

Master of Arts in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages .....	8
Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics.....	6
Doctor of Missiology .....	0
Doctor of Philosophy .....	6
<i>Rosemead School of Psychology</i>	
Master of Arts.....	22
Doctor of Psychology.....	12
Doctor of Philosophy .....	7
<b>Graduate Programs Total.....</b>	<b>358</b>
<b>Grand Total .....</b>	<b>1,052</b>

### Graduation Rate Disclosure

Of the full-time, degree-seeking, first-time freshmen who entered Biola University in Fall 2000 and three years prior, the average graduation rate for the three years of cohort classes is 68.3%. This graduation rate is used to estimate the number of graduates from the incoming freshmen class who may complete their degrees. Some of our undergraduate major programs, which contain our largest enrollments, are longer programs that may take five or more years to complete.

## Academic & Behavioral Standards

### Statement of Satisfactory Academic Progress

#### FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Satisfactory academic progress toward a baccalaureate degree as a full-time undergraduate student is obtained by completing 12 or more units per semester or 24 or more units per academic year while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Repeated courses previously passed cannot be counted toward minimum satisfactory academic progress requirements. The student must complete the degree requirements within the period of time required when progressing at the minimum full-time rate. For example, in a program requiring 130 units progressing at 12 units, a student would have 11 semesters to complete the program.

#### FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENTS

Satisfactory academic progress toward a graduate degree as a full-time graduate student is obtained by completing eight or more units per semester or 16 or more units per academic year while maintaining the minimum cumulative GPA specified by the program requirements in which the student is enrolled. Repeated courses previously passed cannot be counted toward minimum satisfactory academic progress requirements. The student must complete the degree requirements within the period of time required when progressing at the minimum full-time rate. For example, in a program requiring 96 units progressing at eight units, a student would have 12 semesters to complete the program. Doctoral students are considered full time for a maximum of two years in the dissertation phase of their program.

#### PART-TIME STUDENTS

Satisfactory academic progress toward a degree for a part-time student is obtained by completing six or more units per semester and maintaining a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 for the undergraduate, and four or more units per semester and maintain the minimum program requirement for the graduate student. Repeated courses previously passed cannot be counted toward minimum satisfactory academic progress requirements. The student must complete the degree requirements within a maximum of three years beyond that required for a full-time student.

#### EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions to these standards are discussed under any applicable degree program.

### Academic Probation

Any student failing to maintain the minimum grade point average required by their academic program as outlined in the Statement of Satisfactory Academic Progress will be placed on academic probation. Should the student not meet the minimum cumulative GPA at the end of two consecutive semesters of academic proba-

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tion, the student will be academically disqualified. Any undergraduate student taking four semester hours or more who receives less than a 1.0 current GPA will be academically disqualified. Graduate students carrying four semester hours or more who receive a 2.0 current GPA or less will be academically disqualified. Students may appeal their academic disqualification by writing to the dean of academic records who will review the appeal with the appropriate faculty committee.

#### **PROBATION REMOVED**

When a student taking six or more units in a fall or spring term (or four or more units for graduate students) raises his or her current and cumulative GPA to the program minimum required GPA or higher, "Probation Removed" is placed on the transcript.

#### **APPEALS**

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Registrar and must include explanation of why minimum academic requirements were not met and why an exception is warranted. Appeals must be received within three weeks of notification that the student is on academic probation or has failed to meet academic probationary requirements. Appeals which cannot be resolved with the Office of the Registrar will be referred to the Academic Standards Committee or the appropriate graduate faculty committee.

#### **Financial Aid**

Failure to complete the required units or maintain a GPA as outlined in the Statement of Satisfactory Academic Progress will result in financial aid probationary status. For additional information on Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy see Financial Information Section.

#### **FINANCIAL AID APPEALS**

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Financial Aid Office and must include explanation of why minimum aid requirements were not met and why an exception is warranted. Appeals must be received within three weeks of notification that the student is on financial aid probation or has failed to meet financial aid probationary requirements.

#### **Athletics & Extracurricular Activities**

Students not making satisfactory progress will be considered ineligible for athletic competition and extracurricular activities. The student on academic probation may be allowed to compete or participate upon review by the Academic Standards Committee. Extracurricular activities include: student government, forensic teams, gospel teams, band, chorale, intercollegiate athletics and other faculty sponsored organizations. For appeal procedures, see the appeal procedure outlined under appeals section above.

#### **Academic Integrity**

As a Christian institution, Biola University is especially concerned that sound moral values are practiced in all areas of university life.

Honesty in academic work is essential for personal growth and an ethical life pleasing to God.

Academic dishonesty is considered a serious offense, and will be handled by individual faculty in various ways including lowered grades or possible loss of course credit. The faculty member will work with the Dean for Students to consider further disciplinary action, including dismissal. A full statement concerning academic dishonesty can be found in the Undergraduate Student Handbook.

