Course Objective/Overview: This course is an overview of the interplay between politics and religion in the United States. We will address the Constitutional issues, the relationship between religious and political institutions, and the dominant historical and current issues addressed by religious political movements. Religious groups, motivations and justifications have had a profound influence on policies, elections, conflicts, and political culture. Political institutions rely on major religious groups for electoral support. We will examine the mutual support systems which operate to promote both religious and secular agendas. Many of the religious and political divisions of the 19th century created the context for contemporary religious and political divisions. And, we will look at religious/political extremism, the willingness to use violence to achieve social or policy goals. The course is structured in a way that connects historical debates over the religion and government to contemporary political policies and debates.

Course Prerequisite: POLI 101 American Government

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Williams, God’s Own Party, Oxford University Press, 2010.

I will post additional readings on OAKS.

Class Policies: 1 Attendance: If you miss 10 Classes you will receive a failing grade (WA) for the course; 2 Be on time. 3 If you are asleep, you are absent. 4) Turn off audible electronic
devices. Do not talk on the telephone or “text” in class. It is unacceptable. 5) There are no extensions of due dates. Feel free to ask me why. Plan accordingly.

**Your Grade:** There will be 2 exams and a final exam, a political-religious self-assessment, a debate, and a research paper.

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**Grading Scale:**

A 94-100  A- 91-93  
B+ 88-90  B 84-87  B- 81-83  
C+ 77-80  C 73-76  C- 69-72  
D+ 66-68  D- 61-65  
F 60 and below

**Class Participation:** 1 Do the required reading. 2 Inquire. 3 Express yourself. 4 Be prepared to answer questions. 5 Stay current. 6 Experience awake-ness.

**Debates:** You must participate in one debate. You must attend all of them.

**The Paper:** A 13-page paper is required for this course. The paper should be a presentation of a contemporary issue regarding Religion and U.S. politics. Your work must be your own based on a minimum of 10 journal articles and books. Your paper must have a works cited page and some form of internal citations. Cite everything. Plagiarism will result in a failing grade for the course. I will post more thorough instructions on OAKS.

Political Science Citation: [http://polisci.cofc.edu/documents/12policitationguide.pdf](http://polisci.cofc.edu/documents/12policitationguide.pdf)

If you give me half a paper, I will give you half a grade. You need to meet the minimum requirements of the assignment (page length, number and quality of sources, etc.)

**Students With Disabilities:**

The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented disabilities. Students should apply for services at the Center for Disability Services/SNAP located on the first floor of the Lightsey Center, Suite 104. Students approved for accommodations are responsible for notifying me as soon as possible and for contacting me one week before accommodation is needed.
Fall 2019 Religion & Politics Calendar

W August 21: Introductions; Syllabus; Introduction to Course; Religion & politics: political, apolitical, Hebrew prophetic tradition (opposition to injustice & abuse of power)

F August 23: Historical views of politics and religion: Samuel, Augustine, Aquinas, and the Enlightenment;


test yourself here: [http://features.pewforum.org/quiz/us-religious-knowledge/](http://features.pewforum.org/quiz/us-religious-knowledge/)

M August 26: Read Corbett, Chapter 1; Discussion of contemporary religion & politics, here and abroad.

Early America: City on a Hill/New Jerusalem


M September 2: Labor Day

W September 4: Founders on Establishment - read Corbett, Chapter 2. pp. 39-63,

And James Madison, “Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments” (1785) [http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-08-02-0163](http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-08-02-0163)


3-4 page political-religious self-assessment due in class.


and “Amalgamation of native Americans and Whigs” at [https://archive.org/details/ASPC0005061000](https://archive.org/details/ASPC0005061000)

M September 9: Debate 1: A Christian Nation? Read Lambert, Chapter 2 (up to p. 64) (OAKS)

F September 13: Women, Temperance, and Prohibition - read Mary Lease, “Speech to the Women’s Christian Temperance Union” (1890)
http://www.historyisaweapon.org/defcon1/marylease2.html, and TBA

Slavery & Civil War


Take a look at: Abraham Lincoln, “Second Inaugural Address” (1865)

F September 20: Reform Judaism – read TBA; review for exam 1

Social gospel v Gospel of Wealth/Progressivism

M September 23: Gospel of Wealth - read Corbett, Chapter 3 pp. 74-87 (OAKS), and Carnegie (Link on OAKS)

W September 25: Exam 1 Due in class
Social Gospel - read Corbett, 75-77, Lambert, Chapter 3, pp. 87-103 (OAKS) and Rauschenbusch (OAKS); Reform Judaism

F September 27: The development of 19th c. Religious Progressivism and its agenda: Worker’s rights, Women’s Suffrage, Labor Reform - Read Jane Addams (OAKS), and Rerum Novarum (link on OAKS)

M September 30: Debate 2: TBA

Constitutional Considerations

W October 2: Establishment Clause - read Corbett, Chapter 5

F October 4: Engel v Vitale (1962) & other 20th Century Supreme Court cases OAKS and Selections from Harvey and Goff, Chapter 5
M October 7: Secularism: Faith and Science - read TBA, and William Jennings Bryan, “Mr. Bryan’s Last Speech” (1925) (OAKS)

W October 9: Free Exercise Clause - read Corbett, Chapter 6

F October 11: Native American Church - read Deloria, from “God is Red” (Harvey and Goff)

M October 14: Fall Break

W October 16: Pacifism, Militarism: War & Morality in the 20th C. 
read Reinhold Niebuhr, “The Innocent Nation in an Innocent World” (Goff)
Muste, “War is the Enemy”, and Stephen Wise “I Am an American” (1942) (OAKS and links)

F October 18: Debate 3: Can I Discriminate Because of my Religious Opinions?
Review for Exam 2

Cold War/Holy War

M October 21: Cold War - read selections from Harvey and Goff, Chapter 1, Intro, Ockenga, Niebuhr, Presbyterian General Assembly, Herberg, Reagan

W October 23: Vietnam - read Heschel, Berrigan at Cornell, and Fulbright (Harvey & Goff); listen to Dylan links

F October 25: Exam 2 due in class; religious conservatives in the 1960s - read Williams, Chapter 2-4

Civil Rights

M October 28: Civil Rights - read Noll, Chapter 4 and 5, SNCC (“Freedom Songs” and “Statement of Purpose”), King, and Committee of Black Churchmen (Harvey and Goff)

W October 30: Civil Rights - read Malcolm X, Chavez, Fontanez, & Cone (Harvey & Goff)

F November 1: Black Church Now: read Corbett, Chapter 9, and Barber TBA.

M November 4: Debate 4: TBA

Moral Majority and the New Right

W November 6: the development of the religious right: Read Williams, Chapters 6 - 8, Morone, Chapter 15, and Reed (Harvey and Goff)

F November 8: White Religion and White Politics: Corbett, Chapter 8; Noll 156-175
M November 11: National Power - read Williams, Chapters 9 - 11

W November 13: Paper Due; Radical right: Christian Identity, violence; read TBA

F November 15: Islamophobia – read Beydoun, chapters 1-3

M November 18: War on Terror & Islamophobia - read Beydoun, chapters 4 & 5

W November 20: Race, Religion & Islamophobia: read Beydoun, chapters 6 & 7

F November 22: The Religious Left? - read Lambert, Chapter 8 (OAKS), and links on OAKS.


W November 27: no class-Thanksgiving Break
Thanksgiving
F November 29: International Buy-Nothing Day

M December 2: Role of religion in U.S. public life - read Corbett, Chapter 11.

Last Day of Class.

Final Exam: Friday, December 6, 12-3 p.m.

This schedule may change.