



**ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Sociology

ABOUT THE M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists understand social inequality, patterns of behavior, forces for social change and resistance, and how social systems work. The field also offers a range of research techniques that can be applied to virtually any aspect of social life, including street crime and policing practices; disparities in income and family resources; poverty and unemployment; problems of peace and war; and the forces that lead to globalization and its consequences for groups and communities around the world. Because sociologists address the most challenging issues of our time, it is an exciting discipline with expanding opportunities for a wide range of career paths.

The 33-credit Master of Arts in Sociology at St. John's University fosters the development of critical thinking, analytical, and research skills alongside an understanding of sociological theory and urban and global perspectives. Course offerings reflect the breadth of areas of specialization within the discipline. Our program emphasizes the study of racial, class, and gender inequality; community and urban development; and globalization and social movements, allowing you to choose a course of study that fits your interests and career goals.

The program also offers a one-year hybrid applied option that will allow you to gain hands-on experience with learned concepts and skills, while increasing affordability.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN M.A. IN SOCIOLOGY?

All professionals gain an edge from being able to research and analyze information, and graduates holding an M.A. in Sociology are well-equipped to answer the demand for these skills. Our program at St. John's is specifically geared toward preparing you for a career in the following diverse fields:

- Advertising
- Federal Investigation
- Higher Education Administration
- Human Resources
- Parole/Probation
- Program Evaluation
- Public Relations
- Research Analysis
- US Customs and Border Protection

The program also prepares you for further academic study and professional preparation in law, sociology, and social work.





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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

We live in exciting and challenging times. There is a growing realization that we must increase our attempts to understand, ameliorate, or solve the challenges we face in the United States and around the world—challenges that affect both individuals and societies. Our students bring the richness of their multicultural life experiences into the classroom. Together, they develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills and become better writers and oral communicators. Our faculty members bring our research and expert knowledge into the classroom, as well as our passion for social justice.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our faculty members are actively involved in research that informs their teaching and fuels a lively and diverse exchange of ideas. Department-sponsored colloquia also provide opportunities for you to engage in dialogues and debate about sociological issues.

The program's one-year hybrid applied option also allows you to gain hands-on experience with learned concepts and skills, increasing your preparation for the job market within a shorter duration of study.

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

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).

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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