

**Ph.D. in Sociology,
Minor in Faith-Based Social Change and Policy Reform
HBI University**

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105 (including minor)



Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology at HBIU University is designed to develop advanced scholars who are equipped for high-level research, leadership, and practical application in the field of sociology. This program offers a deep dive into sociological theory, social structures, inequality, social change, and policy development. By blending both theoretical and applied aspects, students will engage in critical research on various societal issues, including poverty, education, race and ethnicity, gender, and social justice. Graduates will be prepared for careers in academia, public policy, social research, and leadership roles in both governmental and nonprofit organizations.

The Minor in Faith-Based Social Change and Policy Reform specialization focuses on integrating faith-based values with sociological principles to promote social justice and transformative change. This specialization examines the role of religious organizations and faith communities in advocating for social change, policy reform, and community empowerment. Students will explore topics such as faith-driven social justice, the ethical dimensions of policy-making, religious responses to societal inequalities, and how faith communities can foster reform at the grassroots level. This minor equips students to work in social advocacy, policy-making, and community development, with a focus on faith-based initiatives that drive meaningful societal change.

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
GEN 101	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
GEN 102	Research and Information Literacy	3
GEN 103	Ethics and Social Responsibility	3
GEN 104	Statistical Methods for Research	3
GEN 105	Leadership and Strategic Planning	3
GEN 106	Global Perspectives and Cultural Awareness	3
GEN 107	Philosophical Foundations of Inquiry	3
GEN 108	Technology and Data Analysis	3
GEN 109	Organizational Behavior and Change	3
GEN 110	Public Policy and Governance	3

Core Foundational Courses (23 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PH.D 701	Advanced Theories in the Field	3
PH.D 702	Applied Research Methods	3
PH.D 703	Leadership and Ethics	3
PH.D 704	Strategic Decision Making	3
PH.D 705	Policy and Governance	3
PH.D 706	Innovation in the Field	3
PH.D 707	Case Study Analysis	2
PH.D 708	Capstone in the Field	3

Minor in Faith-Based Social Change and Policy Reform (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
MINO 701	Introduction to the Minor Field	3
MINO 702	Ethics and Best Practices	3
MINO 703	Case Studies and Applications	3
MINO 704	Policy and Governance in the Minor	3
MINO 705	Capstone Project in the Minor	3

Program Outcomes

- Conduct advanced research in ph.d. in sociology.
- Develop expertise in minor in faith-based social change and policy reform and its applications.
- Lead policy, research, and practical implementation in the field.
- Contribute to academic and industry advancements.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
University Professor	\$80,000 - \$140,000
Policy Analyst	\$85,000 - \$135,000
Research Director	\$90,000 - \$150,000
Government Advisor	\$100,000 - \$160,000
Non-Profit Executive	\$75,000 - \$140,000