

Associate in African Studies

Specialization in Faith-Based Cultural Preservation and Advocacy

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 75 hours (including 15 minor credit hours)

Program Description

The Associate in African Studies program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Cultural Preservation and Advocacy prepares students to explore African history, cultures, and contemporary social issues through a biblical worldview. Students will engage with the heritage, values, and movements that have shaped African communities and diasporas, while learning how to preserve cultural identity and promote justice and reconciliation.

This program integrates historical studies, anthropology, and theology to equip students for service and leadership within African and multicultural contexts. Emphasis is placed on equipping students to be cultural advocates, ministry leaders, and change agents in communities affected by injustice, displacement, or marginalization.

Graduates may pursue further education in African studies, international development, ministry, or advocacy roles in churches, schools, or nonprofits.

General Education Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Psychology	3
GEN 105	Introduction to Sociology	3

Core African Studies Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
AFR 201	Introduction to African Studies	3

AFR 202	History of Africa and the Diaspora	3
AFR 203	Traditional African Religions and Culture	3
AFR 204	Colonialism and Liberation Movements	3
AFR 205	Contemporary African Politics and Society	3
AFR 206	African Literature and Oral Traditions	3
AFR 207	African Theology and Biblical Contexts	3
AFR 208	Social Justice and Human Rights in Africa	3
AFR 209	African Arts, Music, and Performance	3
AFR 210	Global African Identities and Diaspora	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
AFR 301	African Women and Gender Roles	3
AFR 302	Community Organizing and Faith Movements	3
AFR 303	Intercultural Leadership and Peacemaking	3
AFR 304	Christianity and African Worldviews	3
AFR 305	Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage Work	3

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

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FCA 401	Biblical Perspectives on Culture and Identity	3
FCA 402	Faith-Based Advocacy for Marginalized Communities	3
FCA 403	Cultural Restoration and Christian Discipleship	3
FCA 404	Ministry through Storytelling and Historical Memory	3
FCA 405	Redemptive Justice and Reconciliation in Practice	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Cultural Preservation and Advocacy allows students to research or develop a project focused on preserving, honoring, or restoring cultural heritage. Students may:

- Create a digital archive or oral history series.
- Organize a cultural advocacy event or initiative.
- Design a ministry curriculum focused on African identity and faith.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Analyze African history, cultures, and faith traditions from a biblical perspective.
- Advocate for justice, dignity, and preservation of cultural heritage.
- Lead efforts in reconciliation, education, and empowerment.
- Design ministry or nonprofit programs for African and diaspora communities.
- Celebrate and protect diverse expressions of faith, identity, and history.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
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Faith-Based Cultural Program Coordinator	\$44,000 - \$60,000
African Studies Educator or Workshop Leader	\$42,000 - \$58,000
Community Organizer or Cultural Advocate	\$45,000 - \$61,000
Museum or Heritage Consultant (Faith Perspective)	\$47,000 - \$63,000
Global Missions and Justice Initiative Leader	\$46,000 - \$64,000