



**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 Master of Arts program in Global Development and Social Justice at St. John's University combines classroom instruction with online teaching pedagogy to promote best practices and leadership in global development. 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, which you complete over a period of two years. You take three of these courses in a classroom setting at the beautiful St. John's campus in Rome, Italy; two in the beginning of the program over three weeks, and one at the end of the program over one week. You complete the remaining eight courses—which cover interdisciplinary topics related to government, information resources, theology, sociology, media, health care, and economics—online, gaining experience with online pedagogy tools along the way.

When you begin the program, you receive a laptop computer that you may keep after graduation. The Center for Global Development provides a number of full scholarships annually to applicants around the world, which helps to ensure the program's diversity and commitment to social justice.

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, and diplomatic settings.

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, Greenhope Services for Women, HelpAge USA, Human Rights Watch, Plan International, Shared Hope International, the United Nations Development Programme, and the World Trade Organization.



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MESSAGE FROM THE 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, is 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 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

Both full and partial scholarships are available for applicants who demonstrate academic excellence, experience in development or a related field, potential for continued work in the field of development, demonstrated capacity for leadership in the field of development, a record of effective public service, and appreciation for models of integral human development.

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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