



**ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Advanced Certificate in Social Justice in the Information Professions

ABOUT THE ADVANCED CERTIFICATE

The Advanced Certificate in Social Justice in the Information Professions provides you with an opportunity to expand your knowledge of social justice and develop your advocacy skills. Complete this 12-credit, fully online advanced certificate as a one-year, stand-alone degree, or within the Master of Science program in Library and Information Science.

The certificate equips you with the skills, knowledge, and practical approaches to address the collective well-being of people in an information society. Our program features a unique focus on social justice, responsibility, and ethics to develop your leadership skills in an environment focused toward the greater good.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THE CERTIFICATE?

This advanced certificate program is designed to help information professionals promote social justice awareness and cultural competence. Through the program, you enhance your skills and expertise in social work, and better understand the role of information workers in the promotion of public health, civic engagement, and overall well-being. You examine social power and privilege and how it affects policy to then create more equitable and inclusive practices within the sector. You address modern-day issues that affect people both in and out of information spaces.





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PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The American Library Association emphasizes that information professionals should be equipped with comprehensive social justice education and training in order to bridge social inequities by building strategic coalitions with community partners to serve people from diverse multicultural backgrounds. The Division of Library and Information Science at St. John's University is proud to offer this Advanced Certificate in Social Justice in the Information Professions, a 12-credit online program designed in consultation with professionals in the field to prepare you for leadership roles across a variety of information-driven organizations, including academic, public, and special libraries and law firms, as well as archives, cultural institutions, and museums. As a graduate of the program, you are ideally positioned to become an effective leader with consideration of social justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and antiracism competencies.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Information professionals are expected to possess an awareness of social justice and the skills needed to bridge social inequities in accordance with the American Library Association standards. This four-course, online advanced certificate program focuses on enhancing your effectiveness as a social justice leader as well as fostering new skills. You will be prepared to promote information literacy, develop multicultural programming, create infodemic management plans, and organize social action and advocacy events. With this advanced certificate program, you develop strong leadership skills and make positive contributions to the community to support growth.