

Associate in International Relations

Specialization in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

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

Program Description

The Associate in International Relations program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy prepares students to lead and serve on the global stage through a Christian worldview. Students explore the intersection of international affairs, diplomacy, global justice, and faith-based humanitarian initiatives.

This interdisciplinary program equips learners to understand global systems, cultural engagement, and political dynamics while integrating principles of biblical justice, peacemaking, and service. It is ideal for those called to international missions, ministry development, global nonprofit work, or Christian diplomacy.

Graduates will be equipped to support global peacebuilding, serve with international faith-based organizations, or pursue advanced education in international relations, global studies, or theology.

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy allows students to complete a hands-on global engagement project or ministry initiative. Students may:

- Design a peacebuilding plan for a region in crisis.
- Develop a missions strategy that addresses sustainable development.
- Create a proposal for a faith-based diplomacy initiative in partnership with an international ministry.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Understand global political, economic, and social systems through a Christian worldview.
- Support international missions and humanitarian aid with ethical integrity.
- Engage in cross-cultural communication and diplomacy with cultural sensitivity.
- Integrate biblical justice and mercy in global policy and peacemaking.

- Lead and serve in international ministries, nonprofits, and global development roles.

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 International Relations Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
INT 201	Introduction to International Relations	3
INT 202	Comparative Political Systems	3
INT 203	Global Issues and Ethics	3
INT 204	Human Rights and International Law	3
INT 205	Cultural Diplomacy and Communication	3
INT 206	International Organizations and Policy	3
INT 207	Peace and Conflict Studies	3
INT 208	Sustainable Development and Justice	3
INT 209	Global Economics for Ministry Contexts	3
INT 210	Research Methods in Global Studies	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
INT 301	Cross-Cultural Ministry and Mission	3
INT 302	Nonprofit Management and International Aid	3
INT 303	Environmental Stewardship and Global Ethics	3
INT 304	Christianity and World Religions	3
INT 305	Advocacy and Public Engagement	3

Specialization in Faith-Based Global Development and Diplomacy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FGD 401	Biblical Foundations for Justice and Peacemaking	3
FGD 402	Faith-Based Diplomacy and Global Engagement	3
FGD 403	Strategic Planning for Global Missions and Development	3
FGD 404	Leading Humanitarian Outreach in Faith Contexts	3
FGD 405	Global Christian Leadership and Negotiation	3

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Faith-Based Diplomatic Liaison	\$50,000 - \$68,000
International Ministry Project Coordinator	\$48,000 - \$65,000

Global Missions Strategist	\$45,000 - \$62,000
Policy and Advocacy Officer for NGOs	\$47,000 - \$66,000
International Development Officer (Faith-Based)	\$52,000 - \$70,000