

Associate in Religious Law

Specialization in Faith-Based Religious Law and Policy

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 60 hours (including 15 credit specialization hours)

Program Description

The Associate in Religious Law program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Religious Law and Policy at HBI University provides students with a foundational understanding of legal systems, religious freedoms, and governance as they relate to ministry, nonprofit leadership, and faith-based institutions. Students will gain insight into how biblical values intersect with legal frameworks, public policy, and institutional protections for faith organizations.

This program is ideal for those seeking to serve in ministry leadership, nonprofit management, or advocacy roles where legal and ethical decision-making are critical. Students will explore church law, U.S. legal systems, human rights, religious liberties, nonprofit compliance, and biblical ethics in law.

Graduates will be prepared to support churches, Christian schools, and faith-based nonprofits with legal literacy, compliance training, policy advocacy, and spiritually grounded legal consulting.

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 Religious Law Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LAW 201	Foundations of American Legal Systems	3

LAW 202	Church and Ministry Law	3
LAW 203	Contracts, Torts, and Legal Procedures	3
LAW 204	Legal Research and Writing	3
LAW 205	Religious Liberties and Civil Rights	3
LAW 206	Law and Ethics in Biblical Perspective	3
LAW 207	Public Policy and Faith-Based Advocacy	3
LAW 208	Human Rights and Global Justice	3
LAW 209	Nonprofit Compliance and Governance	3
LAW 210	Christian Legal Thought and Theology	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LAW 301	Ethics in Ministry Leadership	3
LAW 302	International Religious Freedom	3
LAW 303	Legal Issues in Christian Education	3
LAW 304	Dispute Resolution and Peacemaking	3
LAW 305	Faith-Based Legal Consulting Skills	3

Specialization in Faith-Based Religious Law and Policy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
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FRL 401	Church Governance and Bylaw Development	3
FRL 402	Faith and Constitutional Interpretation	3
FRL 403	Legal Protection for Faith-Based Organizations	3
FRL 404	Christian Social Justice and Public Engagement	3
FRL 405	Religious Policy, Politics, and Prophetic Witness	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Religious Law and Policy allows students to apply their legal knowledge in service to the faith community. Students may:

- Develop legal guides for churches or Christian schools.
- Assist in a mock legal advocacy campaign for religious freedom.
- Intern at a legal nonprofit or church legal office.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Demonstrate foundational legal knowledge through a biblical worldview.
- Understand and interpret legal challenges facing religious institutions.
- Apply faith-based ethics in legal decision-making and leadership.
- Support churches and ministries in navigating legal systems.
- Advocate for justice and religious freedom through education and service.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Legal Compliance Officer (Nonprofit)	\$45,000 - \$65,000
Religious Rights Advocate	\$46,000 - \$70,000
Church and Ministry Legal Consultant	\$48,000 - \$72,000
Christian School Legal Administrator	\$42,000 - \$60,000
Policy and Advocacy Assistant (Faith-Based)	\$40,000 - \$58,000