

Associate in Archaeology

Specialization in Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

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

Program Description

The Associate in Archaeology program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation introduces students to the field of archaeology through both scientific methods and a biblical worldview. Students explore ancient civilizations, artifact analysis, and cultural landscapes while considering how faith traditions shape historical understanding and ethical stewardship.

The program emphasizes preservation of sacred sites, religious artifacts, and cultural memory through Christian ethics and missional engagement. Learners will gain practical skills in fieldwork, historical interpretation, and museum studies alongside spiritual insights into honoring legacy and heritage.

Graduates may work with museums, ministries, cultural preservation initiatives, or pursue further education in archaeology, anthropology, or biblical history.

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 Archaeology Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ARC 201	Introduction to Archaeology	3

ARC 202	Survey of Ancient Civilizations	3
ARC 203	Biblical Archaeology and Sacred Sites	3
ARC 204	Field Methods and Excavation Techniques	3
ARC 205	Cultural Anthropology and Interpretation	3
ARC 206	Historical Geography of the Biblical World	3
ARC 207	Artifact Conservation and Museum Studies	3
ARC 208	Indigenous Cultures and Faith Contexts	3
ARC 209	Digital Tools in Archaeological Research	3
ARC 210	Capstone in Cultural Heritage Preservation	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ARC 301	Ancient Languages and Scriptural Translation	3
ARC 302	Christian Ethics in Archaeological Practice	3
ARC 303	Faith and Memory: Pilgrimage and Cultural Identity	3
ARC 304	Religious Art and Iconography	3
ARC 305	Global Missions and Cultural Intelligence	3

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

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CHP 401	Theology of Memory and Sacred Space	3
CHP 402	Ministry through Cultural Restoration	3
CHP 403	Storytelling and Oral Tradition in Faith Communities	3
CHP 404	Church Involvement in Heritage Projects	3
CHP 405	Case Studies in Faith-Based Preservation	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Cultural Heritage Preservation gives students an opportunity to apply their archaeological knowledge and faith principles to a real-world project.

Examples include:

- Designing a church-based cultural heritage exhibit.
- Developing an educational outreach program about biblical sites.
- Partnering with a mission to digitally archive endangered religious artifacts.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Demonstrate foundational knowledge in archaeology and cultural studies.
- Apply biblical ethics to the protection and interpretation of heritage.
- Support churches and ministries in historical and cultural education.
- Contribute to preservation efforts in faith-based and academic contexts.
- Be prepared for transfer to bachelor's programs or cultural sector careers.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
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Archaeological Field Technician	\$38,000 - \$50,000
Museum or Cultural Program Assistant	\$39,000 - \$52,000
Heritage Preservation Coordinator	\$41,000 - \$55,000
Biblical Site Tour Facilitator or Research Assistant	\$40,000 - \$54,000
Faith-Based Cultural Outreach Coordinator	\$42,000 - \$57,000