

COURSE TITLE	RELIGION AND WORLD POLITICS
COURSE CODE	10PS0803
COURSE CREDITS	4

Objective:

- 1 To provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the historical relationship between religion and politics from ancient civilizations to modern nation-states.
- 2 To explore different theoretical frameworks regarding the role of religion in political structures, including the debate over secularism and religious nationalism
- 3 To critically examine significant case studies that highlight the influence of religion on political events and movements across different regions and time periods.
- 4 To foster critical thinking by encouraging students to reflect on contemporary challenges, such as globalization, religious extremism, and human rights, and their implications for future politics.

Course Outcomes: After completion of this course, student will be able to:

- 1 Students will be able to identify and explain key moments in history where religion significantly influenced political systems and ideologies.
- 2 Students will be able to critically analyze the interaction between religious beliefs and political authority
- 3 Students will demonstrate the ability to apply their knowledge by analyzing specific case studies where religion has played a pivotal role in shaping political outcomes.
- 4 Students will be able to articulate the current challenges posed by the intersection of religion and politics, including issues of religious freedom, secularism, and global religious movements, with an eye toward future trends.
- 5 Students will be able to evaluate the significance of social movements, including peasant and tribal revolts, and women's participation, in shaping nationalist politics and contributing to the broader independence struggle, while reflecting on the social consequences of partition and communal politics.

Pre-requisite of course:None

Teaching and Examination Scheme

Theory Hours	Tutorial Hours	Practical Hours	ESE	IA	CSE	Viva	Term Work
3	1	0	50	30	20	0	0

Contents : Unit	Topics	Contact Hours
1	Historical Foundations of Religion and Politics Exploration of early societies and the emergence of religious belief systems; Role of religion in forming political structures and authority, Impact of ancient mythologies on governance; Divine kingship and theocratic governance models., Religious institutions and their impact on State authority	5
2	Religion in Medieval Politics Role of Religion in shaping Political Conflict – A look at the Crusades & Reconquista; Analysis of Islam and Christianity in medieval Europe and the Middle East., Influence of the Catholic Church on European politics during the medieval period., Islamic Caliphates and Political Governance., Views of St. Augustine and Ibn Khaldun.	10
3	Renaissance and Reformation Emergence of secularism and individualism, Reformation's impact on state-church relations - Lutheranism and Calvinism, Enlightenment and Religious Tolerance, Colonialism and Religion – Role of religion in European colonial expansion; interplay and political motivations in colonial policies.	10
4	Modern Nation- States and Religion Development of secular nation-states and backlash against secularism., Theocratic States vs. Secular Democracies, Non-Western understanding of religion and politics, Role of religion in shaping national identity and unity (Case study of Hindu Nationalism in India and Islamism in the Middle-East), Influence of religion on diplomacy and international conflicts (Case study of Israel-Palestine conflict)., Religious factors in global terrorism.	10
5	Contemporary Challenges and Future Directions Religious Extremism and its global implications., Tensions between human rights norms and religious practices with a look at LGBTQ+ rights in religious contexts., Future of Secularism, Impact of social media and technology on religious and political discourse., Religious Extremism in the Global South, Role of International Institutions	10
Total Hours		45

Textbook :

- 1 The Secularization of the European Mind in the 19th century., Wilson, A. N., Penguin Books, 2017

References:

- 1 The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution., The Origins of Political Order: From Prehuman Times to the French Revolution., Fukuyama, F., Straus and Giroux., 2011
- 2 The Renaissance: A Short History., The Renaissance: A Short History., Johnson, P., Modern Library., 2000

Suggested Theory Distribution:

The suggested theory distribution as per Bloom's taxonomy is as follows. This distribution serves as guidelines for teachers and students to achieve effective teaching-learning process

Distribution of Theory for course delivery					
Remember / Knowledge	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Higher order Thinking / Creative
10.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00