

Dear Prospective Student,

Did you journey to Narnia? Did you fly back to earth with Superman? Are you waiting for Voldemort's rumored return in the next *Harry Potter*? Each of these blockbuster films touches on the mythic qualities of storytelling, tapping into ultimate questions about life's meaning and purpose.

At Biola's Cinema and Media Arts department, we explore these questions through the lens of the timeless Christian story. We aim to connect Jesus' redemptive presence to the current cultural milieu. In short, we want to raise up the next generation of faith-based storytellers.

To accomplish this task, we want to train the best, brightest, and most ambitious students. The entertainment industry is an incredibly crowded, competitive business that attracts the most creative people from around the globe. To forge a career in Hollywood, students must be prepared to master all kinds of knowledge and expertise. The finest filmmakers and television producers are brilliant writers, gifted artists, and consummate salespeople. Everyday, on the job, they draw upon backgrounds in psychology, history, law and science. A Biola education encompasses the liberal arts but flows out of our foundational touchstone. Our students' training includes grounding in the revelatory and revolutionary power of the Bible.

We also capitalize upon our proximity to Los Angeles via our Studio Task Force. Over one hundred Hollywood professionals contribute their time, talents, and gifts to our program. Students have an opportunity to connect with working pros via internships, mentorships, classes, and special conferences.

We are confident you will find our facilities set the standard among Christian universities. Recent student productions have shot on High Definition and 35mm film and featured Dolby 5.1 sound. We also have a complete three-camera television studio.

Our recent graduates are working on television shows like ABC, *Invasions*, VH-1's *Behind the Music*, and Fox's *24*. Biola Cinema and Media Arts majors have written movies for Jerry Bruckheimer and Martin Scorsese, directed films like *Exorcism of Emily Rose* and *The Day the Earth Stood Still* and managed bands like the Cold War Kids. Biola student films have won awards from the Directors Guild of America and the prestigious Heartland Film Festival. Additionally, they have showcased at the International Film Festival Hollywood, the Temecula Film Festival, the San Francisco Black Film Festival, and the Damah Film Festival among many others. Twenty current Biola students will attend the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah. A dozen students create the Japanese film every other year in Tokyo. Students are currently interning at Fear Factor, *The Simpsons*, Dreamworks, Fox Sports and *Extreme Makeover – House Edition*. We hope and pray you will join the growing ranks of faithful people working and witnessing all across Hollywood.

We're also committed to equipping tomorrow's media savvy ministers. Growing churches are searching for talented people to direct their audio, video and artistic programming. We hope to send our graduates to document what's happening in news, in missions, and in churches across God's colorful kingdom.

In addition, while big budget films continue to be made, a whole new area of small films is being developed for webisodes and mobisodes. At Biola, we are continually experimenting with new formats.

Admission to Biola's Cinema and Media Arts department is highly competitive. A demonstration of your creativity and film knowledge is an essential part of the application process. We want students who are committed to Christ, who are willing to have their faith stretched and their talent expanded. Examine what you offer Biola and the entertainment industry. Carefully consider your passions and calling.

Plan a visit to campus. Schedule a tour of our studio. Clarify your calling to Cinema and Media Arts.

Yours in Christ and cinema,

Jack Hafer, Chair
Cinema and Media Arts Department

Thank you for your interest in the Cinema and Media Arts department at Biola University. The department offers outstanding programs in the areas of film, television, and audio. Due to the high demand for entrance into the Cinema and Media Arts department and the need to coordinate facilities with the number of majors, we regrettably must limit the number of students accepted into this area of study. It is anticipated that less than one half of the applicants will be admitted for the following academic year. Admission to the Cinema and Media Arts Department usually closes after the second Biola early enrollment period.

This admission to Cinema and Media Arts is separate from and contingent upon your admission to Biola University. Admission to Biola University does not guarantee admission into the Cinema and Media Arts department. Applications to the Cinema and Media Arts department will not be considered until after the applicant has been admitted to Biola University. Notification concerning your acceptance to the Cinema and Media Arts department will be processed by groups as listed on the application schedule page.

