International Relations



Explore Complex Questions From a Global Perspective

Refine the skills you need to succeed in the complex field of foreign affairs with a master's degree in international relations from Salve Regina University. Offered in a flexible, fully online format, our rigorous program tackles political thought and comparative politics to reach toward themes of identity, harmony and conflict.

With an emphasis on global citizenship, coursework recognizes the critical concerns of Salve Regina's founding Sisters of Mercy - earth, immigration, nonviolence, racism and women - by examining themes of human rights through an international lens.

Committed to student success, our international relations faculty openly share their expertise and professional network with students. And through the University's popular accelerated offerings, qualified Salve Regina undergraduates can earn their bachelor's and master's degrees in just five years.

After completing their master's degree, Salve Regina graduates excel in careers with federal and state governments, nongovernmental organizations and multinational businesses. Our program fulfills the professional development needs of military officers and provides excellent academic preparation for our online Ph.D. in international relations.

Career Paths in International Relations

Career opportunities

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

Industries

- Defense
- Education
- Government
- International business
- · International security
- Journalism





DEGREE TYPES

Master's (M.A.) Combined B.A./M.A. pathway



PROGRAM FORMAT

Online (asynchronous)
12 courses (36 credits)



AVERAGE TIME TO COMPLETE

18-24 months



Rolling admission
Fall, spring and summer
starts available

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





Dr. Yvan Ilunga

Assistant professor and associate program director, Department of Political Science and International Relations

The landscape of international relations today is not just a theoretical space – it's something that is dynamic and evolving. By laying the groundwork for critical analysis, writing, debriefing, engaging and debating, Salve Regina's international relations program is preparing students to be competitive and to adapt in the changing space of this industry.

THE SALVE DIFFERENCE _

FLEXIBLE AND AFFORDABLE

Offered fully online, Salve Regina's international relations program offers a pathway to upward mobility, professional advancement and enhanced career satisfaction.

Coursework can be completed asynchronously and at your own pace – easily accommodating the busy schedules of working professionals.

DEDICATED FACULTY

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

DIVERSE VIEWPOINTS

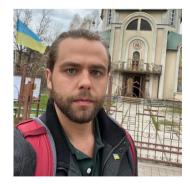
For more than 30 years, Salve Regina has enrolled military officers from around the world through a unique partnership with the U.S. Naval War College. Studying alongside these seasoned professionals - who have extensive practical experience and firsthand knowledge of global events - is deeply beneficial for all students in the international relations program.

Lt. Cmdr. Phillip Garrow '12 (M)

Assistant professor, U.S. Naval Academy

(1 It's the connections that you make with students, faculty and other alumni that open doors later in life. My advisor was happy to serve as a reference for the position I now hold at the U.S. Naval Academy. Their willingness to vouch for me four years after completing the program is a testament to the 'people-first' Salve approach.





Andrew Loftesnes '20 (M)

Foreign affairs specialist

When I was getting out of the Marine Corps, I wanted to continue my education in a way that would help with a career in foreign policy and national security. I was drawn to the international relations program at Salve Regina and applied while I was overseas on deployment.

Completing my M.A. in international relations as well as participating in the Boren fellowship led directly to my employment at the Pentagon. Since that time, I have worked in the Office of Irregular Warfare and Counterterrorism and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

