

Ph.D. in International Trade, Minor in Faith-Based Fair Trade Advocacy

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105 (including minor)



Program Description

The Ph.D. in International Trade at HBIU University is designed to provide students with a comprehensive and advanced understanding of global trade policies, economic systems, and market analysis. This program delves into the complexities of international commerce, examining trade agreements, economic integration, and the ways in which global trade impacts economies, societies, and industries. Key topics include trade theories, economic diplomacy, international business strategies, and the role of global supply chains. With an emphasis on fair trade, sustainable development, and policy-making, this program prepares graduates to lead in government agencies, multinational corporations, international organizations, and academic institutions, contributing to the formulation of trade policies that promote global equity and sustainability.

The **Minor in Faith-Based Fair Trade Advocacy** introduces students to ethical considerations in global supply chains, corporate social responsibility, and faith-driven economic justice. This specialization explores how faith-based values can guide trade practices, promoting fair wages, community empowerment, and environmental stewardship in international trade. Students will examine the role of faith-based organizations in advocating for fair trade policies, sustainable business practices, and ethical consumerism. Through this minor, students will develop the skills to advocate for economic justice and support businesses that prioritize human dignity and environmental sustainability in their operations.

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
TRADE 701	Foundations of International Trade	3
TRADE 702	Global Economic Policies	3
TRADE 703	International Trade Agreements & Treaties	3
TRADE 704	Economic Development & Global Markets	3
TRADE 705	International Business Strategies	3
TRADE 706	Global Supply Chain Management	3
TRADE 707	International Trade and Sustainability	3
TRADE 708	Trade Barriers and Regulatory Frameworks	3
TRADE 709	Global Trade Finance & Risk Management	3
TRADE 710	Research Methods in International Trade	3

Core Foundational Courses (23 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
TRADE 801	International Trade and Economic Justice	3
TRADE 802	Trade Negotiations and Policy Making	3
TRADE 803	Global Markets and Consumer Behavior	3
TRADE 804	Global Political Economy	3
TRADE 805	The Role of NGOs in International Trade	3
TRADE 806	Corporate Ethics and Global Business	3
TRADE 807	Globalization and Trade Conflict Resolution	3
TRADE 808	Emerging Markets and Trade Policy	3

TRADE 809	Sustainable Trade and Environmental Economics	3
TRADE 810	International Trade and Human Rights	3
TRADE 811	Social Entrepreneurship in Global Markets	3
TRADE 812	Trade Data Analytics and Market Trends	3
TRADE 813	Trade Law and WTO Policies	3
TRADE 814	Strategic Global Business Development	3
TRADE 815	Economic Diplomacy and Trade Relations	3

Minor in Faith-Based Fair Trade Advocacy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FBFTA 901	Ethical Business and Fair Trade Practices	3
FBFTA 902	Corporate Social Responsibility and Faith-Based Principles	3
FBFTA 903	Sustainable Supply Chain and Ethical Sourcing	3
FBFTA 904	Faith and Economic Justice	3
FBFTA 905	Advocacy for Trade Justice and Policy Reform	3

Dissertation Research & Defense (15 Credit Hours)

Students must complete a doctoral dissertation related to International Trade and Fair Trade Advocacy. This includes:

- Developing a research proposal focused on trade policies, sustainability, or economic ethics.
- Conducting original research under faculty supervision.
- Writing a dissertation aligned with industry and ethical trade standards.
- Successfully defending the dissertation before a faculty committee.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Gain expertise in international trade policies, regulations, and global economic dynamics.
- Integrate faith-based principles into trade justice and ethical business practices.
- Apply strategic problem-solving to trade disputes and fair-trade advocacy.
- Conduct research contributing to economic diplomacy, fair trade, and sustainable business.
- Develop strategic trade policies supporting community development and social equity.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
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International Trade Policy Analyst	\$80,000 - \$150,000
Fair Trade Business Consultant	\$70,000 - \$120,000
Global Supply Chain Manager	\$85,000 - \$140,000
Economic Development Specialist	\$75,000 - \$130,000
Non-Profit International Business Advisor	\$60,000 - \$110,000