

## **Bachelor in International Relations - Minor in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy**

**HBI University**

**Course Duration: 3 years**

**Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)**



### **Program Description**

The Bachelor in International Relations at HBI University provides students with a deep understanding of global politics, diplomacy, and international economic systems. This program equips students with the skills needed to engage in policy-making, conflict resolution, and global economic development. Students will study international law, humanitarian aid, and the role of media in global affairs.

The Minor in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy enhances the program by integrating religious perspectives into diplomacy, international aid, and ethical leadership. Students will explore the role of faith-based organizations in humanitarian efforts, global policy advocacy, and interfaith dialogue.

### **Admissions Requirements**

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in international relations
- Two letters of recommendation

- Resume (if applicable)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

### General Education Courses (30 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 Philosophy        | 3            |
| GEN 105     | Introduction to World Religions   | 3            |
| GEN 106     | Public Speaking and Communication | 3            |
| GEN 107     | Ethics and Critical Thinking      | 3            |
| GEN 108     | Research Methods                  | 3            |
| GEN 109     | Leadership and Team Development   | 3            |
| GEN 110     | Cross-Cultural Communication      | 3            |

### Core International Relations Courses (45 Credit Hours)

| Course Code | Course Name                                  | Credit Hours |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|
| IR 201      | Introduction to International Relations      | 3            |
| IR 202      | Global Political Systems and Governance      | 3            |
| IR 203      | International Law and Human Rights           | 3            |
| IR 204      | Diplomacy and Negotiation Strategies         | 3            |
| IR 205      | Comparative Politics and Global Institutions | 3            |
| IR 206      | International Economic Relations             | 3            |
| IR 207      | Geopolitical Conflicts and Resolutions       | 3            |
| IR 208      | Cross-Cultural Communication in Diplomacy    | 3            |
| IR 209      | International Security and Peace Studies     | 3            |
| IR 210      | Foreign Policy Analysis                      | 3            |
| IR 211      | Global Development and Humanitarian Aid      | 3            |

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|--------|--------------------------------------------------|---|
| IR 212 | International Trade and Economic Development     | 3 |
| IR 213 | Media, Public Relations, and Global Affairs      | 3 |
| IR 214 | Environmental Policy and International Relations | 3 |
| IR 215 | Research Methods in International Relations      | 3 |

### **Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)**

| <b>Course Code</b> | <b>Course Name</b>                                  | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ELEC 301           | Global Media and Foreign Policy                     | 3                   |
| ELEC 302           | Human Rights and Religious Freedom                  | 3                   |
| ELEC 303           | Non-Governmental Organizations and Global Policy    | 3                   |
| ELEC 304           | Religious Soft Power in International Relations     | 3                   |
| ELEC 305           | Sustainable Development and Faith-Based Initiatives | 3                   |

### **Minor in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy (15 Credit Hours)**

| <b>Course Code</b> | <b>Course Name</b>                             | <b>Credit Hours</b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| FBD 401            | Faith and International Diplomacy              | 3                   |
| FBD 402            | Ethical Leadership in Global Affairs           | 3                   |
| FBD 403            | Faith-Based Humanitarian Aid and Development   | 3                   |
| FBD 404            | Religious Influences in International Politics | 3                   |
| FBD 405            | Interfaith Dialogue and Conflict Resolution    | 3                   |

### **Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)**

The capstone project in International Relations challenges students to apply diplomatic strategies, ethical leadership, and faith-based global development principles to a real-world issue. Students will:

- Develop a policy analysis on faith-based humanitarian aid initiatives.

- Create an interfaith diplomacy strategy for a conflict resolution case study.
- Conduct research on the role of religious organizations in international development.
- Present findings through a comprehensive research paper and formal presentation to faculty and policymakers.

## Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Master diplomatic communication, policy analysis, and international negotiations.
- Understand the impact of faith-based organizations on global development and humanitarian aid.
- Develop ethical solutions for cross-cultural and religious diplomacy challenges.
- Utilize research methods to analyze global policies and international relations.
- Lead initiatives in international organizations, government agencies, and NGOs with a faith-based approach.

## Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

| Career Path                                  | Average Salary (Annual) |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| International Affairs Specialist             | \$60,000 - \$130,000    |
| Diplomatic Consultant                        | \$70,000 - \$140,000    |
| Humanitarian Aid Coordinator                 | \$50,000 - \$110,000    |
| Policy Analyst for Faith-Based Organizations | \$55,000 - \$120,000    |
| Interfaith Relations Specialist              | \$50,000 - \$100,000    |