Biola University

Undergraduate Prospectus
We are restless.

The world is full of things to know.
Stories to tell, mysteries to solve,
ideas to think and words to read.
People to meet and help and heal,
prayers to pray and sunrises to see.

We are restless.
Because there are things to do.

Individually,
we are incomplete,
inexperienced,
imperfect.

But together—
together, we are a foundation for each other.
Upon which each of us can build our futures.
And be free to fall and fail and fumble
and find our ways
and succeed
over
and over
and over again—
because we support each other.
Lift each other up
as we engage and impact the world.

“This is a good place to struggle,” we say.
As we seek out God in all things.
In the twisted ladder of a double helix.
In between the lines of literary masterpieces.
In the research we conduct.
And the conduits
of the human mind.

In all that we do.
All that we are.
All that we become.
All as one.
Attracting the extraordinary and radiating impact.

You can feel it. The pull of this place. It calls you. Draws in remarkable students from everywhere. And attracts exceptional faculty, too. Fulbright scholars, fellows, National Endowment for the Humanities grant recipients. Thought leaders who enjoy having the freedom to bring their faith to work every day—elevate it, incorporate it and wrestle with it—instead of leaving it at home. Here, Biola faculty can teach from their heads and their hearts. Just like you, on this campus they’re truly free to be themselves. And because Biola has a low 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio, they also have the ability—and the desire—to take your education personally. Walk alongside you and help you find your way. Activate your passion and even open doors for you through their deep connections to leading graduate schools, professional internships and career opportunities.

She always wanted to attend a Christian university, so she came to Biola, where she knew she would be challenged greatly—academically and spiritually—as a Torrey Honors student. Right away, she found the challenge she was after, but she also found uncommon support. From her professors. From other students. And especially from her faculty mentor, who’s invested in her growth every step of the way.

Ashlyn Aulicino, ’20
Nursing, Torrey Honors Student

Nearly 85% of Biola faculty hold doctorates.

TORREY HONORS INSTITUTE

Let great literature shape you greatly.

We’re going to be straight with you. This is one of the most intense honors programs anywhere. There are no textbooks. Instead, we just read the greatest texts ever written. By Plato, Shakespeare, Austen, C.S. Lewis and more than a hundred others. And then, together with our faculty mentors, we dig into the details—in and out of the classroom. We engage in hundreds of discussions. Ask the hardest questions and challenge each other as we seek the good, the true and the beautiful. Through it all, we become better equipped to go into the whole world—fearlessly—to light the way for others. With truth and grace. | biola.edu/torrey
What you didn’t know

It may not look like it at first glance, but our peaceful campus is actually a testing ground. Behind all the clean, sturdy architecture and manicured gardens, brilliant faculty and students are at the forefront of ethical, innovative discovering and doing. Fostering new thinking daily by crushing conundrums and creating exciting collisions between faith and you-name-it, across 40 degrees and 80 concentrations, including a full range of science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs. Our powerful STEM degrees—everything from chemistry and computer science to engineering physics and kinesiology—will prepare you for some of the most in-demand careers of today—and tomorrow. Start exploring all of your options, right now, online. | biola.edu/majors

THE ALTON AND LYDIA LIM CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH

Where studying science and health becomes ministry.

Students entering Biola now will be among the first to take advantage of our 91,200-square-foot STEM facility. Complete with 24 instructional labs, a nursing simulation suite and lots of cutting-edge technology, it was designed as a home for the next generation of amazing scientists, researchers, health professionals, engineers, mathematicians and technology developers seeking God’s truth in their research and studies at Biola.

FACULTY PROFILE

Behzad Varamini
Associate Professor, Department of Biological Science

With a Ph.D. in nutritional science from Cornell, Dr. Varamini is an expert at unlocking human health mysteries. He can tell you precisely what habits help humans stay fit and flourish. And which behaviors cause our bodies to go on strike and stop working properly. But even as he imparts great science knowledge to the next generation of students, he lets them know that they should let the wisdom of our faith guide them, too. “The body is a gift from God. What do you think he would want you to do with it?” he says.

BIOLA STEM graduates are accepted to the finest medical and graduate schools in the nation.

Dartmouth
Yale
Harvard
Georgetown
MIT
CalTech

UNEXPECTED OPTIONS

Mighty degrees hidden in plain sight.

Haven’t decided on a path yet? Maybe you just need to get off the main road and start exploring. Here are a few unique places to start.

CINEMA AND MEDIA ARTS, B.A.

