

Religion, Conflict and Peace, Certificate

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When you understand the crucial role of religion in both conflict and peace, you gain a broad knowledge of human division and unity. This understanding and the skills you learn in the program will be assets when pursuing your choice of career.

Description

The religion, conflict and peace certificate has three core components: regional, political and cultural.

The regional component provides students with specific regional knowledge of how religion has been implicated in human conflict. Required coursework in at least two different regions fosters a comparative understanding of the dynamics of religion and conflict in historical and global contexts.

The political component explores how religion influences or is influenced by matters of state, law, government or other dimensions of political life.

The cultural component provides students with an understanding of how religion operates as a powerful force that impacts and intersects with expressions of human identity, thought and culture.

At a glance

- College/School: [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- Location: [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate requires a minimum of 18 credit hours. At least 12 credit hours must be completed in upper-division coursework and at least 12 credit hours must be completed at ASU. At least six

upper-division hours in the certificate must be completed in courses offered by The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. A grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or higher is required for each course used to fulfill a certificate requirement.

Humanities and Social Sciences Requirement

At least six of the 18 credit hours must be fulfilled with courses from the humanities and at least three credit hours from the social sciences.

When choosing courses from the lists below, complete six credit hours from the following subject areas to fulfill the humanities requirement: ARB, CEL, CHI, FMS, GER, HEB, HST, IAS, JST, PAX, PHI, REL, or SLC.

When choosing courses from the lists below, complete three credit hours from the following subject areas to fulfill the social sciences requirement: AFR, ASB, COM, GCU, JUS, NEW, POS, SGS, SOC, or WST.

Regional Component Courses -- 6 credit hours

Select two Regional Component Courses from two different geographic regions. Available regions are Africa, Asia, Europe, Middle East and United States. (6)

Regional Component: Africa

[AFR 480 / REL 461 / SGS 442: Different Voices Within Contemporary Islamic Discourse](#) (3)

[GCU 328: Geography of Middle East and North Africa \(GCSI OR SB & G\)](#) (3)

[HST 302: AFRICA: Islam in African History](#) (3)

[HST 307: Studies in African History](#) (3)

[POS 359: African Politics and Society \(SB & G\)](#) (3)

[REL 362 / AFR 372 / SGS 366: Islam and Islamic Societies in Africa: Social and Political History](#) (3)

Regional Component: Asia

[HST 302: Envisioning Peace](#) (3)

[HST 303: Modern China: Violence](#) (3)

[HST 384 / SLC 334: Modern China: 1700 to the Present \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 391 / SGS 381: Modern Southeast Asia \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 392: Modern India](#) (3)

[HST 394: Pakistan, India, and Afghanistan: Peace Challenges](#) (3)

[HST 451 / CHI 451 / SLC 451: Chinese Cultural History I \(\(HU or SB\) & H\)](#) (3)

[HST 452 / CHI 452 / SLC 452: Chinese Cultural History II \(SB & G & H\)](#) (3)

[REL 345: Asian Religious Traditions \(HU & G\)](#) (3)

[REL 347: Religions of India \(\(L or HU\) & G\)](#) (3)

[REL 348: Religion and Culture in Southeast Asia](#) (3)

[REL 352: Modern Buddhism](#) (3)

[REL 357: Theravada Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia \(L or HU\)](#) (3)

[REL 364: Islam in Eurasia and Central Asia](#) (3)

[REL 377: Religion in Russia \(HU & H\)](#) (3)

REL 394: Art & Religion in Jain Culture (1)
SLC 494: Religions and Conflicts in Southeast Asia (3)

Regional Component: Europe

FMS 445 / GER 445 / JST 445 / SLC 445: Holocaust, War and German Memory (HU) (3)
HST 304 / JST 304: Rebirth of European Jewish Life after 1950 (3)
HST 350: Later Middle Ages (GCSI OR (HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 352: Europe's Reformations ((L or HU or SB) & H) (3)
HST 355: Total War and the Crisis of Modernity (SB & G & H) (3)
HST 360: The Crusades: Religion & Conflict in the Middle Ages (SB & H) (3)
HST 361 / REL 374: Witchcraft and Heresy in Europe (HUAD OR (L or HU) & H) (3)
HST 369 / JST 369 / REL 312: History and Memory of the Holocaust (3)
REL 364: Islam in Eurasia and Central Asia (3)
REL 377: Religion in Russia (HU & H) (3)
REL 471: Reformation and Modern Christianity (HU & H) (3)

Regional Component: Middle East

ARB 250 / SLC 250: Middle East Culture in a Global Perspective (GCSI OR HU & G) (3)
ARB 331 / SLC 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (GCSI OR HU & H & G) (3)
ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (GCSI OR G) (3)
ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (GCSI OR HU & H) (3)
GCU 328: Geography of Middle East and North Africa (GCSI OR SB & G) (3)
HST 372: Modern Middle East (GCSI OR SB & G & H) (3)
POS 353: Comparative Politics of the Middle East (3)
REL 364: Islam in Eurasia and Central Asia (3)
REL 366 / HST 339: Islam in the Modern World (GCSI OR HU & G) (3)

Regional Component: United States

HST 211 / JST 211 / REL 211: Jews and Judaism in America (SB & H & C) (3)
HST 315: Political History of the U. S. (3)
REL 319: Religion, Violence and America (3)
REL 320: American Religious Traditions (HUAD OR HU & C & H) (3)
REL 321: Religion in America (HUAD OR (L or HU) & C & H) (3)
REL 323: African American Religion (HU & C) (3)
REL 331: Indigenous American Religious History ((L or HU) & C & H) (3)

Cultural Component -- 3 credit hours

ARB 250 / SLC 250: Middle East Culture in a Global Perspective (GCSI OR HU & G) (3)
ARB 331 / SLC 331: Arabic/Islamic Culture and Literature (GCSI OR HU & H & G) (3)
ARB 335: Arabic Culture and Islam (GCSI OR G) (3)
ARB 341: Quran Text and Women (GCSI OR HU & H) (3)
ASB 353 / SOC 353: Death and Dying in Cross-Cultural Perspective (GCSI OR (HU or SB) & G) (3)
HEB 348 / JST 348 / REL 311 / SLC 348: Israeli Society and Culture (HU & G) (3)
HST 302: Envisioning Peace (3)
HST 302 / JST 302: Jews, Christians & Muslims in Early Modern World (3)

[HST 302 / JST 302: Jews, Christians & Muslims in the Medieval World \(3\)](#)
[HST 302: Media, Social Justice, and Peace \(3\)](#)
[HST 302: Women, War and Peace \(3\)](#)
[HST 304: History of Antisemitism \(3\)](#)
[HST 304 / JST 304: Rebirth of European Jewish Life after 1950 \(3\)](#)
[HST 352: Europe's Reformations \(\(L or HU or SB\) & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 359: Jewish History from 1492 to 1948 \(SB & G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 361 / REL 374: Witchcraft and Heresy in Europe \(HUAD OR \(L or HU\) & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 451 / CHI 451 / SLC 451: Chinese Cultural History I \(\(HU or SB\) & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 452 / SLC 452: Chinese Cultural History II \(SB & G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[IAS 410: Evolution of Ideas \(L or HU\) \(3\)](#)
[IAS 430: Science and Religion \(HUAD OR HU\) \(3\)](#)
[NEW 100: Introduction to Conflict Resolution \(3\)](#)
[PAX 230: Introduction to Peace Studies \(G\) \(3\)](#)
[PHI 318: Philosophy of Religion \(HUAD OR HU\) \(3\)](#)
[PHI 406 / IAS 406: Moral Dilemmas \(L or HU\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 201: Religion and the Modern World \(HUAD OR L or HU\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 202: Religion and Popular Culture \(HUAD OR HU & C\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 300: The Future of Religions \(HUAD OR L or HU\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 312 / HST 369 / JST 369: History and Memory of the Holocaust \(3\)](#)
[REL 320: American Religious Traditions \(HUAD OR HU & C & H\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 321: Religion in America \(HUAD OR \(L or HU\) & C & H\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 345: Asian Religious Traditions \(HU & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 352: Modern Buddhism \(3\)](#)
[REL 357: Theravada Buddhism in South and Southeast Asia \(L or HU\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 363 / AFR 373: Islam and World Affairs \(3\)](#)
[REL 366 / HST 339: Islam in the Modern World \(GCSI OR HU & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 369: Women in Islam \(3\)](#)
[REL 377: Religion in Russia \(HU & H\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 381: Religion and Moral Issues \(HUAD OR L or HU\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 390 / WST 390: Women, Gender and Religion \(GCSI OR HU & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 411: Judaism and the Beginnings of Christianity \(HU & H\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 413: Sacred Crimes: Religion and Violence \(GCSI OR G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 461 / AFR 480 / SGS 442: Different Voices Within Contemporary Islamic Discourse \(3\)](#)
[REL 471: Reformation and Modern Christianity \(HU & H\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 483: Religion and Science \(3\)](#)
[SOC 420: Sociology of Religion \(SOBE OR L or SB\) \(3\)](#)
[WST 345: Gender, Religion, and Global Violence \(SB & G\) \(3\)](#)
[WST 477: Gender and Violence \(SB & C\) \(3\)](#)

Political Component -- 3 credit hours

[CEL 100: Great Ideas of Politics and Ethics \(CIVI OR HU\) \(3\)](#)
[COM 312: Communication, Conflict, and Negotiation \(CIVI\) \(3\)](#)
[COM 377: Communication, Terrorism, and National Security \(3\)](#)

[COM 432: Forgiveness and Reconciliation \(3\)](#)
[HST 304: Topic: Totalitarianism: Hitler & Stalin. \(3\)](#)
[HST 315: Political History of the U. S. \(3\)](#)
[HST 355: Total War and the Crisis of Modernity \(SB & G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 360: The Crusades: Religion & Conflict in the Middle Ages \(SB & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 372: Modern Middle East \(GCSI OR SB & G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 391 / SGS 381: Modern Southeast Asia \(SB & G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[HST 454: History of Genocide \(GCSI OR G & H\) \(3\)](#)
[JUS 374: The Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights \(3\)](#)
[JUS 467: Terrorism, War, and Justice \(CIVI OR SB\) \(3\)](#)
[POS 353: Comparative Politics of the Middle East \(3\)](#)
[POS 359: African Politics and Society \(SB & G\) \(3\)](#)
[POS 364: National Security, Intelligence, and Terrorism \(SOBE OR SB\) \(3\)](#)
[POS 368: Ethics and Human Rights \(3\)](#)
[POS 447: Citizenship, Nationalism and Identity \(CIVI OR SB & C & G\) \(3\)](#)
[POS 475: Morality and Politics \(3\)](#)
[POS 480: Global Justice \(GCSI OR G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 107 / SGS 107: Religion and Globalization \(GCSI OR HU & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 349 / JST 349 / HPS 349 / SOS 349: Nature, Sustainability and Religion \(SUST\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 362 / AFR 372 / SGS 366: Islam and Islamic Societies in Africa: Social and Political History \(3\)](#)
[REL 363 / AFR 373: Islam and World Affairs \(3\)](#)
[REL 364: Islam in Eurasia and Central Asia \(3\)](#)
[REL 378 / POS 378: Religion, War and Peace \(CIVI OR L\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 379 / SGS 343: Religion, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict \(GCSI OR HU & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 387: Religion and Conflict: Theories and Cases \(\(L or HU\) & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 388 / POS 388: Religion, Ethics, and International Politics \(CIVI\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 396: Islam and Politics \(HU & G\) \(3\)](#)
[REL 480 / SGS 441: Religion and Global Politics \(L & G\) \(3\)](#)
[SGS 340: Violence, Conflict and Human Rights \(GCSI\) \(3\)](#)
[SGS 341: Humanitarian Crisis and International Intervention \(3\)](#)
[SGS 344: Facing the Past: Truth, Memory, Denial After Atrocities \(3\)](#)
[SGS 466: Migration, Environment and Global Security \(3\)](#)
[SOC 241: Modern Social Problems \(SOBE OR SB\) \(3\)](#)
[WST 345: Gender, Religion, and Global Violence \(SB & G\) \(3\)](#)

Electives (two courses) -- 6 credit hours

Certificate Electives (6)

Students select electives from any of the course lists above, keeping in mind that at least 12 credit hours within the certificate must be upper-division.

In some cases, the same course can be used to fulfill more than one requirement. For more information, please contact the certificate director in the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict.

If a course is used to meet more than one component requirement above, additional electives may be required to meet the 18 credit hour minimum.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

Students can become more marketable and advance their career options with an undergraduate certificate. The certificate in religion, conflict and peace complements their major program of study with specialized knowledge and enables them to demonstrate broad intellectual curiosity and skills.

Students who complete this certificate often decide to pursue employment in journalism, law, policy work, diplomacy, the military, public advocacy, publishing, education, ministry and other fields in which an enhanced understanding of religion and conflict is increasingly vital. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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