

Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Arts (Social Science)
Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICSO 382 **Course Title** Religion, Society and State
3. **Number of Credits** 4 (**Lecture / Lab**) (4-0)
4. **Prerequisite (s)** None
5. **Type of Course** Major elective of International Studies Concentration
6. **Trimester / Academic Year** TBA

7. **Course Description**

Religion and society; types of religious organizations and movements and their social role and impact. Secularization and counter - secularization. Religion, politics and the state. Case studies of the contemporary role of religion in selected societies.

8. **Course Objective (s)**

- 1) To examine the impact of religion on individuals and societies.
- 2) To examine the political and cultural uses of religion.

9. **Course Outline**

Week	Topic		Instructor
	Lecture	Hour	
1	Introduction : The concept of Religion	4	TBA
2	Religious themes in society : Justice, freedom and duty	4	
3	Religious organizations and their social role 1	4	
4	Religious organizations and their social role 2	4	
5	Religion and the individual	4	
6	Religion and society	4	
7	Religion and politics	4	
8	Religion and the consumer media	4	
9	Religion and business activity	4	
10	McWorld and Jihad	4	
11	The clash of fundamentalisms	4	
	Total	44	

10. **Teaching Method (s)**

Lecture and discussion.

11. Teaching Media

Texts, transparencies, videos.

12. Measurement and evaluation of student achievement

The standard scale of 90 - 100 = A, 85 - 89 = B+, 80 - 84 = B, etc. 60 is required to pass.

13. Course evaluation

Grading will be based on two in - class exams (45% each) and contribution to discussion 10%.

14. Reference (s)

David Sloan Wilson, *Darwin's Cathedral : Evolution, Religion and the Nature of Society*,
University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 2003.

15. Instructor (s)

TBA

16. Course Coordinator

Eugene Jones