

Associate in Legal Studies

Specialization in Faith-Based Advocacy and Human Rights

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

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

Program Description

The Associate in Legal Studies program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Advocacy and Human Rights prepares students to navigate legal systems, understand civil liberties, and promote justice from a Christian worldview. The program blends foundational legal education with courses that emphasize advocacy, social ethics, and ministry-based legal service.

Students will explore constitutional law, legal writing, dispute resolution, and faith-rooted approaches to advocacy. Emphasis is placed on serving marginalized communities and defending human dignity in alignment with biblical principles of justice and reconciliation.

Graduates may pursue further education or entry-level roles in legal aid, public service, advocacy organizations, or faith-based justice initiatives.

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Advocacy and Human Rights enables students to create an advocacy campaign, draft a legal proposal, or develop a community justice project. Students may:

- Advocate for policy change aligned with Christian justice values.
- Partner with ministries to create legal support resources.
- Develop a training guide for faith leaders on human rights engagement.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Understand foundational legal concepts and their societal impact.
- Promote justice and human rights through biblical advocacy.
- Serve in support roles in legal ministries and nonprofit legal teams.
- Apply Christian ethics to public service and conflict resolution.
- Equip churches and communities to engage in justice-oriented initiatives.

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 Legal Studies Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
LGL 201	Introduction to Legal Systems	3
LGL 202	Legal Research and Writing	3
LGL 203	Civil and Criminal Law Fundamentals	3
LGL 204	Constitutional Law and Government	3
LGL 205	Ethics in Law and Society	3
LGL 206	Human Rights and Social Justice Law	3
LGL 207	Contracts and Legal Obligations	3
LGL 208	Administrative Law and Policy	3
LGL 209	Legal Procedures and Court Systems	3
LGL 210	Conflict Resolution and Mediation	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
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LGL 301	Nonprofit Law and Advocacy	3
LGL 302	Faith and Political Engagement	3
LGL 303	Communication and Legal Persuasion	3
LGL 304	Restorative Justice in Ministry Contexts	3
LGL 305	Global Justice Movements and Christianity	3

Specialization in Faith-Based Advocacy and Human Rights (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FLA 401	Theology of Justice and Advocacy	3
FLA 402	Advocacy for Vulnerable Populations	3
FLA 403	Church and Civic Engagement for Human Rights	3
FLA 404	Legal Discipleship and Ministry-Based Advocacy	3
FLA 405	Capstone: Advocacy Project or Faith-Based Legal Case	3

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Legal Assistant in Faith-Based Organizations	\$42,000 - \$55,000
Justice Ministry Program Coordinator	\$44,000 - \$60,000
Human Rights Advocacy Associate	\$45,000 - \$62,000
Nonprofit Policy and Legal Support Staff	\$43,000 - \$58,000

Restorative Justice or Legal Education Facilitator	\$46,000 - \$63,000
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