

Ph.D. in Linguistics, Minor in Faith-Based Language Development and Accessibility

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105 (including minor)



Program Description The Ph.D. in Linguistics at HBIU University is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of language development, structure, and function. This program covers a wide range of linguistic areas, including historical and contemporary linguistic theories, sociolinguistics, cognitive linguistics, and applied linguistics. Students will explore the intricacies of language acquisition, phonetics, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics, while also integrating faith-based perspectives on communication and the ethical dimensions of language. This program prepares graduates for leadership roles in academia, research, and language-related fields, focusing on how language shapes human interaction, culture, and faith-based communities.

The Minor in Faith-Based Language Development and Accessibility examines the role of language in religious texts, translation ethics, and ensuring linguistic accessibility for diverse faith communities. This specialization explores how language is used in religious discourse and addresses the challenges of translating religious texts in a way that maintains theological accuracy while considering linguistic and cultural diversity. Students will study topics such as translation theory, biblical language, language accessibility for people with disabilities, and how faith-based organizations can use language to promote inclusivity and understanding across linguistic barriers.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree in a relevant field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- GRE scores (if applicable)
- Statement of Purpose (1,000-1,500 words) outlining research interests
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Interview with faculty (if required)

General Education Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LING 701	Foundations of Linguistics	3
LING 702	Syntax and Morphology	3
LING 703	Phonetics and Phonology	3
LING 704	Language Acquisition and Development	3
LING 705	Cognitive Linguistics	3
LING 706	Historical Linguistics	3
LING 707	Sociolinguistics	3
LING 708	Discourse Analysis	3
LING 709	Corpus Linguistics	3
LING 710	Advanced Research Methods in Linguistics	3

Core Foundational Courses (23 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LING 801	Computational Linguistics	3
LING 802	Applied Linguistics	3
LING 803	Psycholinguistics	3
LING 804	Language and Identity	3
LING 805	Bilingualism and Multilingualism	3
LING 806	Text Analysis and Translation	3
LING 807	Language and Religion	3
LING 808	Language Policy and Planning	3

Minor in Faith-Based Language Development and Accessibility (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FBLD 901	Faith-Based Translation Studies	3

FBLD 902	Sacred Language Analysis	3
FBLD 903	Religious Discourse and Communication	3
FBLD 904	Language and Theology	3
FBLD 905	Digital Tools for Language Accessibility	3

Dissertation Research & Defense (15 Credit Hours)

Students must complete a doctoral dissertation in their area of specialization. This includes:

- Developing a research proposal
- Conducting original research
- Writing a dissertation following academic guidelines
- Successfully defending their dissertation before a faculty committee

Program Outcomes

- Develop expertise in linguistic theories and applications
- Apply faith-based perspectives to translation and language development
- Conduct original research in the intersection of faith and language
- Enhance accessibility through linguistic tools and technology

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
University Professor in Linguistics	\$70,000 - \$120,000
Translation and Interpretation Specialist	\$50,000 - \$90,000
Accessibility Consultant	\$60,000 - \$100,000
Faith-Based Linguistic Researcher	\$65,000 - \$110,000
Language Policy Analyst	\$75,000 - \$130,000