Educational Objectives

Biola University seeks to instruct Christian men and women in order to produce graduates who are:

- Competent in their field of study;
- Knowledgeable in biblical studies;
- Earnest Christians equipped to serve the Christian community and society at large.

With particular reference to the undergraduate programs, the intention of the university is to seek to produce a graduate who is:

1. Broadly educated in the arts and sciences with a biblical perspective as the foundation.
   a. One who has broad exposure to the ideas that have shaped humankind's thinking.
   b. One who knows how to use reasoning processes: who can use the processes of investigation; who can reason logically; who recognizes that humankind cannot rely on reason and experience alone but must also exercise faith.
   c. One who has a well conceived system of values and beliefs which are biblically based and which mediate behavior.
   d. One who can articulate his/her values and beliefs.
   e. One who understands and appreciates ethnic, cultural, and gender differences.
   f. One who understands himself/herself, has a good self-image, and is striving to realize his/her potential.
   g. One who understands the various creative expressions of humankind's ideas and feelings in art, drama, music, and literature.

2. Competent in his/her major.
   a. One who is competently prepared for service in those programs that lead directly to a vocation or profession.
   b. One who is thoroughly prepared for graduate study in those programs where graduate degrees are offered.

   a. One who has a clear understanding of the content of the Bible commensurate in units with an undergraduate major.
   b. One who has integrated biblical thought into his/her major fields of interest.

4. Able through his/her vocation, church, and community to make distinctive contributions to humankind and to enhance the well-being of those whom and with whom he/she serves.
   a. One who has developed and maintained high moral standards for his/her own benefit and in order that he/she might serve as a wholesome example and leader.
   b. One who expresses through his/her life a clear commitment to Christ, who is able openly and wisely to share both his/her knowledge of the Bible and his/her commitment to Christ with others, and who demonstrates Christian love toward others.
   c. One who is prepared to fulfill Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations.
   d. One who is sensitive to the total needs of his/her fellow human beings and who is equipped to contribute to the meeting of those needs.
   e. One who holds to the conviction that the Christian is to be a good citizen of the State, one who respects authority, submits to the laws of the land, and seeks constructive change through legal channels.