

Bachelor in African Studies - Minor in Faith-Based Cultural Preservation and Advocacy

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 years

Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)



Program Description

The Bachelor in African Studies at HBI University offers students a deep understanding of Africa's history, politics, cultures, and global influence. This interdisciplinary program provides a foundation in African civilizations, governance, social movements, and cultural expressions. Students will develop expertise in research, policy analysis, and advocacy for African heritage and contemporary issues.

The Minor in Faith-Based Cultural Preservation and Advocacy complements this program by integrating religious and ethical perspectives into the study of African traditions and cultural sustainability. Students will explore how faith-based initiatives contribute to heritage preservation, social justice, and advocacy for African communities.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in African Studies
- Two letters of recommendation

- Resume (if applicable)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

General Education Courses (30 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 Philosophy	3
GEN 105	Introduction to World Religions	3
GEN 106	Public Speaking and Communication	3
GEN 107	Ethics and Critical Thinking	3
GEN 108	Research Methods	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Cross-Cultural Communication	3

Core African Studies Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
AFS 201	Introduction to African Studies	3
AFS 202	African History and Civilization	3
AFS 203	African Political Systems and Governance	3
AFS 204	African Diaspora and Global Influence	3
AFS 205	Economic Development in Africa	3
AFS 206	Traditional African Religions and Spirituality	3
AFS 207	Colonialism and Post-Colonial Africa	3
AFS 208	African Literature and Oral Traditions	3
AFS 209	Contemporary Social Issues in Africa	3
AFS 210	African Art, Music, and Cultural Expression	3
AFS 211	Human Rights and Social Justice in Africa	3

AFS 212	Pan-Africanism and Liberation Movements	3
AFS 213	African Languages and Linguistics	3
AFS 214	Research Methods in African Studies	3
AFS 215	Sustainability and Environmental Issues in Africa	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC 301	Women and Gender in African Society	3
ELEC 302	African Philosophy and Religious Thought	3
ELEC 303	Faith-Based Humanitarian Efforts in Africa	3
ELEC 304	African Media and Representation in Global Discourse	3
ELEC 305	Spirituality and Social Change in Africa	3

Minor in Faith-Based Cultural Preservation and Advocacy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FCP 401	Faith and Cultural Identity in Africa	3
FCP 402	Religious Influence on African Cultural Traditions	3
FCP 403	Faith-Based Advocacy for African Heritage	3
FCP 404	Preserving Indigenous Knowledge and Faith Practices	3
FCP 405	Christian Missions and Cultural Sensitivity	3

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project in African Studies allows students to apply research and advocacy skills to contemporary African cultural and social issues. Students will:

- Develop a faith-based initiative for cultural preservation in an African community.
- Conduct research on the role of religion in African heritage conservation.

- Create a policy brief on faith-driven cultural advocacy.
- Present their findings through a research paper and strategic advocacy plan.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Master historical, political, and social aspects of African studies.
- Integrate faith-based perspectives into cultural preservation and advocacy.
- Develop strategies for nonprofit and policy initiatives in African communities.
- Utilize research methods to assess heritage conservation challenges.
- Lead initiatives for cultural awareness and sustainable development in Africa.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Cultural Preservation Specialist	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Faith-Based Advocacy Coordinator	\$45,000 - \$90,000
International Development Consultant	\$55,000 - \$115,000
Nonprofit Program Director for Africa-Focused Initiatives	\$50,000 - \$110,000
African Studies Researcher	\$55,000 - \$120,000