

Bachelor of Science in Journalism - Minor in Religious Studies

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)



Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Journalism at HBI University provides students with a research-driven approach to news reporting, fact-based storytelling, and ethical journalism. The program prepares students to analyze media trends, conduct investigative reporting, and develop journalistic content that integrates integrity and accuracy in public narratives. Students will gain expertise in data journalism, media ethics, and digital storytelling.

The Minor in Religious Studies complements the program by exploring the intersection between media and faith, analyzing religious perspectives, and addressing ethical dilemmas in religious reporting. Graduates will be prepared for careers in media organizations, religious journalism, and cultural reporting.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in journalism
- 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 Journalism Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
JRN 301	Journalism and Scientific Inquiry	3
JRN 302	Research Methods in Journalism	3
JRN 303	News Writing for Science and Religion	3
JRN 304	Data Journalism and Media Analytics	3
JRN 305	Investigative Journalism and Ethics	3
JRN 306	Digital Storytelling and Multimedia Reporting	3
JRN 307	Fact-Checking and Media Integrity	3
JRN 308	Public Affairs and Religious Journalism	3
JRN 309	Social Media Strategy for Journalists	3
JRN 310	Media Law and Ethics	3
JRN 311	Crisis Communication and Public Relations	3
JRN 312	Journalism and the Role of Faith in Society	3
JRN 313	Media and Religion in the Digital Age	3
JRN 314	Christian Perspectives in Journalism	3

JRN 315	Interfaith Reporting and Global Issues	3
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Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC 301	Journalism and Faith-Based Reporting	3
ELEC 302	Religious Ethics in Media	3
ELEC 303	Global Perspectives in Religious Journalism	3
ELEC 304	Digital Storytelling in Religious Media	3
ELEC 305	Interfaith Dialogue and Media Communication	3

Minor in Religious Studies (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
RS 401	Foundations of Religious Studies	3
RS 402	Comparative Religion and Global Perspectives	3
RS 403	Ethical and Moral Issues in Religion	3
RS 404	The Role of Media in Religious Movements	3
RS 405	Faith-Based Journalism and Communication	3

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project in journalism integrates investigative reporting and religious studies research. Students will:

- Develop an in-depth investigative report on a religious or ethical issue.
- Create a documentary or digital media series analyzing faith in contemporary journalism.
- Engage in research on media influence in religious discourse.
- Present a final academic paper and media project to faculty and media professionals.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Analyze and report on religious and ethical topics with accuracy and integrity.
- Utilize investigative techniques to uncover hidden narratives in religious and cultural reporting.

- Apply data journalism methods to faith-based storytelling and global media trends.
- Engage in responsible and ethical journalism practices within religious studies.
- Lead media initiatives that promote faith-based discourse in public communication.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Investigative Journalist	\$50,000 - \$110,000
Religious Correspondent	\$45,000 - \$95,000
Media and Ethics Consultant	\$55,000 - \$100,000
Public Policy and Communications Analyst	\$60,000 - \$110,000
Interfaith Media Strategist	\$50,000 - \$105,000