



M.A. International Relations



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“We pride ourselves in offering high quality education in a small setting. Consider studying with us and enjoy individual attention; flexible scheduling that is tailored to the educational needs of working professionals; online asynchronous learning to accommodate different working hours; and, rigorous and sequential course engagement that facilitates program completion in a reasonable time—typically less than two years.”



About the Program

The international relations curriculum promotes a broad and detailed understanding of international relations in the context of domestic, international, and world justice. It includes a set of core courses that form a solid foundational and theoretical basis, and a set of critical electives that address specific regional and thematic topics of contemporary relevance, interest and importance.

The program graduates students with a systematic and comprehensive view of international relations. It develops critical and analytical skills toward diagnosing complex dilemmas and scenarios in world affairs and encourages practical and creative solutions to world problems. The program is predicated on the belief that the integration of professional and personal interests is essential for meaningful graduate-level education. Therefore, Salve is dedicated to the following:

- Providing for the educational needs of students committed to serving their community and the needs of the world.
- Fostering in its graduates the desire to apply theory to practical uses.
- Working toward the elimination of injustice and prejudice worldwide.
- Encouraging continuous learning and personal enrichment.

The international relations program has been offering quality education with personal attention to student needs since 1984. The M.A. in International Relations qualifies graduates for employment with the federal and state government, with international and nongovernmental organizations, and businesses with international focus.

About Salve Regina University

Salve is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from across the U.S. and around the world. Its 80-acre oceanfront campus is in the Ochre Point historic district of Newport, Rhode Island, and includes 48 new and adapted buildings. The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Admissions Requirements

Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a bachelor's degree in any undergraduate major 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 this program, students must submit the following supporting materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Resume

Courses are offered on campus in Newport, R.I. and online.

Core Curriculum

Twelve courses or 36 credits must be completed for the master's degree in international relations. Half of these courses (18 credits) must be from the core courses. Ideally, the core courses should be completed prior to taking elective courses.

Core Courses (Six courses/18 credits)

INR511: Philosophical Foundations of Politics	3 credits
INR512: Justice and Order in International Relations.....	3 credits
INR513: Comparative Political Development	3 credits
INR516: Identity, Harmony, and Conflict	3 credits
INR531: Just and Unjust Wars	3 credits
INR533: International Political Economy	3 credits

Electives (Six courses/18 credits)

Students choose six courses from the following list:

INR500: Research Methods.....	3 credits
INR522: Integration and Globalization Politics	3 credits
INR534: Environmental Justice	3 credits
INR542: Dispute and Conflict Resolution	3 credits
INR552: Terrorism and Transnational Crime.....	3 credits
INR562: International Organizations and Law.....	3 credits
INR571: International Human Rights	3 credits
INR572: Complex Humanitarian Emergencies: Prevention and Responses	3 credits
INR586: Politics of the Middle East	3 credits
INR590: Thesis	6 credits
INR591: Independent Study	3 credits
INR592: Topical and Regional Issues in International Relations	3 credits
INR593: Topical and Regional Issues in Comparative Politics.....	3 credits
INR598: Internship	3 credits

Concentrations

Matriculated graduate students are welcome to develop a course concentration in an area of their educational and professional interests. A student, for example, may wish to pursue a master's degree in international relations with a concentration in homeland security or in cybersecurity and intelligence. Concentrations are conditioned on the availability of sufficient relevant course offerings by other Salve Regina University graduate programs. To fulfill the requirements for a concentration, a student may opt to complete three of the required elective courses by selecting available courses from another graduate degree at Salve Regina University. Please discuss your concentration plans with the program director.



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