Religious Studies (Religion, Politics and Global Affairs), BA

Religion, politics and global affairs are intertwined, affecting topics that range from public health to migration. Students explore questions regarding religion and its relationship with governments and ethics. With a foundation in religious studies, students will be able to solve real-world problems in a multitude of careers.

Program Description

The BA program in religious studies with a concentration in religion, politics and global affairs considers how the study of religion expands our understanding of political culture, communal formation, governance, nationalism, statehood and citizenship in both domestic and global contexts. The program explores the role religion has in shaping political values, social movements, civic organizations and communal norms, with particular attention on how religion impacts issues of health, the environment, migration, peace, conflict, violence, and various issues of social justice. Special consideration is given to the religious intersections of nationality, ethnicity, race, gender and other vital facets of human community and identity.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)
Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Students should see https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change the major to this program.

Transfer Agreements

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.

Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona
Select a college
- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- GateWay Community College

Transfer from an Arizona Community College
Select a college
- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Dine College

Transfer from another state
Select a state
- California
- Illinois
- Washington
- Another state
- Glendale Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Phoenix College
- Rio Salado College
- Scottsdale Community College
- South Mountain Community College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Gila Community College
- Mohave Community College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Tohono O'odham Community College
- Yavapai College

### Global Opportunities

#### Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in religious studies with a concentration in religion, politics and global affairs: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.religious-studies](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.religious-studies).

### Career Opportunities

The concentration addresses the intersections of religion, politics and global affairs, preparing students for jobs in a variety of professions, including political organizing, legal advocacy, migration studies, ethics, international affairs and administration.

Specific career opportunities include:

- advocacy
- education
- governmental or nongovernmental organizing
- journalism
- publishing
Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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