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Church-State Studies

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Welcome to the Graduate School at Andrews University. The faculty, staff and students of the Department of History & Political Science are glad that you are interested in our program. As the professional market continues to demand higher knowledge, graduate study is progressively a wise and practical career move. Our goal is to connect you with comprehensive instruction—including attention to research, personal student-professor interaction, excellent advising and an emphasis on the spiritual dimensions of the historical and political fields—that will give you the understanding, practice and competitive edge you need to assume a leadership role in your profession.
WHY CHOOSE A DEGREE IN CHURCH-STATE STUDIES
The Department of History and Political Science offers this program to help scholars, attorneys, clergy and other religious liberty advocates apply faith and ethics to relevant issues within current political realities. Recognition and understanding of these issues is of increasing importance in today's world where religion is often an element in national and international conflicts. For this reason, we prepare graduates who are able to comprehend church-state relationships from both historical and contemporary perspectives. Students examine relationships between religion and government, church-state issues, and the legal and political processes involved in church-state relations. Topics include freedom of religion, religious tolerance and the place of religion in political life. The MA program draws on both history and political science courses, and provides electives from other disciplines. The graduate attains valuable knowledge of past and present interactions between religion and the state, which provides knowledge for addressing their relationship in the future.

ABOUT OUR FACULTY
Faculty members teaching in the program are well qualified. Our faculty have each earned advanced degrees from respected universities in the United States. A diverse group, they deliver their instruction from an insightful international perspective. While our professors are primarily committed to teaching, they are also active scholars who have special, diverse interests and experience in the topic of church-state studies.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Graduates of the program will be qualified to advise law-makers and persons of authority in church structure on the complexities and issues involved in church-state relations, religious liberty and related subjects. Such consulting can be practical full-time, or in conjunction with careers such as law, scholarship, clergy, and others.

SCHOLARSHIPS
The Department has a limited numbers of grants available for graduate students. Please write directly to the Director for more information.

ADVISORS
The Director of the program, Dr. John J. Markovic, advises all graduate students. Dr. Markovic guides the student through the program, working with each individual to be certain they are prepared to take required classes and to ensure that they meet all graduation criteria.
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