

# Course Competency

## INS 2310 Religion and Global Politics

### Course Description

The interdisciplinary course introduces students to the increasingly visible role of religious identity in international and global politics. It offers a macro-level overview of the intersection of religion and politics in a historical context and sheds light on the intertwined histories and trajectories connecting them. It explores how this nexus has been shaped by belief and value systems as well as the historical socio-economic and political circumstances and conditions. Among the themes addressed in the course are religious diversity and human rights, interfaith dialogue and conflict resolution, and religion in the age of globalization.

| Course Competency   | Learning Outcomes  |
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| <p><b>Competency 1:</b>The students will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of the Historical background of the relationship between religion and politics by:</p>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural / Global Perspective</li> <li>2. Computer / Technology Usage</li> </ol> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognizing the multifaceted and complex nature of the relationship and interactions between religion and global politics in a historical context.</li> <li>2. Explaining and evaluating the evolution of the separation between church and state and relationship between religion and politics since the 20th century.</li> </ol> |  |
| <p><b>Competency 2:</b>Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Contemporary discourses about the relationship between religion and politics and the paths forward by:</p>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Social Responsibility</li> <li>2. Cultural / Global Perspective</li> </ol>       |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analyzing the nature, evolution, and consequences of secularization in the modern era</li> <li>2. Recognizing different ways in which religious commitments sometimes come into conflict with political exigencies and other times support and buttress politics.</li> </ol>  |  |

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| <p><b>Competency 3:</b>Students will be able to synthesize new intersections between religion and other subfields of the social sciences and humanities by:</p>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural / Global Perspective</li> <li>2. Computer / Technology Usage</li> </ol> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Realizing the increasingly visible role of religious identity in international and global politics, policy making, and diplomatic relations.</li> <li>2. Evaluating contemporary trends that highlight the power of faith affiliation as a collective identity in impacting global issues and shaping global perspectives.</li> </ol> |  |

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