



**ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Global Development and Social Justice

ABOUT THE M.A. IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The innovative, multidisciplinary, and fully online Master of Arts (M.A.) program in Global Development and Social Justice at St. John's University promotes best practices and leadership in global development. Prepare yourself for an exciting and meaningful career through advanced study in sustainable development, nonprofit management, human rights issues, and international development.

Our mission of social justice and human rights advocacy, grounded in Catholic Social Teaching and the Vincentian tradition, "to provide excellent education for all people, especially those lacking economic, physical, or social advantages," is reflected through our online methodology. The program attracts students from all over the world and from all walks of life who wish to pursue in-depth research in a wide range of critical areas related to global development and social justice. While participating in intercultural dialogue with your fellow students and faculty, you learn to identify the causes of poverty and social injustice and collaborate on exploring solutions that are adaptable, effective, and concrete.

The M.A. consists of 11 three-credit courses for a total of 33 credits. You may complete the degree on a part-time basis. Full-time study may also be arranged. You immerse yourself in the introductory classes encompassing models of global development, Catholic Social Teaching and integral human development, and information resources for global development and social justice. The interdisciplinary courses allow you to explore topics in government, theology, sociology, media, health care, project management, and economics. Your capstone project and final integrating seminar allow you to synthesize your research and highlight your work in a portfolio.

Our Online Learning program allows you to take courses digitally. Log in at your convenience to enter our virtual classrooms, learn from our accomplished faculty, and engage with classmates. Our online courses offer the same high academic quality that students experience on campus. Professors deliver lectures and post assignments via Blackboard, our electronic course management system. Students use it to attend virtual classes, share documents, take exams, and exchange ideas with faculty and classmates.



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WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE?

As a professional with an advanced degree in global development, you are well-suited for a wide range of careers related to sustainable development, international relations, nonprofit management, and human rights. As a graduate from the M.A. program, you may pursue a range of opportunities in both national and international organizations, as well as governmental and nongovernmental agencies. You may also seek out research positions in various settings. Other career options include posts at the United Nations, multinational corporations, international media agencies, specialized law firms, emergency relief and development organizations, diplomatic settings, and faith-based organizations. Several graduates have established their own NGOs. Some of our alumni have also pursued doctoral degrees in various disciplines.

Recent graduates of the M.A. in Global Development and Social Justice program have found meaningful positions with such organizations as CARE, Doctors Without Borders, Global Health Strategies, Greenhope Services for Women, HelpAge USA, Human Rights Watch, Plan International, Shared Hope International, Tearfund, the United Nations Development Programme, and the World Trade Organization.

MESSAGE FROM THE ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

Our master's degree program educates and trains you, empowering you to become a creative and compassionate leader and professional who can effect change in the world. We teach best practices and leadership in global development. Our teaching of social justice and human rights advocacy, grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, is delivered through our innovative online learning curriculum. Program faculty teach you how to search out the causes of poverty and social injustice and encourage you to explore and identify solutions that are adaptable, effective, and concrete.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a graduate student at St. John's University, you have the opportunity to work with faculty members on research and academic projects that may lead to professional conference presentations and publications. Before graduating, you complete a capstone research project to serve as a culmination of your work in the program, and your participation in online learning throughout your course work gives you valuable experience in state-of-the-art pedagogical technology.

ASSISTANTSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

The Pope Paul VI Scholarship provides a 50 percent tuition discount and is open to all United Nations diplomats and professional staff (P and D level). If you are eligible for this scholarship, according to these criteria, you must simply provide a letter of proof of employment to the Office of Student Financial Services to receive the discount.

The University also awards a limited number of graduate assistantships to highly qualified students each year. These positions provide tuition remission and a stipend and involve assisting faculty with their research. For more information about assistantships, as well as other types of financial aid and scholarship awards, please visit the Graduate Admissions page at stjohns.edu/admission/graduate.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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