A national leader among Christian film schools. Get the instruction, mentorship, technical training and hands-on experience you need to become an exceptional visual storyteller.

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS, B.S.

Get the specialized knowledge and clinical training you’ll need for graduate school and a career in the in-demand field of speech-language pathology.

ENGINEERING PHYSICS, B.S.

Start here and finish at USC through our 3+2 partnership program. Learn to practically apply scientific knowledge to improve people’s lives.

WORSHIP ARTS, B.M.

Focus on your musicianship, spiritual formation and biblical training and learn to lead music in worship in just about any environment.

INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES, B.A.

Elevate
your faith.

Who cares?
Why should you bother becoming academically and spiritually prepared? Because the world needs more wisdom, hope and grace—not less. More than ever, it needs bright minds like you to help carry our faith forward. That’s why, while we fill our hungry minds with lessons about biology and statistical probabilities, psychology or theoretical approaches to the First Amendment, we also teach each other to develop a profound understanding of what matters most of all: Christ’s presence and influence in the world.

And we do it seamlessly, by weaving our Christian perspective into everything we do—every class across every discipline. Through open discussions, we’ll challenge each other to see what’s unseen and find truth—in between the lines on the pages we read, in the research and experiments we do and the thoughts we think. Who cares if you become a Christian intellectual, ready to take on the world—academically, spiritually, in every way? We do. You do.

BIBLE MINOR
A major minor advantage.
In addition to being exceptionally prepared in their majors, each Biola student also takes the equivalent of 10 Bible and theology classes—enough for most to receive a minor in biblical studies. Every graduate leaves Biola sharp in mind, strong in character and biblically equipped for life.
Major  
Accounting  
Anthropology  
Applied Linguistics  
Applied Music  
Applied Physics  
Applied Statistics and Data Science  
Archaeology  
Art (Design)  
Art (Studio Art)  
Biblical and Theological Studies  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Business Administration  
Business Analytics  
Chemistry  
Christian Ministries  
Cinema and Media Arts  
Coaching  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Communication Studies  
Computer Science  
Contemporary Worship Music  
Education (Early Childhood Development Permits)  
Education (Liberal Studies, Elementary Education; Liberal Studies, Multidisciplinary)  
Education (Secondary Education)  
Education (Teacher Preparation Program)  
Engineering Physics  
English  
Entrepreneurship  
Environmental Science  
Financial Planning  
Gender Studies  
Health Sciences  
History  
Human Biology  
Intercultural Studies  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
International Development  
International Relations  
Islamic Studies  
Journalism and Integrated Media  
Kinesiology  
Kinesiology and Health Science  
Mathematics  
Middle East Studies  
Missions  
Music  
Music Composition  
Music Education  
Music Performance  
Nursing  
Philosophy  
Physical Science  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Health  
Public Relations  
Science and Theology  
Social Justice, Human Rights and Conflict Transformation  
Social Science  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Statistics  
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages  
Theatre  
Torrey Honors Institute  
Worship Arts  

Minor  
Certificate  
Permit  

Become something new. It’s time. To push out to the edges of you—and then go even further. Learn to become greater than you were yesterday—every day. Smarter, wiser and more thoughtful. Patient, influential and closer to Christ than you ever thought possible. Choose a path and explore becoming that version of you that you always wanted to be. Contemplate a calling. Or, maybe, surprise yourself—take an unexpected path—and discover a whole new you. Either way, it’s time. To take believing to the next level. Open your heart and let yourself be transformed by powerful, faith-infused academics, a supportive community of believers and God’s boundless grace.  

biola.edu/majors
ACADEMICS

Located on a tree-lined, 95-acre campus in La Mirada, California. On the border between cosmopolitan Los Angeles and Orange counties, Biola is just a hop, skip or a jump away from legendary Southern California beaches and the scenic San Gabriel Mountains. Epic amusement parks and extraordinary museums. World-class concert venues that host world-class artists. Top-tier professional sports teams and amazing stadiums and arenas to see them in. And let’s not forget thousands of internship and ministry opportunities.

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STUDY ABROAD

Change the world by letting it change you first.

