



# Ph.D. in Humanities Independent Research Fellows Cohort



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**Average Time to Completion:**

4 years

**Class Format:**

Low Residency/Online

**Residency Location:**

Newport Campus

**Application Deadlines:**

July 1 or Nov. 1



## Explore Complex and Novel Ideas

The Salve Regina University Ph.D. program offers rigorous training in the core humanities, coupled with the opportunity to conduct research that transcends traditional academic disciplinary boundaries. The program's unique focus, combined with the diverse composition of its student population, make it a natural laboratory for innovation in research and for reaching out beyond the limits of the university.

The Independent Research Fellows Cohort (IRFC) offers an intensive and innovative format. Independent research fellows complete foundation coursework and prepare for the comprehensive exams and qualifying competencies necessary for achieving doctoral candidacy through participation in a special low-residency format. A limited number of students accepted into cohorts take 42 credits of coursework in a hybrid structure over a two-year period.

Joining the traditional brick-and-mortar experience with innovative interactive learning, research, assessment and presentation technologies, four separate residency requirements span seven days each over the course of two years. To ensure the integrity of the cohort community, residencies cannot be individualized or postponed. Cohorts begin in either the fall or spring semester.

Independent research fellows are chosen through a close assessment of each applicant's:

- Demonstrated intellectual maturity and proven ability to work independently.
- Description of a clearly defined research interest that fits with the expertise of university faculty.
- Familiarity and comfort with using alternative learning and communication technologies.
- Ability to commit to the rigor and intensity of a two-year cohort experience.

Broadly conceived, the human technology relationship remains at the heart of the curriculum, and each doctoral candidate is challenged to develop a specific research direction integrating knowledge from a variety of fields. Students complete foundation coursework online and during residencies, then prepare for their comprehensive exams. This leads to problem-focused and integrated interdisciplinary research and a distinguished doctoral dissertation.

## Ph.D. in Humanities/Independent Research Fellows Cohort

### Salve Regina University

Salve Regina is an independent coeducational institution. Since our founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947, we have grown to a community of more than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students who proudly carry forward our mission of responsible citizenship and public service in their personal and professional lives. Salve Regina is fully accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

### Admissions Requirements

Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a master's degree in an appropriate discipline from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) are qualified to apply.

To apply to the Ph.D. program, students must submit the following supporting materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Completed graduate application
- Personal statement
- All undergraduate and graduate transcripts from each college or university attended, including proof of an accredited master's degree with a GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can attest to your academic ability and motivation to engage in doctoral-level study.
- 15-page paper completed for a master's degree course or equivalent work.
- Current resume or CV.
- Online writing sample.
- Interview with doctoral program admissions committee.

### Independent Research Fellows Cohort Curriculum - start in fall or spring

#### Fall Cohort - Year One

Fall coursework online: September through December  
Residency: last week of October

- HUM600: Humanities Problems and Perspectives
- HUM618: Humanities Theory, Method and Discipline

Spring coursework online: January through May  
Residency: last week of March

- HUM610: Religion, Culture and Technology
- HUM617: Political Philosophy and Technology

Summer I coursework online: May through June

- HUM510: A History of Technology

Summer III coursework online: July through August

- HUM620: Social Transformation Through Art

#### Fall Cohort - Year Two

Fall coursework online: September through December  
Residency: last week of October

- HUM605: Philosophical Perspectives on the Digital Age
- HUM625: Ethics and Modern Technology

Spring coursework online: January through May  
Residency: last week of March

- HUM630: Modern Literature and the Human Condition
- HUM635: Culture, Society and the Global Condition
- Completion of comprehensive exam

#### Spring Cohort - Year One

Spring coursework online: January through May  
Residency: last week of March

- HUM610: Religion, Culture and Technology
- HUM617: Political Philosophy and Technology

Summer I coursework online: May through June

- HUM510: A History of Technology

Summer III coursework online: July through August

- HUM620: Social Transformation Through Art

Fall coursework online: September through December  
Residency: last week of October

- HUM605: Philosophical Perspectives on the Digital Age
- HUM625: Ethics and Modern Technology

#### Spring Cohort - Year Two

Spring coursework online: January through May  
Residency: last week of March

- HUM630: Modern Literature and the Human Condition
- HUM635: Culture, Society and the Global Condition

Fall coursework online: September through December  
Residency: last week of October

- HUM600: Humanities Problems and Perspectives
- HUM618: Humanities Theory, Method and Disciplines
- Completion of comprehensive exam

**Subject Field Exams:** Students must pass two subject field oral exams. The subject fields are chosen by the student but should support the student's declared concentration. The exams may be taken after the first semester.

**Language Requirement:** Students must meet a language proficiency requirement, which can be fulfilled through a short online course. At the discretion of the program director, the language requirement may be waived. No graduate credit is awarded.

**Dissertation Phase:** Candidates who have completed the requirements above may begin the dissertation phase and enroll in HUM680: Dissertation Research and Writing. Doctoral candidates have five years from the end of coursework to research, write and defend the dissertation. Candidates are continuously enrolled each fall and/or spring semester until the dissertation is successfully defended.

*More details available in the program handbook, found on the Resources for Doctoral Students page of our website.*



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