Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1947, Salve Regina is a private, coeducational university offering a comprehensive and innovative liberal arts education in the Catholic tradition that fosters the development of each student's distinct and individual talents. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the University enrolls over 2,100 undergraduate and 500 graduate students from across the U.S. and around the world. Salve Regina's diverse range of academic programs is complemented by community service initiatives, extracurricular activities, and a full athletics program featuring intramural, club, and varsity sports.

Salve Regina University has one of the most unique campuses in the country and encompasses more than 75 acres. Offering what the National Trust for Historic Preservation has described as a "tour of the great architectural works of the Gilded Age," the campus is set on seven contiguous estates and features 21 historic structures that have been sensitively adapted to meet University needs while also preserving their status as treasures of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The ocean-side setting however, offers more than a glimpse of the past. Surrounded by rare trees, tide pools and museums, the campus provides access to exceptional learning opportunities for students in many disciplines. Viewed as a "living laboratory," Salve Regina's campus is an extraordinary environment that enriches the City of Newport and contributes to the artistic, cultural, economic, educational and historical vitality of the State of Rhode Island.

Quick facts
- Charter granted in 1934
- Ochre Court gifted in 1947, institution opens its doors to 58 students
- Salve Regina means "Hail, Holy Queen"
- Coeducational since 1973
- Graduate programs since 1975
- University status achieved in 1991
- Over 40 undergraduate majors
- More than 10 graduate and undergraduate certificate programs
- A diverse range of master's degree programs
- Ph.D. in humanities
- Online extension studies
- Continuing education
- Off-site locations at Blackstone Valley Visitor's Center in Pawtucket, Kent County Memorial Hospital, Newport Hospital, and Women & Infants Hospital