

Master in Philosophy - Minor in Faith-Based Ethics and Social Justice

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including 15 credit hours for minor)



Program Description

The Master in Philosophy at HBI University is designed for students seeking to explore critical thought, ethical reasoning, metaphysics, epistemology, and the philosophical foundations of morality and justice. This program prepares graduates for careers in academia, ethics consulting, policy analysis, and theological discourse by integrating classical and contemporary philosophical traditions.

The Minor in Faith-Based Ethics and Social Justice offers a specialized focus on moral philosophy, theological perspectives on ethics, and the role of faith in advocating for social justice. Students will explore Christian, Jewish, and interfaith approaches to moral reasoning, ethical leadership, and social activism.

This 69-credit hour program includes 30 credit hours of foundational philosophy courses, 24 credit hours of core ethics and social philosophy training, 15 credit hours in Faith-Based Ethics and Social Justice, elective coursework, a supervised practicum, and a research-based master's thesis or capstone project.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in philosophy, theology, political science, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or professionals in philosophy, ethics, or social justice
- Statement of purpose outlining career goals in philosophy and faith-based ethics
- Writing sample (philosophical essay, ethics analysis, or social justice research)
- Interview with faculty committee (if required)

Practicum Requirement

Students must complete a 300-hour supervised practicum in ethics consulting firms, faith-based advocacy organizations, social justice movements, or policy think tanks. Practicum placements include religious ethics committees, academic research institutes, and nonprofit advocacy groups.

Master's Thesis / Capstone Project

Students are required to complete either a research-based master's thesis on moral philosophy, the intersection of faith and social justice, or contemporary ethical challenges or develop a capstone project focused on faith-driven social justice initiatives.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Engage in deep philosophical inquiry on moral, social, and political issues.
- Develop faith-based ethical frameworks to address contemporary societal challenges.
- Analyze the impact of philosophical and religious traditions on human rights and justice.
- Lead discussions on ethical leadership in religious and secular institutions.
- Apply theological insights to ethical decision-making and moral reasoning.

Career Outcomes & Potential Salary

- Ethics Consultant – \$70,000 - \$140,000
- Philosophy Professor – \$60,000 - \$130,000
- Faith-Based Social Justice Advocate – \$55,000 - \$120,000
- Policy Analyst (Ethics & Human Rights Focus) – \$65,000 - \$140,000
- Director of Ethical & Faith-Based Policy Initiatives – \$75,000 - \$145,000

Advocacy and Professional Development

Students are encouraged to join organizations such as:

- American Philosophical Association
- Society of Christian Philosophers
- National Ethics Association
- International Association for Social Justice Research

Participation in moral philosophy symposiums, interfaith ethics conferences, and social justice advocacy workshops is highly recommended.

Course Breakdown (Total: 69 Credit Hours)

A. Foundational Philosophy Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PHIL-101	Classical & Modern Ethical Theories	3
PHIL-102	Metaphysics & Theories of Reality	3

PHIL-103	Political Philosophy & Theories of Justice	3
PHIL-104	Logic & Critical Thinking	3
PHIL-105	Philosophy of Religion & Theological Ethics	3
PHIL-106	Existentialism & The Human Condition	3
PHIL-107	Contemporary Philosophical Debates	3
PHIL-108	Research Methods in Philosophy	3
PHIL-109	The Role of Faith in Ethics & Public Life	3
PHIL-110	Philosophy of Mind & Consciousness	3

B. Core Ethics and Social Philosophy Training (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PHIL-201	Applied Ethics in Public Policy & Religion	3
PHIL-202	Interfaith Perspectives on Justice & Morality	3
PHIL-203	Ethics in Leadership & Decision-Making	3
PHIL-204	Human Rights, Dignity, and Religious Ethics	3
PHIL-205	Theology & Social Justice Movements	3
PHIL-206	Philosophical Theories of Free Will & Responsibility	3
PHIL-207	Political Theology & Ethical Governance	3
PHIL-208	Supervised Philosophy Practicum	3

C. Faith-Based Ethics and Social Justice Minor (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FBES-301	Biblical Ethics & Moral Reasoning	3
FBES-302	Faith-Based Responses to Social Injustice	3
FBES-303	Christian Social Ethics & Economic Justice	3
FBES-304	Religious Foundations of Human Rights & Law	3

FBES-305	The Ethics of War, Peace, and Faith	3
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D. Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC-801	Media & Ethical Representation in Faith-Based Communities	3
ELEC-802	Philosophy of Science & Faith	3
ELEC-803	Grassroots Activism & Faith-Based Advocacy	3