

**PhD in Arts in Investigative Journalism,
Minor in Christian Investigative Reporting
HBI University**

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 105



Program Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Arts in Investigative Journalism at HBIU University is designed to develop highly skilled researchers and leaders in the field of investigative journalism. This program combines theoretical study with practical skills to equip students with advanced investigative techniques, ethical considerations, and in-depth reporting strategies. Students will explore topics such as data journalism, freedom of the press, legal and ethical issues in investigative reporting, and the role of investigative journalism in holding power accountable. Graduates will be prepared for high-level roles in media organizations, academia, and public policy, contributing to the ongoing evolution of investigative journalism.

The Minor in Christian Investigative Reporting specialization focuses on integrating Christian ethical principles into investigative journalism practices. This specialization covers topics such as ethical dilemmas in investigative reporting, uncovering social injustices through a faith-based lens, and the role of investigative journalism in promoting social good within faith communities. Students will gain specialized skills in conducting investigations that reflect Christian values of truth, justice, and accountability. This minor prepares students to work in Christian media

outlets, religious organizations, and faith-based advocacy, ensuring that their investigative reporting upholds high moral and ethical standards.

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)

Core Foundational Courses (60 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	Crisis and Risk Management	3
PH.D 707	Innovation in the Field	3
PH.D 708	Global Perspectives	3
PH.D 709	Case Study Analysis	3
PH.D 710	Capstone in the Field	3

Minor in Christian Investigative Reporting (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

Research, Dissertation, and Defense (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
DISR 801	Research Methods in Human Resources	3
DISR 802	Theoretical Frameworks in HR Research	3
DISR 803	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	3
DISR 804	Dissertation Proposal Development	3
DISR 805	Data Collection and Analysis	3
DISR 806	Dissertation Writing: Literature Review	3
DISR 807	Dissertation Writing: Methodology	3
DISR 808	Dissertation Writing: Findings and Analysis	3
DISR 809	Dissertation Defense Preparation	3
DISR 810	Final Dissertation Defense	3

Program Outcomes

- Conduct advanced research in phd in arts in investigative journalism.
- Develop expertise in minor in christian investigative reporting 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)
HR Director (Corporate/Non-Profit)	\$90,000 - \$160,000
Organizational Development Consultant	\$85,000 - \$150,000
Talent Acquisition Specialist	\$75,000 - \$130,000
University Professor (HRM)	\$80,000 - \$140,000
HR Policy Analyst	\$85,000 - \$135,000
Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO)	\$120,000 - \$250,000