ABOUT THE MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The M.A. in Global Development and Social Justice is an innovative multidisciplinary program that combines classroom instruction with online teaching pedagogy. The program offers students the flexibility to pursue in-depth research in a broad variety of critical areas related to global development and social justice. This curriculum seeks to promote intercultural dialogue among students and faculty, as well as critically analyze and understand key concepts in global development. The M.A. is designed to teach students how to identify the causes of poverty and social injustice and encourages them to explore and discover solutions that are adaptable, effective and concrete.

The program provides a number of full scholarships annually to applicants around the world. The M.A. includes 11 three-credit courses for a total of 33 credits which is completed over the duration of two years. When students begin the course of study, they are given a laptop that they may keep after graduation. In total, three courses are taught in a classroom setting at the St. John’s University campus in Rome, Italy. Two of the three classes are taught in the beginning of the program over three weeks; the final one-week course is taught at the end of the program.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GRADUATE DEGREE?

Professionals with advanced studies in global development and related fields are in high demand in the marketplace. Graduates may pursue a range of career opportunities in both national and international organizations as well as governmental and non-governmental agencies. In addition, alumni may seek out opportunities in the academic sector, including research positions in various settings. Other career options include positions at the United Nations, multinational corporations, international media agencies, specialized law firms, emergency relief and development organizations and diplomatic settings.

Electronic portfolios document students’ academic studies and research, enabling them to share their expertise with prospective employers. Recent graduates of the M.A. in Global Development and Social Justice program are currently working and volunteering in various organizations, including CARE, Doctors Without Borders, Greenhope Services for Women, HelpAge USA, Human Rights Watch, Plan International, Shared Hope International, United Nations Development Programme and the World Trade Organization.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Our master’s degree program educates and trains students, empowering them to become creative and compassionate leaders and professionals 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, are delivered in the classroom and through our innovative online learning curriculum. Program faculty and staff teach students how to search out the causes of poverty and social injustice, and encourage them to explore and identify solutions that are adaptable, effective and concrete.

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RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS
St. John’s University awards a limited number of graduate assistantships and fellowships each year to qualified graduate students. Assistantships provide tuition remission — and in some cases, a stipend. Please see the Graduate Bulletin for further information.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Students have the opportunity to work with faculty on research and academic projects that can lead to professional conference presentations and publications. They are also able to pursue a Graduate Student Professional Development Certificate (www.stjohns.edu/gradcertificate) that provides the chance to work in educational and community settings.

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