Doctor of Journalism, Minor in Religious Studies

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 Years

Total Credit Hours: 105

Program Description

The Doctor of Journalism with a Minor in Religious Studies provides students with a terminal-level education combining innovation, academic excellence, and spiritual grounding. This program delivers extensive leadership development, research training, and ministry integration through interdisciplinary coursework and field engagement.

Graduates are equipped to lead institutions and initiatives that serve communities with compassion and skill. Throughout the program, students will explore culturally relevant, faith-anchored approaches to real-world challenges.

The faith-based minor ensures students develop specific expertise in applying their leadership and scholarly vision within spiritual contexts.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree from accredited institution
- GPA of 3.5 or higher
- CV or résumé
- Statement of purpose outlining faith and professional goals
- 3 academic or professional letters of recommendation
- Interview with faculty (if required)

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FND 800	Policy and Practice in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 801	Global Issues in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 802	Community Engagement in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 803	Innovation and Technology in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 804	Leadership in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 805	Capstone Project in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 806	Advanced Theories in Doctor of Journalism	3

FND 807	Quantitative Analysis for Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 808	Cultural Competency in Doctor of Journalism	3
FND 809	Ethical Frameworks in Doctor of Journalism	3

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
COR 800	Innovation and Technology in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 801	Policy and Practice in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 802	Community Engagement in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 803	Leadership in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 804	Ethical Frameworks in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 805	Advanced Theories in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 806	Capstone Project in Doctor of Journalism	3
COR 807	Cultural Competency in Doctor of Journalism	3

Minor Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
MIN 800	Advanced Theories in Minor in Religious Studies	3
MIN 801	Global Issues in Minor in Religious Studies	3
MIN 802	Quantitative Analysis for Minor in Religious Studies	3
MIN 803	Ethical Frameworks in Minor in Religious Studies	3
MIN 804	Capstone Project in Minor in Religious Studies	3

Additional Elective Courses (Not Included in Total Credits)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELE 800	Cultural Competency in Doctor of Journalism	3
ELE 801	Capstone Project in Doctor of Journalism	3
ELE 802	Advanced Theories in Doctor of Journalism	3

ELE 803	Policy and Practice in Doctor of Journalism	3
ELE 804	Ethical Frameworks in Doctor of Journalism	3

Practicum Experience

The practicum in the Doctor of Journalism allows students to bridge theory and real-world practice through supervised ministry, nonprofit, or leadership service. Students will work with institutions or communities related to their concentration.

Practicum Requirements:
- 600 hours of supervised placement
- Reflective journal and field evaluation
- Final practicum presentation and report
- Faculty-reviewed documentation

Doctoral Dissertation Requirements

The dissertation in the Doctor of Journalism requires independent research that aligns academic rigor with ministry values. Students will design, execute, and defend a project that contributes knowledge to their field and addresses spiritual or community-based challenges.

Requirements:
- Formal research proposal and literature review
- Ethical approval and methodology section
- Field research and data collection
- 100–150 page dissertation manuscript
- Oral defense before committee

Program Outcomes

- Lead in global and faith-based sectors in doctor of journalism
- Mentor others through scholarship and spiritual guidance
- Conduct advanced interdisciplinary research
- Design innovative models for ethical leadership
- Integrate faith and action in career settings

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Doctor of Journalism Professor	$90,000 – $140,000
Doctor of Journalism Director	$100,000 – $160,000
Doctor of Journalism Strategist	$95,000 – $155,000
Doctor of Journalism Researcher	$85,000 – $145,000
Doctor of Journalism Ministry Consultant	$80,000 – $130,000

Dissertation Outline

#	Section	Details
1	Introduction	• Introduce research question and study relevance
2	Literature Review	• Summarize key scholarship and theological perspectives
3	Methodology	• Explain the research model and approach
4	Results	• Present findings with charts, graphs, or narratives
5	Discussion	• Theologically analyze results and practical implications
6	Conclusion	• Offer final reflections and recommendations
7	References and Appendices	• Include bibliography and research tools