Bachelor of Legal Science, Minor in Laws that Govern Non-Profit Organization

HBI University

Course Duration: 4 years

Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)



Program Description

The Bachelor of Legal Science, Minor in Laws that Govern Non-Profit Organizations at HBIU University is designed for students interested in legal studies, nonprofit law, and corporate governance within the context of faith-based and non-profit organizations. This program provides a solid foundation in law, legal ethics, contract law, and nonprofit regulations, with an emphasis on integrating Christian ethical principles into legal practices and governance. The curriculum prepares students to understand the legal landscape governing faith-based organizations and equips them with the skills needed to navigate legal challenges in both the nonprofit and religious sectors.

Students will gain expertise in legal research, nonprofit law, intellectual property, and regulatory compliance, while learning to apply faith-based principles to nonprofit management, advocacy, and governance. The program focuses on equipping students to understand the specific legal needs of non-profit organizations and religious institutions, enabling them to advocate for and manage these organizations effectively. The curriculum integrates both theoretical knowledge and practical experience, ensuring that students are well-prepared for careers in legal practices serving the faith community and non-profit sector.

The Minor in Laws that Govern Non-Profit Organizations provides in-depth knowledge of the regulations, taxation, and compliance that govern faith-based and charitable organizations. Students will learn the intricacies of managing legal issues specific to non-profits, including tax-exempt status, charitable donations, contractual obligations, and corporate governance. This minor prepares students to be effective advocates, managers, and leaders within faith-based and charitable organizations, ensuring they understand the legal requirements and ethical responsibilities unique to the nonprofit sector.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in chaplaincy and counseling
- 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 Legal Studies	3
GEN 105	Introduction to Theology	3
GEN 106	Public Speaking and Communication	3
GEN 107	Research Methods in Social Sciences	3
GEN 108	Ethics and Moral Reasoning	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Legal Writing and Communication	3

Core Legal Science Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LS 201	Introduction to Law and Legal Systems	3
LS 202	Constitutional Law	3
LS 203	Contract Law	3
LS 204	Legal Research and Writing	3
LS 205	Civil Procedure and Litigation	3
LS 206	Criminal Law	3
LS 207	Legal Ethics and Professional Responsibility	3
LS 208	Torts and Personal Injury Law	3
LS 209	Property Law	3
LS 210	Business Law and Corporate Governance	3
LS 211	Family Law	3
LS 212	Administrative Law	3
LS 213	Environmental Law	3
LS 214	International Law	3
LS 215	Non-Profit Law and Governance	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LS 301	Legal Aspects of Intellectual Property	3
LS 302	Labor and Employment Law	3
LS 303	Immigration Law	3
LS 304	Church and State Law	3
LS 305	Tax Law and Non-Profit Organizations	3

Minor in Laws that Govern Non-Profit Organizations (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
NPL 401	Introduction to Non-Profit Law	3
NPL 402	Legal Compliance for Non-Profit Organizations	3
NPL 403	Non-Profit Governance and Fiduciary Duties	3
NPL 404	Non-Profit Fundraising and Taxation	3
NPL 405	Ethics and Legal Advocacy in Non-Profits	3

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project serves as a culminating experience, allowing students to apply legal research, nonprofit law, and advocacy strategies in a final project.
Students will:

- Develop a legal analysis and compliance plan for a non-profit organization.
- Analyze governance structures and legal frameworks for faith-based and charitable organizations.
- Design a legal framework for non-profit fundraising and compliance with federal and state regulations.
- Present research findings and legal strategies through a formal report and presentation.

This experience ensures students graduate with practical expertise in nonprofit law, legal advocacy, and organizational governance.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Gain expertise in legal theory, contract law, and nonprofit governance.
- Develop skills in legal research, advocacy, and compliance within faith-based organizations.
- Apply biblical principles to nonprofit law and legal ethics.
- Conduct research on legal frameworks for non-profit and faith-based entities.
- Implement effective legal strategies for non-profit management, governance, and fundraising.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Non-Profit Legal Counsel	$60,000 - $120,000
Non-Profit Organization Director	$55,000 - $110,000
Compliance Officer (Non-Profit)	$65,000 - $120,000
Legal Advisor for Religious Organizations	$70,000 - $130,000
Corporate Governance Consultant	$75,000 - $140,000