#### **Fraudulent Records**

The submission, alteration or falsification of transcript(s), record(s), or document(s) may result in denial of admission, disciplinary action or possible dismissal from the institution. In the event that such unethical acts are discovered after the student has discontinued attendance or has graduated from the university, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The former student will be notified that a fraudulent item or alteration has been discovered. This notification may be made in person or sent by mail, posted to the address currently on file in the Office of the Registrar.
2. The student's file will be suspended during the investigation, and documents will not be released during this time.
3. The student will be given 30 days to present evidence that may assist the university in determining whether there was fraud and/or alteration.
4. The university will review the evidence and determine whether the documents in question were fraudulent and/or altered.
5. The student will be notified of the university's decision and may appeal it to the Provost Office within 30 days of the written notice. This notice may be made in person or sent by mail, posted to the address currently on file in the Office of the Registrar. If the evidence indicates that fraudulent or altered transcript(s), record(s) or document(s) were submitted and a degree was granted, such a degree will be rescinded and the student placed on a "dismissed without possibility of re-admittance" status. When possible, any person, employer or agency who was provided a transcript before the fraud or alteration was discovered will be notified that the transcript submitted was erroneous. Even if no degree was granted to the student, this individual will be placed on a "dismissed without possibility of re-admittance" status. In the event the student attended the university on a student visa, the appropriate embassy will be notified.

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## Standards of Conduct

*Biola University is a community of Christians committed to the principles of Christian living found in the Bible and holds that these biblical standards are vital to our individual and corporate relationships. Maintaining these standards contributes to the kind of atmosphere in which quality Christian education and spiritual nurture can best occur, and strengthens the testimony of Biola within both Christian and secular communities. In this light, and given the clear biblical imperative for spiritual self-discipline, the University has established these “standards of conduct” to be observed and upheld, by all members of the Biola community.*

*Consistent with the example and command of Jesus Christ, we believe that life within a Christian community must be lived to the glory of God, with love for God and for our neighbors. Being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, we strive to walk by the Spirit, “crucifying the flesh with its passions and desires” (Galatians 5:24). To this end, members of the Biola community are not to engage in activities which Scripture forbids. Such activities include, but are not limited to, dishonesty, thievery, fornication, adultery, homosexual practice, drunkenness and unscriptural divorce. Scripture also condemns other “deeds of the flesh” such as covetousness, jealousy, pride and lust—sins which the maturing Christian should put off, and replace with “fruit of the spirit”: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (e.g., Luke 10:27; Galatians 2:20, 5:14-24; Ephesians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).*

*As a Christian educational institution, Biola also recognizes the responsibility of its Board of Trustees, faculty and staff to provide examples of maturing Christian character, conduct and attitude to its students and the community at large. Therefore, as maturing Christians, the entire Biola community will strive for the holiness of God (1 Peter 1:13-19), and love Him with all our heart, soul and mind (Matthew 22:37). In addition, we are called to love our friends and neighbors as God has loved us (Matthew 22:39; 1 John 4:7-11). We will achieve this calling by walking by the power of the Holy Spirit and avoiding sins clearly forbidden in Scripture (Galatians 5:16-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 5:1-14). Also, we will pursue the fruit of the Spirit from our Lord and with one another (Galatians 5:22-24).*

*When the Bible is not clear regarding a specific behavior, we will be guided by our desire to glorify God in our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20), and will discern if any of our brothers or sisters in Christ would stumble in their faith (1 Corinthians 8; Romans 14). If our Lord is not glorified or another Christian is harmed or offended by our behavior, then we will freely abstain from that activity, both on and off the campus of Biola. We know that many behaviors are lawful, but not all are profitable (1 Corinthians 10:23-33). Therefore, we will constantly be teachable regarding those activities where the Bible is not clear and will evaluate them in light of our pursuit of holiness and love for our Lord and each other.*

*Students of Biola are expected to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco in any form, and from gambling. Further-*

*more, discernment must be exercised in avoiding all activities that may be spiritually or morally harmful. Individual decisions regarding movies, television programs, all forms of electronic media and other activities are expected to reflect this moral commitment. Biola University does not presume to be a censoring agency for all activities; it does, however, expect tangible evidence of maturing Christian convictions and discerning judgment.*

*In addition, members of the Biola community will observe Sunday as the Lord’s Day and give primary attention to worship, rest, Christian fellowship and recreation, and service.*

These standards apply to the student while enrolled in any of the schools or programs of the University on and off campus. Biola therefore reserves the right to discipline or dismiss any student who, in its judgment, does not conform to these conduct standards or to other expressed principles, policies, programs and expectations of the university governing student conduct.