First complete your application to Biola University. After you have completed your application to Biola University, submit your application to the Cinema and Media Arts department by the appropriate deadline. See the application schedule page.

Your application to the Cinema and Media Arts Department should include the following items:

1. Completed Cinema and Media Arts Application Form.
2. Typed short answers to the questions on the second page of the Application Form.
3. Three references with email addresses.
4. Any examples of your work or accomplishments you would want us to review.

Remember that quantity is not necessarily correlated with quality. We prefer one good example. Please be assured that media production experience is NOT a prerequisite for admission into the Cinema and Media Arts major. Our program will show you how to use the tools. We are more interested in leadership ability, creative thinking, problem solving, dreaming and incredible character. Please note that many of our students also participate in the Torrey Honors Program. Consider applying for this program.

The full department faculty will prayerfully review your application. Notification letters will be sent out by the deadlines listed in the schedule. You will be notified of your acceptance, placement on a waiting list or denial of admission. If you are admitted into the Cinema and Media Arts major, you must confirm your acceptance of this offer by the first of May and meet all enrollment and deposit requirements of Biola University by this date. Failure to do so will forfeit your admission into the Cinema and Media Arts major.

If you agree to be placed on a waiting list you will receive final notification of your status soon after the first of May. If you have any questions about the status of your application, please call the department secretary at 562-777-4052 or write to:

Acceptance Committee
Cinema and Media Arts Department
Biola University
13800 Biola Avenue
La Mirada, CA 90639



CINEMA AND MEDIA ARTS MAJOR APPLICATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Middle: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Best time to contact you: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: M or F Marital Status: Single Married Divorced

I intend to enroll in the following Cinema and Media Arts emphasis: (Circle one.)

Screenwriting

Media Management/Producing

Production: Film

Production: TV

Production: Audio/Radio

Off Hollywood (Church Media & Documentary)

Please list other colleges to which you are applying. _____

How many college semester academic units will you have completed before Fall _____

List Cinema and Media Arts classes you have already taken at other universities _____

Please rank the following tasks using a scale of 1 to 5.

1- Highly Preferred, 2- Preferred, 3- No Opinion, 4- Not Preferred, 5- Least Preferred.

_____ Announcing/Voice Recording

_____ Writing

_____ Organizing the Logistics of a Project

_____ Managing the Budget for a Project

_____ Directing

_____ Acting

_____ Camera Operation

_____ Lighting Design

_____ Audio Recording

_____ Video Editing

_____ Audio Editing

_____ Music Composition

_____ Marketing/Advertising of a Project

_____ Event Promotion/Publicity of a Project

_____ Set Design

_____ Graphics/Special Effects

_____ Ministry Video

_____ Documentary

_____ Webisodes/Mobisodes

_____ Other _____

List any person(s) you know who is (are) affiliated with the Cinema and Media Arts Department or Biola University. _____

Please supply three references who can adequately comment on your character, motivation and professionalism. Include name, email address, and phone number.

	Name	Email Address	Phone Number
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____

SHORT ANSWER ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please thoroughly answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper. These are meant to be short answer questions that help us to get to know you better. Type your answers.

1. Why do you feel you want to pursue a career in the media?
2. Please tell us about your favorite movie and why you consider it to be one of the greatest films of all time.
3. Please tell us about your favorite book (other than the Bible) and why you consider it to be one of the greatest books of all time.
4. There are a lot of film schools, why are you interested in the Cinema and Media Arts major at Biola University?
5. Media production is a collaborative art, what contributions do you feel you can make to our creative community?
6. What would your dream project or job look like?
7. List any special classes or activities in which you have participated.
8. List any media productions you have done. Include title, format, length, your responsibilities, and a one-sentence summary.
9. Inform us about any special recognitions, awards or thank yous you have received related to your preferred career in media.

Please return your completed application to:

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