Bachelor of Arts in Global Development and Sustainability

ABOUT THE B.A. IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Bachelor of Arts in Global Development and Sustainability prepares you for the political, cultural, economic, social, and environmental challenges that arise from our increasingly interdependent global community. This interdisciplinary program with an international dimension provides you with the knowledge and skills to meet a growing demand for expertise in these areas.

You learn to develop systemic solutions that promote global equity, prosperity, and solidarity and to strategize creatively and effectively in response to rapid global change. As you progress in the program, you have the option to select either the Science or Social Science program track to fit your individual interests and career goals.

Our thoroughly interdisciplinary curriculum incorporates courses from across the liberal arts. Grounded in our University mission, the program also incorporates Academic-Service Learning, as well as study abroad and global internship opportunities, to enhance your professional and international experience.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY?

The need for professionals with a background in global development is higher than ever. The program prepares you for a vast range of career opportunities in national and international institutions, as well as governmental and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs). You will also be qualified to work for multinational corporations, international media organizations, law firms, emergency relief and development efforts, and diplomatic missions.

In your efforts to become a creative and compassionate leader in the global market, you may wish to continue your studies at the graduate level through the St. John’s Master of Arts in Global Development and the Social Justice program.
MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

We are living in a time of unprecedented global and cultural exchange, creating the potential for innovative change. International and transnational organizations, digital communication, migration, and broadly-distributed education have given us the means to deliberate, negotiate differences, moderate conflict, and seek reconciliation and consensus. Our present and future demand professionals able to understand, reimagine, and effect change in the world.

Our interdisciplinary faculty guide your study of Global Development and Sustainability through ethical and pragmatic attention to the history, theories, and future options in development and its relationship to global environmental issues. As a student, you also benefit from our robust global studies opportunities. You will thrive in our vibrant and caring community of scholars, teachers, and students. Welcome to St. John’s!

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of your requirements for the B.A. in Global Development and Sustainability, you complete an internship at home or abroad that provides real-world experience in a professional setting, as well as valuable contacts and references. You also complete a capstone project as a culmination of your studies that develops your research skills and serves as a mentored writing sample for graduate school or job applications.

As a St. John’s University student, you benefit from our location in dynamic New York City. Through our renowned faculty and Office of Career Services, you have access to employers and other professional and educational resources throughout the New York area.

We encourage you to add an international, experiential dimension to your study of Global Development and Sustainability through St. John’s Global Studies opportunities. These programs include Discover the World: Europe, during which you will study in three countries in just one semester, as well as semester-length study on the Rome and Paris campuses. For more information about study abroad, please visit stjohns.edu/global.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Reflecting our Vincentian mission, St. John’s has a long tradition of bringing a high quality, private education within the financial reach of all students by providing opportunities for financial assistance through scholarships, loans, grants, and work-study programs. For more information, please visit stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid.