The Religion and Politics program at the University of Bridgeport features an interdisciplinary curriculum that combines the traditional study of religions with an intensive focus on politics and economics. It is a unique offering, ideal for those aspiring to a global career that requires a thorough comprehension of the complex elements that influence a particular area of the world.

Through rigorous coursework, you will develop a deep comprehension of specific religious traditions and a broad understanding of the connections between religion, culture, and politics in a regional context. You will expand your analytic, critical writing, and research skills, as well as achieve proficiency in a language relevant to the region you are studying. This degree is well-suited to students interested in pursuing careers in foreign service, nongovernmental organizations, international corporations, and government.

**DEGREE OPTIONS**
Bachelor of Arts

**CONCENTRATIONS**
East Asian Religion and Society
Islamic Religion and Society
Judeo-Christian Thought and Society

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**Required Courses for B.A. in Religion and Politics**
- Introduction to Eastern Religions
- Introduction to Western Religions
- Introduction to Political Science and Political Research Methods
- Classics in Political Theory
- Senior Thesis
- Plus six additional Religion and Politics electives

**Required Courses for Each Concentration**

**East Asian Religion and Society**
- Taoism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Confucianism and Taoism
- Religion, Conflict, and Meditation
- Political Economy of East Asia
- Political Economy of China
- Martial Arts Studies/East Asian Theory
- Religion, Peace, and War
- Comparative Religious Ethics
- WREL Internship
- Sociopolitical Implications of Religion

**Islamic Religion and Society**
- Islam
- Gender in Islamic Societies
- Comparative Religious Ethics
- Christian, Muslim, Jewish Relations
- Religion, Conflict, and Meditation
- Religion, Peace, and War
- Islam and Democracy
- Islamic World
- Political Economy of the Middle East
- Religion and Politics in the Middle East
- WREL Internship
- Sociopolitical Implications of Religion

**Judeo-Christian Thought and Society**
- Protestantism
- Christianity
- Judaism
- History of Western Philosophy
- Global Christianity
- Religion, Conflict, and Mediation
- Religion, Peace, and War
- Comparative Religious Ethics
- Christian, Muslim, Jewish Relations
- WREL Internship
- Sociopolitical Implications of Religion

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