

ONLINE DOCTORAL DEGREE

International Relations



SALVE REGINA
UNIVERSITY



An Innovative Doctorate to Elevate Your Career

Salve Regina University's online Ph.D. in international relations is a rigorous doctoral program where students examine the complex questions of international affairs in the 21st century. Through comparative study that seeks to expose differences and reveal similarities in a respectful and considered way, our doctoral candidates challenge myths and misconceptions that different cultures have about themselves.

Consistent with the University's mercy and justice mission, our program's mission is to promote humanity and eliminate prejudice. Coursework contextualizes different regions as part of an integral global whole.

All of our instructors hold doctorates and are renowned scholars in their areas of expertise. Collectively, their research includes political philosophy, history and technology, nationalism, ethics in international affairs, Latin American politics, American foreign policy, Russian foreign affairs, the political economy of development and East Asian security issues.

Career Paths in International Relations

Members of the military seeking advancement in rank and assignment and those working toward careers in government and/or foreign affairs will benefit from Salve Regina's Ph.D. in international relations. Other career opportunities can include:

- Economic analyst
- Foreign intelligence analyst
- Government affairs manager
- International security specialist
- Political consultant
- Political scientist



DEGREE TYPES

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)



PROGRAM FORMAT

Online (asynchronous)

12 courses (36 credits)

Dissertation



AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE

4 years



APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1 for summer

July 1 for fall

Nov. 1 for spring

*Scan for more
information, including
course requirements
and how to apply.*





Dr. Symeon Giannakos

Professor and program director, Department of Political Science and International Relations

“The world is changing faster and more profoundly than ever before. Stay on top of it by enrolling in the first online international relations Ph.D. in the United States, designed to give working professionals a competitive edge through a formal, rigorous and systematic study of all global affairs.”

THE SALVE DIFFERENCE

CAREER ADVANCEMENT

Designed for mid- to high-ranking government officials, international business professionals and educators working in academia without a doctoral degree, Salve Regina's Ph.D. program in international relations helps established practitioners advance in their careers.

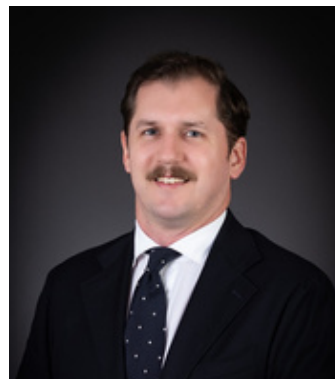
DEDICATED FACULTY

Our faculty deliver an essential curriculum that prepares graduates to be constructively critical of their immediate and broader political environment. Tenured professors with considerable academic experience, they provide a top-notch education along with care and concern for each student's well-being.

LEARN ON YOUR TERMS

Our asynchronous, online program allows working professionals the flexibility to acquire a terminal degree while maintaining employment anywhere in the world. We give practitioners the opportunity to deepen their knowledge without putting their careers on hold.

“Earning my Ph.D. in international relations from Salve Regina University was a transformative experience. The flexibility of the online program made it possible to balance rigorous academic study with my professional responsibilities, turning the goal of earning a doctorate into a reality. The program was both intellectually challenging and highly structured, providing the support needed to develop advanced analytical skills and deepen my expertise in international relations. Faculty were not only knowledgeable but also highly attentive to my research interests, fostering an environment that encouraged critical thinking and meaningful scholarly engagement. This program equipped me with the skills and insights necessary to advance my career and pursue the opportunities I aspired to achieve.”



Terence Nicholas '23 (Ph.D.)

Assistant professor, U.S. Naval War College



Col. Jerry Krieger '24 (Ph.D.)

Retired Army colonel, writer and historian

“As I prepared for retirement from the Army after 30 years of service, I looked at making my passions - teaching and writing - my career. To do that I needed a terminal degree. As I was assigned overseas for my last three years, the logistics of undertaking a Ph.D. program were complicated. The Salve Regina international relations doctorate was the right fit for me. Everything but the final oral defense can be completed online. The faculty go out of their way to assist with your learning experience.”



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