

Interdisciplinary Certificate in Religion and International Affairs

Josef Korbel School of International Studies and the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

The Graduate Certificate in Religion and International Affairs provides students pursuing MA degrees in the Department of Religious Studies (AHSS) or the Josef Korbel School of International Studies with the opportunity to enhance their home program of study with specific expertise in the scholarly and professional field of religion and international affairs. This certificate program emphasizes scholarly and practitioner approaches to understanding the intersections between religion and international affairs in the modern world, providing students with an interdisciplinary approach to contemporary case studies as well as theoretical issues.

The certificate program provides structured flexibility toward the acquisition of theoretical and practical competencies in understanding and being able to demonstrate orally and through written work the intersections of religion and international politics. Certificate requirements include one core course each from the Department of Religious Studies and the Josef Korbel School, with two additional elective courses from each program. Students pursuing their graduate degree at the Josef Korbel School will be further expected to complete a capstone project, which may also involve an independent study for up to five credit hours. To earn the certificate, students must complete a minimum of 27 credit hours of coursework. Coursework in the student's home school will count toward meeting the requirements of the degree program into which they were originally admitted.

Certificate Requirements

Core Courses (9 Credits):

INST 4525 Religion and the State in Comparative Perspective

RLGS 3760 Globalization and Religion

International Studies Elective Courses (10 Credits):

INTS 4526 Modern Islamic Political Thought

INTS 4534 Great Books on the Middle East

INTS 4543 Religion and International Politics: The Apocalyptic Tradition & Religious Violence

INTS 4638 Modern Iranian History and Politics

INTS 4xxx International Law and Religious Freedom

Religious Studies Elective Courses (8 Credits):

RLGS 3301 Islamic Fundamentalism

RLGS 33xx Sharia in the Modern Era

RLGS 3452 Political Theology

RLGS 3814 Modern Hinduism

RLGS 3890 Religion and Diaspora

RLGS 3693 Religion and the Media

Admissions Requirements

Students from Religious Studies or the Josef Korbel School MA programs must submit an online application consisting of a 500-word personal statement, a CV, and undergraduate and graduate transcripts, to be reviewed by an inter-departmental faculty committee. Enrollment is competitive.

Deadlines

December 1st, 2015

Careers

Long neglected by governments, businesses, and scholars, religion figures prominently as a touchstone of contemporary international affairs. As employers have begun coming to grips with this reality, it is imperative that students training for the international workforce—public, private, and non-profit alike—have a thorough grounding in world religions and how they shape international affairs. This program seeks to provide students an intellectual toolbox for navigating the nexus of religion and international politics in today's complex job market.

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