Our campus is beautiful. And the people and our culture are amazing. But this is just a tiny part of the world. If you want to understand the world—its people, its cultures and its joys and struggles—you have to get away from here. Get out there. Go into the world. Walk amongst cherry blossoms in Korea. Study social development on a banana plantation in Honduras. Or brush up on your history in England. Where do you want to go? Or rather, what part of the world do you want to let change you forever?

biola.edu/studyabroad

194’ ABOVE SEA LEVEL

13.85” RAIN

284 AVG. SUNNY DAYS

0” AVG. SNOWFALL

BIOLA IN LONDON

BIOLA IN ECUADOR

BIOLA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

• Indonesia
• Japan
• South Korea

BESTSEMESTER PROGRAMS

• American Studies Program—Washington, D.C.
• Australia Studies Centre—Brisbane, Australia
• Contemporary Music Center—Nashville, Tenn.
• Latin American Studies Program—San José, Costa Rica
• Los Angeles Film Studies Center—Hollywood, Calif.
• Middle East Studies Program—Amman, Jordan
• Scholars’ Semester in Oxford—Oxford, England
• Uganda Studies Program—Monoeka, Uganda

AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

• Creation Care Study Program—Belize or New Zealand
• Justice Studies in Honduras—Tegucigalpa, Honduras
• NYC Semester Program—New York City
STUDENT LIFE

CAMPUS TRADITIONS:
Catch Me If You Can • GYRAD • Midnight Madness • Mock Rock • Punk 'n' Pie

You can’t help but get swept up in this place. The traditions—Mock Rock, Nationball, Flannels and Flapjacks. The welcoming environment—the beautiful grounds. And the contagious positivity of our bright-minded, vibrant community of Christian students. Each one of them enthusiastic to share their hearts, engage the world and give each other permission to exceed expectations. You don’t have to see this place to believe it, but you should see it nonetheless. Because the experience of even just being here, immersed in the energy, warmth and love you’ll find here, can transform you almost as much as the rigorous academics that you’ll encounter. Maybe even more. | biola.edu/culture

Who do you think you are?
College is where you discover “you.” Find out what you like. What you love. What you’re good at. What you’re great at. And even what you’re bad at but could be good at—if you wanted to be...maybe. The point is, with active club and intramural sports programs, year-round events and more than 70 student clubs and organizations to explore, you’ll never find yourself without opportunities to try something new and find “you.” biola.edu/clubs | biola.edu/sports

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STUDENT MISSIONARY UNION

Live your part.
If you’re looking forward to getting involved in any kind of ministry while you’re here, this is an excellent place to start. SMU is the largest student-led missions organization in the United States and is responsible for creating and organizing some of the most memorable mission experiences students ever encounter at Biola. | biola.edu/smu

For almost 90 years, SMU has hosted The Missions Conference, where students are equipped and inspired to embrace their role in the completion of the Great Commission.
Where community becomes together.

In the dorms, the line between living and learning gets pretty blurry. In a good way. Because there’s always so much of both happening on campus, all at once. Every day, you wake up immersed in one of the most academically challenging and spiritually enriching experiences of your life. This is where futures unfold. Lifelong friends are made. And you’re always surrounded by hundreds of passionate believers.

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**DORMS**
- Alpha Hall
- Blackstone Hall
- Hart Hall
- Hope Hall
- Horton Hall
- Sigma Hall
- Stewart Hall
- Thompson Hall

**APARTMENTS**
- Beachcomber
- La Mirada
- Li
- Lido
- Tradewinds
- Tropicana
- Welch
A home for every sport

We believe in getting behind our athletes. Whether they’re walking, running, swimming, kicking, swinging, spiking, acing or dunking. We make sure they always have the highest-quality facilities to play in and an enthusiastic crowd to cheer them on.

We only play one way: All in.

We’ve joined NCAA Division II.

We have a long history of developing exceptional student athletes and teams at the NAIA level—winning nine Golden State Athletics Conference (GSAC) Championships over the past few seasons alone. But it was time for us to make a move—up to NCAA Division II, and join the PacWest Conference. Division II is composed of more than 300 colleges and universities that take a balanced approach to fostering academia and sports excellence. It’s an extraordinary opportunity for us to take Biola sports to the next level. And it will increase the chance that our student athletes and teams will get some national exposure on TV and through live-streamed games.

athletics.biola.edu
**TOP 10**

“UP AND COMING” NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES


**BEST WESTERN UNIVERSITY**

“BEST WESTERN” UNIVERSITY

—Princeton Review

**OF SEVEN**

FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS WORTH ATTENDING

—Former United States Secretary of Education William J. Bennett, Is College Worth It?, 2013

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**Support Services**

You have questions? We have answers. Feel free to reach out to the dedicated staff at any of our support offices or centers. They’re ready to help set you up for success.

