ABOUT THE ADVANCED CERTIFICATES

The Graduate Division of St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers five advanced certificate programs to help you gain a professional edge:

• **Latin American and Caribbean Studies**  
  requires 15 credits beyond a bachelor’s degree distributed among three different disciplines, which may include Business Administration; Education; English; Government and Politics; History; Liberal Studies; Psychology; Sociology; and Spanish. You can enroll in the certificate by itself or in conjunction with another graduate program.

• **East Asian Studies**  
  requires 18 credits above the master’s level.

• **International Law and Diplomacy**  
  may be completed alongside the M.A. in Government and Politics or independently as 18 credits above the master’s level in government and politics.

• **Public Administration**  
  may be completed alongside the M.A. in Government and Politics or independently as 18 credits above the master’s level in government and politics.

You can combine the certificates in Public Administration and International Law and Diplomacy, applying six credits toward both certificates, for a total of 30 credits.

The flexible and interdisciplinary nature of the certificates in East Asian Studies and Latin American and Caribbean Studies allows you to update your skills across a wide range of specializations and often allows you to customize the degree curriculum to meet your individual career goals and interests.
WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ADVANCED CERTIFICATE?

An advanced certificate complements the master’s degree with demonstration of competency in a field of specialization. It shows employers that you have additional expertise in a relevant field, while allowing you to pursue a special area of interest.

If you are trying to move forward in your career path, or change careers, an advanced certificate may help you develop existing skills or acquire new skills that enhance your employability and earning potential.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As a student in an advanced certificate program at St. John’s, you become part of the rich intellectual culture of the Graduate Division of St. John’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Along with other graduate students in your respective department, you have opportunities to submit poster, paper, and panel proposals to area conferences of professional and academic organizations, find unique research opportunities with our renowned faculty, and complete professional development opportunities throughout the University and beyond.

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, please visit the Graduate Admissions page at stjohns.edu/admission/graduate.

For information about scholarships and other forms of financial aid, please visit stjohns.edu/services/financial.

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