

The University of Georgia Religion and Politics Certificate



Fall 2026 Available Courses



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COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

The complete list of courses that can fulfill the Religion and Politics Certificate requirements can be found on the UGA Bulletin, starting Summer 2026. The courses featured below make up a partial list of applicable courses offered in Fall 2026.

Students must complete **FIVE** courses from the approved Religion and Politics Certificate List to reach a total of at least 15 hours.

At least **two** courses (6 hours) must come from the RELI prefix.

- RELI(AFST) 3004 - 3 hours
- RELI 4081/6081 - 3 hours
- RELI 4095/6095 - 3 hours

At least **two** additional courses (6 hours) must come from the INTL and/or POLS prefixes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> INTL 3300 - 3 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> POLS 3000 - 3 hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INTL(AFST) 4280 - 3 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4690 - 3 hours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INTL 4370 - 3 hours | <input type="checkbox"/> POLS 4710 - 3 hours |

The **fifth** course may be fulfilled by RELI(POLS)(INTL) 4699, Religion and Politics Internship, or another course (3 hours) from the list of INTL, POLS, or RELI prefix courses.

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RELI(AFST) 3004 Global Christianity (3 hours)

This course explores a wide range of expressions of Christianity currently practiced around the world, with an emphasis on representing the diversity of traditions, institutions, and beliefs that are possible under a single religious label. Course content focuses on many varieties of faith as well as groups whose status as “Christian” may be contested by outsiders. Through an explicitly anthropological lens, students will investigate how Christianity is studied through both local practice and global comparative structure, how different denominations interact, what systems shape communities’ beliefs and practices, and why there has been renewed ethnographic interest in Christianity in recent years.

TR 11:35am–12:55pm Dr. Hannah Howard CRN 65653

RELI 4081/6081 Jesus (3 hours)

Although primarily a study of what Jesus taught, attention is given to the literary and environmental background of his teaching, the historical life of the teacher, and the contemporary validity of what he taught. In this iteration of the course, special attention will be given to Jesus’ relation to the Torah.

MWF 9:55am–10:50am Dr. Wayne Coppins CRN 65655

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RELI 4095/6095 Christianity and Sustainability (3 hours)

In an era marked by profound and often deepening environmental, social, and economic crises, we are challenged to seek sustainable solutions to these issues. This course surveys, analyzes, evaluates, and applies ways in which various Christian thinkers and communities define these local and global crises and seek sustainable solutions.

MWF 1:15pm–2:10pm Dr. Jason Roberts CRN 65658

INTL 3300 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 hours)

Comparative political themes in political science. The transition from feudalism to capitalism, state building, democracy, and interaction between political institutions and cultures in various politics. Examples will be drawn from developed, communist/post-communist and developing political systems.

TR 8:15am–9:35am Instructor TBD CRN 15605

TR 11:35am–12:55pm Dr. William Acosta CRN 22088

TR 1:15pm–2:35pm Dr. William Acosta CRN 25326

TR 1:15pm–2:35pm Instructor TBD CRN 25337

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INTL (AFST) 4280 Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict (3 hours)

The emergence of nationalist politics, its consequences for sovereignty, and its effect on maintaining peace.

MW 8:15am–9:35am Dr. Jangai Jap CRN 62996

MW 2:55pm–4:15pm Dr. Jangai Jap CRN 66168

INTL 4370 Middle East Politics (3 hours)

Traditional and modern Middle Eastern political systems, cultures, and values. The impact of religion, natural resources, and external influences.

WF 9:55am–11:15am Instructor TBD CRN 62997

POLS 3000 Introduction to Political Theory (3 hours)

Political theory for students with little or no previous course work in the area. Focuses on one or more important political concepts or phenomena (e.g., power, freedom, or political ambition) and as entry-point into various approaches and literatures within the field.

MWF 12:00pm–12:55pm Dr. Ilya Winham CRN 59579

MW 1:15pm–2:35pm Dr. Harrison Frye CRN 65324

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POLS 4690 Religion and American Politics (3 hours)

The role of religious groups in the American political system. Attention given to both mass and elite behavior. Denominational differences with regard to politics are considered.

TR 8:15am-9:35am Dr. Brittany Bramlett CRN 59591

POLS 4710 Constitutional Law: Rights and Liberties (3 hours)

Individual rights and liberties, with emphasis on the First Amendment, other parts of the Bill of Rights, and the Fourteenth Amendment.

TR 2:55pm-4:15pm Dr. Jonathan King CRN 54538

Please direct any questions about the Religion and Politics Certificate to Dr. Derrick Lemons (dlemons@uga.edu).