attended showing conferral of degree and satisfactory grade point average (B or better)
- ❑ Appropriate degree conferral for particular program of interest (bachelor's for a master's, master's for a Ph.D.)
- ❑ Submission and satisfactory scores from the GRE® General Test, GMAT®, or Praxis® Core
- ❑ Academic Skills for Educators examination. The GRE®/GMAT® is preferred for the Ph.D. in Literacy program.

How do I apply?

Visit **stjohns.edu/applynow**

How do I register?

Once you are accepted as a student, you will be assigned an advisor. Please contact him or her to go over course offerings. **You then register via the web.**

What if I need to take a semester off?

Students enrolled in degree programs are required to be continuously enrolled for matriculation until the degree is awarded. Those who are not enrolled in course work must maintain their active status each semester by enrolling in Maintaining Matriculation at the scheduled registration periods. Students who have not satisfied the continuous enrollment requirement for two or more semesters must apply for readmission.

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