

Associate in Criminal Justice

Specialization in Faith-Based Restorative Justice and Advocacy

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 75 hours (including 15 minor credit hours)

Program Description

The Associate in Criminal Justice program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Restorative Justice and Advocacy prepares students to approach the justice system through the lens of compassion, reconciliation, and ethical responsibility. This program equips students with the knowledge and skills to work in criminal justice fields while promoting restorative practices, advocacy for the marginalized, and the application of biblical principles in pursuing justice.

Students will explore topics such as restorative justice theory, community engagement, and policy reform. They will learn to foster healing and accountability in the justice process, assisting individuals, families, and communities affected by crime and incarceration.

Graduates may pursue roles in criminal justice agencies, advocacy organizations, ministry-based reentry programs, or continue their education in criminology, social work, or public administration.

General Education Courses (15 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 Psychology	3
GEN 105	Introduction to Sociology	3

Core Criminal Justice Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CRJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3

CRJ 202	Policing and Community Relations	3
CRJ 203	Courts and the Judicial Process	3
CRJ 204	Corrections and Reentry	3
CRJ 205	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CRJ 206	Restorative Justice Principles	3
CRJ 207	Advocacy for Victims and Offenders	3
CRJ 208	Ethics and Leadership in Justice Settings	3
CRJ 209	Public Policy and Criminal Justice Reform	3
CRJ 210	Criminal Justice Capstone and Internship	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CRJ 301	Trauma-Informed Care in Justice Settings	3
CRJ 302	Juvenile Justice and Youth Advocacy	3
CRJ 303	Faith-Based Approaches to Conflict Resolution	3
CRJ 304	Prison Ministry and Reentry Support	3
CRJ 305	Cultural Competence in Criminal Justice	3

Minor in Faith-Based Restorative Justice and Advocacy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
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FRJ 401	Biblical Foundations of Justice and Reconciliation	3
FRJ 402	Ministry and Advocacy in Justice Settings	3
FRJ 403	Faith-Based Policy Reform and Community Engagement	3
FRJ 404	Theology of Mercy, Accountability, and Healing	3
FRJ 405	Restorative Practices in Faith-Based Communities	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Restorative Justice and Advocacy allows students to develop a policy proposal, community engagement strategy, or support program that aligns justice principles with Christian values. Example projects include:

- Designing a restorative justice training program for faith leaders.
- Creating a reentry support network for formerly incarcerated individuals.
- Drafting a policy brief advocating for criminal justice reform from a faith-based perspective.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Demonstrate a deep understanding of the criminal justice system and restorative justice principles.
- Advocate for systemic change and community healing from a biblical perspective.
- Assist individuals and communities in navigating challenges related to crime, incarceration, and reentry.
- Integrate ethical leadership with compassionate service in justice settings.
- Pursue careers or further education in criminal justice, advocacy, and public service.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
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Victim Advocate	\$44,000 - \$60,000
Restorative Justice Coordinator	\$45,000 - \$62,000
Community Engagement Specialist	\$43,000 - \$59,000
Faith-Based Reentry Program Coordinator	\$42,000 - \$58,000
Policy and Advocacy Assistant	\$47,000 - \$63,000