

Course Description**INS2310 | Religion and Global Politics | 3.00 credits**

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 Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will demonstrate their understanding and analytical appreciation of the Historical background of the relationship between religion and politics by:

1. Recognizing the multifaceted and complex nature of the relationship and interactions between religion and global politics in a historical context
2. Explaining and evaluating the evolution of the separation between church and state and the relationship between religion and politics since the 20th century

Competency 2: The student will demonstrate their understanding of the Contemporary discourses about the relationship between religion and politics and the paths forward by:

1. Analyzing the nature, evolution, and consequences of secularization in the modern era
2. Recognizing different ways religious commitments sometimes conflict with political difficulties and other times support and buttress politics

Competency 3: The student will be able to synthesize new intersections between religion and other subfields of the social sciences and humanities by:

1. Realizing the increasingly visible role of religious identity in international and global politics, policy making, and diplomatic relations
2. Evaluating contemporary trends highlighting the power of faith affiliation as a collective identity in impacting global issues and shaping global perspectives

Learning Outcomes:

- Demonstrate knowledge of diverse cultures including global and historical perspectives
- Create strategies that can be used to fulfill personal, civic, and social responsibilities
- Use computer and emerging technologies effectively