

Ph.D. in Archaeology, Minor in Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105 (including minor)



Program Description

The Ph.D. in Archaeology at HBIU University provides students with advanced expertise in archaeological theory, field excavation techniques, cultural heritage management, and artifact preservation. This program prepares students to conduct high-level research into ancient civilizations, material culture, and historical artifacts, with a focus on understanding the past through a multidisciplinary lens. Students will engage in topics such as excavation methodologies, archaeological data analysis, conservation techniques, and the role of archaeology in reconstructing human history. Graduates will be prepared for leadership roles in academic research, museums, cultural heritage management, and heritage preservation organizations, contributing to the preservation and understanding of global historical and archaeological sites.

The Minor in Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation integrates religious perspectives into the practice of archaeological research and cultural heritage conservation. This specialization explores how faith-based institutions and religious organizations play a pivotal role in preserving sacred cultural sites, religious artifacts, and religiously significant historical monuments. Students will study the ethical challenges in preserving sacred artifacts, the role of faith communities in cultural heritage management, and the importance of religious history in archaeological research. This minor prepares students to work in faith-based cultural heritage organizations, museums, and religious institutions, ensuring that sacred sites and artifacts are preserved with respect to both their historical and spiritual significance.

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
ARCH 701	Foundations of Archaeological Research	3
ARCH 702	Stratigraphy and Excavation Methods	3
ARCH 703	Ancient Civilizations and Historical Analysis	3
ARCH 704	Human Evolution and Prehistoric Cultures	3
ARCH 705	Cultural Resource Management	3
ARCH 706	Artifact Analysis and Preservation	3
ARCH 707	Archaeological Ethics and Legal Issues	3
ARCH 708	Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in Archaeology	3
ARCH 709	Historical Linguistics and Script Decipherment	3
ARCH 710	Research Methods in Archaeology	3

Core Foundational Courses (23 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ARCH 801	Field Archaeology Techniques	3
ARCH 802	Bioarchaeology and Human Remains Analysis	3

ARCH 803	Ancient Religious Structures and Sites	3
ARCH 804	Underwater and Maritime Archaeology	3
ARCH 805	The Archaeology of Sacred Texts	3
ARCH 806	Digital Archaeology and Virtual Reconstruction	3
ARCH 807	Archaeological Conservation and Artifact Curation	3
ARCH 808	The Role of Religion in Ancient Societies	3
ARCH 809	Comparative Studies of World Religions and Artifacts	3
ARCH 810	Museum Studies and Exhibit Curation	3
ARCH 811	Faith-Based Interpretation of Archaeological Findings	3
ARCH 812	Theological and Ethical Aspects of Excavation	3
ARCH 813	Biblical and Religious Archaeology	3
ARCH 814	Indigenous and Sacred Cultural Heritage	3
ARCH 815	Archaeology in Religious Pilgrimage Sites	3

Minor in Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FBCHP 901	The Role of Faith in Archaeological Research	3
FBCHP 902	Ethical Dilemmas in Sacred Site Excavations	3
FBCHP 903	Cultural Heritage and Religious Artifacts	3
FBCHP 904	Faith-Based Museum and Archive Management	3
FBCHP 905	Preserving Historical Sacred Texts and Manuscripts	3

Dissertation Research & Defense (15 Credit Hours)

Students must complete a doctoral dissertation related to Archaeology and Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation. This includes:

- Developing a research proposal focusing on archaeological discoveries, religious artifact analysis, or sacred site preservation.
- Conducting original research in field archaeology, conservation, or museum studies.
- Writing a dissertation integrating faith-based perspectives into historical research.
- Successfully defending the dissertation before a faculty committee.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Gain expertise in excavation techniques, artifact preservation, and cultural heritage management.
- Integrate faith-based principles into historical site preservation and sacred artifact conservation.
- Apply scientific research and ethical considerations to archaeology and religious studies.
- Conduct original studies on religious architecture, sacred texts, and archaeological theology.
- Develop sustainable and ethical archaeological practices for faith-based institutions.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Archaeologist	\$70,000 - \$130,000
Cultural Heritage Specialist	\$75,000 - \$140,000
Museum Curator	\$65,000 - \$120,000
Sacred Site Preservationist	\$80,000 - \$150,000
Religious Artifact Conservationist	\$75,000 - \$130,000