

## Master in Political Science - Minor in Faith-Based Governance and Civic Engagement

### HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including 15 credit hours for minor)



### Program Description

The Master in Political Science at HBI University prepares students for careers in government, policymaking, research, and civic leadership by integrating political theory, comparative government, public administration, and policy analysis. This program equips students with the skills needed to analyze governance systems, influence policy, and engage in public affairs.

The Minor in Faith-Based Governance and Civic Engagement offers a specialized focus on the intersection of faith, politics, and governance. Students will explore the role of religion in public policy, ethical leadership in governance, and the influence of faith communities on civic engagement.

This 69-credit hour program includes 30 credit hours of foundational political science courses, 24 credit hours of core governance and policy analysis training, 15 credit hours in Faith-Based Governance and Civic Engagement, elective coursework, a supervised practicum, and a research-based master's thesis or capstone project.

### Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in political science, public administration, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty or government professionals
- Statement of purpose outlining career goals in political science and faith-based governance
- Writing sample (policy analysis, government research, or legislative study)
- Interview with faculty committee (if required)

## Practicum Requirement

Students must complete a 300-hour supervised practicum in government agencies, faith-based policy organizations, civic engagement initiatives, or nonprofit advocacy groups. Practicum placements include state and federal government offices, faith-based lobbying organizations, and policy research think tanks.

## Master's Thesis / Capstone Project

Students are required to complete either a research-based master's thesis on faith-based policy-making, religious influence in government, or ethical leadership or develop a capstone project focusing on a civic engagement initiative through a faith-based organization.

## Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Analyze and evaluate political systems and policies through ethical and faith-based lenses.
- Develop and implement policy strategies that align with faith-based governance principles.
- Engage in political advocacy, civic leadership, and public administration.
- Apply ethical frameworks in governance, public service, and community engagement.
- Examine the historical and contemporary role of faith in shaping public policy.

## Career Outcomes & Potential Salary

- Political Analyst – \$65,000 - \$140,000
- Public Policy Advisor – \$70,000 - \$150,000
- Faith-Based Lobbyist – \$60,000 - \$125,000
- Civic Engagement Director – \$55,000 - \$120,000
- Legislative Affairs Coordinator (Faith-Based Organizations) – \$75,000 - \$145,000

## Advocacy and Professional Development

Students are encouraged to join organizations such as:

- American Political Science Association
- Center for Public Justice
- National Faith & Public Policy Network
- Council on Faith & Politics

Participation in government policy summits, interfaith political engagement conferences, and civic leadership training programs is highly recommended.

## Course Breakdown (Total: 69 Credit Hours)

### A. Foundational Political Science Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
POL-101	Political Theory & Government Structures	3
POL-102	Comparative Politics & Global Governance	3

POL-103	Constitutional Law & Civil Rights	3
POL-104	Public Administration & Policy Analysis	3
POL-105	Ethics & Leadership in Public Service	3
POL-106	Political Campaigns & Electoral Systems	3
POL-107	Legislative & Judicial Processes	3
POL-108	Research Methods in Political Science	3
POL-109	Public Opinion & Political Behavior	3
POL-110	The Role of Faith in Political Movements	3

#### **B. Core Governance and Policy Analysis Training (24 Credit Hours)**

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
POL-201	Government & Nonprofit Relations	3
POL-202	Civic Engagement & Grassroots Mobilization	3
POL-203	Religion & Public Policy	3
POL-204	Global Human Rights & Faith-Based Advocacy	3
POL-205	Social Justice & Legislative Reform	3
POL-206	Campaign Strategies & Political Communication	3
POL-207	Leadership in Faith-Based Political Organizations	3
POL-208	Supervised Political Science Practicum	3

#### **C. Faith-Based Governance and Civic Engagement Minor (15 Credit Hours)**

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FBGC-301	Christian Perspectives on Government & Law	3
FBGC-302	The Church's Role in Civic Engagement	3
FBGC-303	Faith-Based Advocacy & Political Ethics	3
FBGC-304	Interfaith Policy Collaboration	3

FBGC-305	Faith, Democracy, & Public Service	3
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#### D. Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC-501	Media & Politics in Faith-Based Communities	3
ELEC-502	International Relations & Faith-Based Diplomacy	3
ELEC-503	Grassroots Political Movements & Social Change	3