



**ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF  
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

# Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

## ABOUT THE M.A. IN LIBERAL STUDIES

Ambitious and intellectually curious students who seek an interdisciplinary approach to graduate study are encouraged to consider the Master of Arts program in Liberal Studies at St. John's University. The program offers four tracks—humanities, social science, cultural studies, and innovative research—that allow you to tailor the curriculum to your unique career goals. The program is designed to meet the needs of working professionals who seek an advanced degree, as well as those who plan to go on to further doctoral study.

Within each track, students choose a concentration to further specialize their programs of study and complement this in-depth curriculum with integrative courses from other disciplines. The combination of tracks and concentrations allows you to gain a thorough and comprehensive graduate education in the program.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN LIBERAL STUDIES?

The M.A. in Liberal Studies will prepare you for a wide range of professional goals, as well as for competitive doctoral programs. Graduates of the program find opportunities in a variety of career fields, including higher education, finance, communications, and public service. Opportunities are not limited to these fields; the research, communication, and critical thinking skills you'll acquire are sought in all professional and academic pursuits.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Despite the lofty title, the Master of Arts program in Liberal Studies at St. John's University is not an ivory-tower alliance of academic disciplines unrelated to and unconcerned with the real world. The disciplines of the humanities and social sciences that are under the umbrella of Liberal Studies concern themselves with understanding individuals and society with a view toward forming individual consciousnesses and consciences and making a difference in today's complex and rapidly changing world.

As a student in the program, you have the opportunity to choose a focus in the humanities, social science, cultural studies, or innovative research. Within each of these tracks, you also have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of concentrations, ranging from literature to economics, from sociology to women's and gender studies. At the same time, the interdisciplinary character of the program challenges you to consider a variety of perspectives, approaches, resources, and methodologies from a variety of academic fields of study. In many areas of academic research, traditional disciplinary boundaries have dissolved, making interdisciplinary research increasingly important in addressing real-world challenges and opportunities. You will work with faculty members who are superb teachers and leading scholars in their fields, in courses that are designed for active learning.

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## PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Before graduating from the M.A. in Liberal Studies program, you'll complete a capstone project that will serve as a sample of your graduate-level work and abilities for future job and doctoral program applications.

To prepare for your career, you will have the advantage of St. John's location in dynamic New York City, as well as the support of our faculty and Office of Career Services, both of which maintain strong ties to employers and internship opportunities.

You won't be limited to opportunities in the New York area, however, as our exciting and extensive study abroad programs add a global dimension to your graduate degree. Students in the Liberal Studies program have taken advantage of global studies courses in Rome and in Argentina. For more information about study abroad, please visit the Office of Global Studies at [stjohns.edu/global](http://stjohns.edu/global).

## ASSISTANTSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FINANCIAL AID

The University 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 see the Graduate Bulletin ([stjohns.edu/bulletin](http://stjohns.edu/bulletin)).