

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Architecture, Minor: Religious Artifacts

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105



Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Architecture at HBIU University provides an in-depth understanding of architectural history, theory, and design methodologies. This program focuses on the preservation and interpretation of religious artifacts within architectural spaces, fostering a scholarly approach to sacred environments.

Students will complete a rigorous curriculum, including core foundational courses, specialized electives, and intensive research methodologies. The program includes comprehensive exams and a dissertation defense, ensuring students develop expertise in their research focus. The program is designed to be completed over three years, requiring a total of 105 credit hours.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree in Architecture or a related 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)

Core Foundational Courses (60 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ARCH 701	Advanced Architectural Theory	3
ARCH 702	History of Sacred Architecture	3
ARCH 703	Urban and Religious Landscapes	3
ARCH 704	Architectural Conservation Methods	3
ARCH 705	Digital Documentation in Architecture	3
ARCH 706	Philosophy of Space and Form	3
ARCH 707	Material Culture and Architecture	3
ARCH 708	Advanced Research in Architectural History	3
ARCH 709	Contemporary Debates in Architecture	3
ARCH 710	The Role of Architecture in Religious Identity	3
ARCH 711	Architectural Semiotics	3
ARCH 712	Vernacular and Indigenous Religious Architecture	3
ARCH 713	Interdisciplinary Approaches to Sacred Spaces	3
ARCH 714	Aesthetic Theories in Architecture	3
ARCH 715	Comparative Religious Architecture	3

ARCH 716	Sustainability and Religious Structures	3
ARCH 717	Museology and Exhibition Design	3
ARCH 718	Built Heritage and Conservation Policies	3
ARCH 719	Symbolism in Religious Art and Architecture	3
ARCH 720	Capstone in Architectural Studies	3

Minor in Religious Artifacts (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
RELI 701	Introduction to Religious Artifacts	3
RELI 702	Iconography and Sacred Symbolism	3
RELI 703	Preservation of Religious Artifacts	3
RELI 704	Relics and Sacred Objects in Worship	3
RELI 705	Cultural Heritage and Religious Artifacts	3

Research, Dissertation, and Defense (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DISR 801	Research Methods in Architecture	3
DISR 802	Theoretical Frameworks in Architecture	3
DISR 803	Advanced Qualitative and Quantitative Methods	3
DISR 804	Dissertation Proposal Development	3
DISR 805	Data Collection and Analysis	3
DISR 806	Dissertation Writing: Introduction & Literature Review	3
DISR 807	Dissertation Writing: Methodology & Case Studies	3
DISR 808	Dissertation Writing: Findings & Conclusion	3
DISR 809	Dissertation Defense Preparation	3
DISR 810	Final Dissertation Defense	3

Program Outcomes

- Conduct advanced research in architectural history and religious artifacts.
- Develop expertise in conservation and preservation of religious heritage.
- Analyze the role of architecture in religious and cultural identity.
- Contribute to museum curation and architectural conservation policies.
- Engage in interdisciplinary scholarship and publishing.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Professor of Architecture	\$80,000 - \$150,000
Architectural Historian	\$70,000 - \$120,000
Cultural Heritage Consultant	\$75,000 - \$140,000
Museum Curator (Religious Artifacts)	\$60,000 - \$110,000
Conservation Architect	\$85,000 - \$130,000
Urban Planner (Religious Sites)	\$80,000 - \$140,000