

ONLINE MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



IMPACT YOUR WORLD

The online Master of Arts in International Development prepares you with social and management skills to channel your passion and develop sustainable solutions to improve human and social conditions. Our robust curriculum combines our Lasallian heritage of more than 330 years of educating the poor in 80 countries with real-world practitioners who have taken on social development, micro finance, global education and more. We blend theory with practicality, enriched by our partnership with the Under-told Stories Project, a collaboration of Saint Mary's University and PBS NewsHour.

Upon completion of the Saint Mary's International Development program, graduates will be able to:

- › Integrate knowledge and modes of thinking from multiple disciplines to articulate problems and create sustainable solutions in the international environment
- › Develop theoretical knowledge pertaining to international problems or themes
- › Use ethical, culturally inclusive and sustainable approaches to problem solving
- › Engage resources, stakeholders and organizations in addressing barriers to sustainable development
- › Lead, communicate, and think critically and entrepreneurially within an intercultural context
- › Analyze and utilize the flow of information from evolving media
- › Embrace both ambiguity and ethics in global problem solving

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS

Learn what sets Saint Mary's online Master of Arts in International Development graduate program apart from the competition:

- › **COMPREHENSIVE CURRICULUM:** Gain the skills to make a direct impact through courses like Global Trends & Solutions in International Development, International Development Environments and Global Development Strategy.
- › **PRACTICAL APPLICATION:** Receive real world knowledge and skills through a international development field study project.
- › **INDUSTRY EXPERTS:** Learn from and network with instructors who are practitioners in the field.
- › **NATIONAL RECOGNITION:** Saint Mary's is regularly ranked among the nation's top higher education institutions by U.S. News & World Report, the Princeton Review and Forbes.
- › **COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT:** From technical to academic support, our caring instructors and staff provide multiple layers of support to help you achieve your educational and professional goals.
- › **IPAD INCLUDED:** Receive an iPad complete with productivity apps and our mobile learning platform to interact with instructors and classmates in a revolutionary way.
- › **AFFORDABLE TUITION:** Saint Mary's is committed to making graduate education accessible and affordable for students.

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GAIN ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

International Development requires a combination of innovative thinking and the ability to act in an evolving world. Saint Mary's University of Minnesota understands this, combining Lasallian education with real-world practitioners who have worked on social development, microfinance, global education and more. Our courses blend theory with true "boots on the ground" practicality for a perfect balance of thoughtfulness and action.

The online M.A. in International Development program consists of 39 credits, or 13 courses of 3 credit hours each, and the program typically takes about 30 months to complete.

FOUNDATION COURSES (12 CREDITS)

MID600 International Development Environments

MID605 Global Religions and Belief Systems

MID610 International Political Economy

GM623 Academic Research and Writing

CORE COURSES (15 CREDITS)

MID615 Global Trends and Solutions in International Development

MID620 International Financing Mechanisms

MID625 International Development Project Management

MID635 Social Entrepreneurship

MID640 Media Strategies and International Development

MANAGEMENT COURSES (3 CREDITS)

GM630 Quantitative Methods

SUMMATIVE ACTIVITIES (6 CREDITS)

MID680 Global Development Strategy

MID690 International Development Field Project

ELECTIVES (3 CREDITS, SELECT ONE)

GM600 Management Principles

GM643 Multicultural Perspectives

GM675 Managerial Ethics and Issues

GM680 Leadership and Strategic Management

ACCREDITATION AND RANKINGS

Saint Mary's University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Saint Mary's has recently received numerous instances of recognition for its efforts:

AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES – Forbes.com.

Considering, among other factors, student evaluations, student postgraduate success, and the number of students who receive nationally competitive awards, Forbes.com listed Saint Mary's among "America's Best Colleges" in "the best public and private colleges and universities from the student's point of view" category.

BEST MIDWESTERN COLLEGES – by the *Princeton Review*.

Highlighting colleges and universities that stand out for academic excellence, the *Princeton Review* designated Saint Mary's as one of the "Best in the Midwest."

AMERICA'S BEST COLLEGES – by *U.S. News & World Report*

Ranking colleges and universities based on indicators in seven key categories, *U.S. News & World Report* placed Saint Mary's among its first tier of "Best National Universities."

