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Bar-Ilan University



Online English MA in **Religious and Middle Eastern Politics**

Bar-Ilan University's International School and the Department of Political Studies are offering an online-only Master's degree in Religious and Middle Eastern Politics, taught entirely in English via Zoom. Students can enroll and participate from anywhere in the world.

Those who believe that politics and religion do not mix, understand neither

Albert Einstein



Overview

Religion and politics have been interconnected in societies and countries throughout the ages, and this is certainly true of the Middle East, especially in modern times.

This online MA program, led by Prof. Jonathan Fox, a world-leading scholar in the field, provides a unique platform for understanding the role of religion in contemporary politics. We explore the potential of religions to unite and divide societies, to exacerbate conflict, or provide frameworks for peace.

Why Study Religious and Middle Eastern Politics at BIU?

Bar-Ilan University's Political Studies Department has a 40+ year tradition of excellence in religious and Middle Eastern politics and is led by some of the world's leading experts in the field. There is no similar program with this subject matter and concentration of experts in the world.

The department is home to premier research centers and projects in the field including the Religion and State Project, the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies, and the Argov Center for the Study of Israel and the Jewish People.

Internationally Recognized Faculty

BIU's Political Studies faculty members specialize in the relationship between religion and politics at the national and international levels, as well as Middle East and Israeli politics.

Prof. Jonathan Fox is the recipient of Distinguished Scholar awards from the American Political Science Association (2021) and the International Studies Association (2017). His 14 books and nearly 100 articles on religion and politics include the leading textbook: *An Introduction to Religion and Politics, Theory and Practice* (Routledge, 2018) and *Why Do People Discriminate Against Jews?* (Oxford University Press, 2021).

Other faculty members include Prof. Nahshon Perez, co-author of the award-winning book, *Women of the Wall: Navigating Religion in Sacred Sites* (Oxford University Press, 2017), Prof. Elisheva Rosman Stollman, author of *For God and Country? Religious Student-Soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces* (University of Texas Press, 2014), and Dr. Meirav Mishali-Ram, author of *Conflict Change and Persistence: The India-Pakistan and Arab-Israeli Conflicts Compared* (Lexington Books, 2019).

Degree program

This two-year MA degree will provide students with a deep academic grounding in religious and Middle Eastern politics as well as in general political science. Students are provided with several hours a week of online classes, and can choose from either thesis or non-thesis tracks.

Courses include:

- An Introduction to Religion and Politics
- The Comparative Politics of the Middle East
- Religion and Contemporary Political Theory
- Territorial Politics: The Case of the Israeli-Arab Conflicts
- Religion and Politics in Israel
- The Military and Politics in Israel: Theory and Practice

In addition, we provide courses that cover essential political science theory and methodology.

Is Our Program Right for You?

Whether you are planning a career in academia, policy research, diplomacy, conflict resolution, or the clergy, or whether you simply have a passion to understand the social forces that shape our world, this program is for you.

First Year

Number	Course name	Day	Hours	Semester	Credits
71-802	Approaches and Theories in Political Science (compulsory)	Mon	16-20	1	2
71-000	Islam and the West: The international politics of civilizational identity	Mon	16-20	2	2

Number	Course name	Day	Hours	Semester	Credits
71-8960	An Introduction to Religion and Politics (compulsory)	Wed	16-20	1	2
71-887	Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods in Political Science (compulsory)	Wed	16-20	2	2

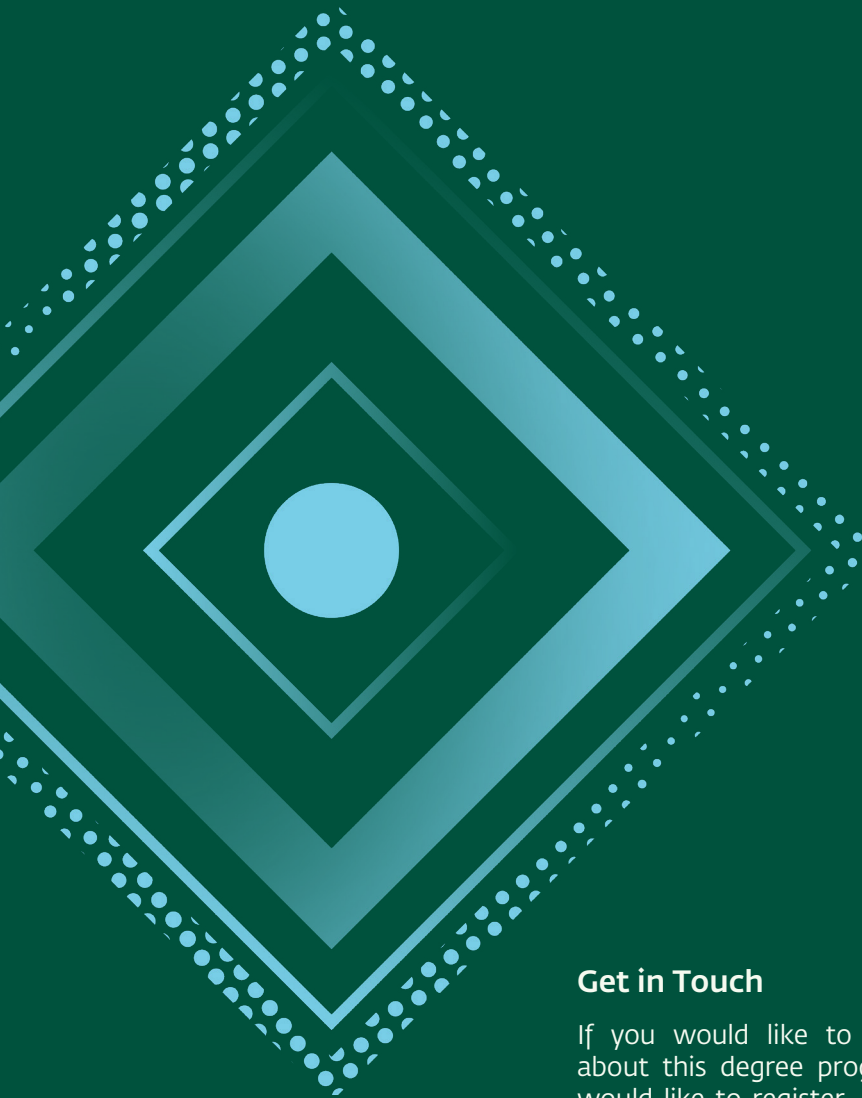


Second Year

Number	Course name	Day	Hours	Semester	Credits
71-984	Introduction to Political Science Research Methods (compulsory for research students only)	Mon	16-20	1	2
71-706	The Military and Society in Israel: Theory and Practice	Mon	16-20	2	2
71-000	Islam and Politics in the Middle East	Mon	16-20	2	2

Number	Course name	Day	Hours	Semester	Credits
71-457	Religion and Politics in Israel	Wed	16-20	1	2
71-000	Politics in the Middle East	Wed	16-20	2	2

* The curriculum is subject to change



Get in Touch

If you would like to know more about this degree program or you would like to register, please get in touch with us.

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