**OFFICE OF ACADEMIC ADVISING**

Need some assistance with registration or transferring credits? Have some questions as a FirstGen student or an athlete? This is a good place to start looking for answers to most of your administrative questions.

biola.edu/academic-advising

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**OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Our team is here to help you prepare for the job market or graduate school. And show you how to use key resources like Handshake to network, create dynamic resumes and cover letters, and find jobs or internships.

biola.edu/career-development

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**LEARNING CENTER**

Remember, you never have to struggle alone. This center exists to provide you with the assistance you need to achieve and maintain an adequate level of academic proficiency. If you need help, just ask.

biola.edu/learning-center

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**WRITING CENTER**

This is where students of all disciplines and abilities come to strengthen their writing skills. Because, in a world full of mediocre writers, good ones stand out—and succeed.

biola.edu/writing-center

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**VETERANS SERVICES**

We are an approved Title 38 degree-granting institution for veterans, a Yellow Ribbon School. And we’re fully equipped and committed to helping veterans as they achieve academic success.

biola.edu/veterans-services

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**DISABILITY SERVICES**

We’re dedicated to providing reasonable and appropriate accommodations to students with psychological, medical, physical and learning disabilities, and to ensuring legal compliance with state and federal disability law.

biola.edu/disability-services

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**Financial Aid**

College is a big investment. Most Biola students—more than 90%—rely on one or more forms of financial assistance. Explore our financial aid section online for important details, helpful calculators and the most up-to-date list of scholarship, grant and loan options available.

biola.edu/undergrad/financial-aid

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**ELIGIBILITY**

**AWARD**

- **Freshman Academic Scholarship**
  - Based on unweighted final high school GPA and SAT or ACT. Calculate your scholarship at biola.edu/calculate.
  - $6,000 to $20,000

- **Transfer Heritage Academic Scholarship**
  - Based on transfer with 15+ credits and college transcript. 14 credits or less: eligible for traditional academic scholarship based on high school transcript.
  - $7,000 to $13,000

- **Alumni Dependent Scholarship**
  - Based on dependents of those with 30 credits of coursework completed at Biola University.
  - $1,000

- **LEAD (Leaders Engaging and Advancing Diversity) Scholarship**
  - Based on applicants who are passionate about diversity, committed to growing in a leadership cohort and willing to invest in the greater Biola community.
  - Up to $6,000

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**Annual Cost of Attendance**

Visit us online to see the most up-to-date tuition and expenses details, housing options and meal plans.

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**Scholarship Eligibility**

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Time to apply

Right now. This is one of those times where things start to fall into place. And it all starts with you making a move—a courageous, life-altering decision to become a part of the next class of extraordinary, intentional, brilliant Biola students. Ready to take hold of your calling and get on the path to discovering the greatest version of you. Don’t worry, you don’t need to go it alone. An entire all-Christian community will be exploring, researching, seeking and finding answers right alongside you. Every step of the way. Helping you find your way while you receive one of the finest faith-integrated educations on earth. | biola.edu/apply

APPLICATION DEADLINES
All materials must be received in the Admissions Office by the appropriate deadline date.

FALL SEMESTER
- Early Action 1: Nov 15
- Early Action 2: Jan 15
- Regular: Mar 1

SPRING SEMESTER
- Regular: Nov 15

Admissions Checklist

☐ Complete and submit your official application for admission.
   Every advantage goes to the early applicant!

☐ Submit a nonrefundable $45 application fee.*
   If applying online, you may submit the fee at the same time; otherwise, please send a check or money order made payable to Biola University, with the student’s name indicated on the memo line, to the Office of Admissions.
   *Biola will accept the College Board or ACT fee waiver.

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☐ Submit official transcripts.
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   First-time college students: Submit transcripts from each high school attended; current through the time of application. Final official transcripts must be submitted upon completion of course of study and must include graduation date.
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   Homeschool students and international students: Visit biola.edu/apply for special instructions.

☐ Submit your scores from the SAT (Code 4017) or ACT (Code 0172).
   The SAT or ACT is required of all applicants unless you are transferring from another school with more than 15 transferable units post-high school.

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FirstGen Scholars Program
Committed to every generation. Including the first.

We know—being the first person in your family to attend college is an exciting achievement, but it may feel unfamiliar. That’s why we do everything we can to make your transition to Biola as comfortable and rewarding as possible through our FirstGen Scholars Program. If selected, you’ll receive a $3,000 scholarship and the opportunity to participate in a program designed to help you adjust to college life. With a summer bridge program, priority access to a first-gen living-learning community in the dorms (if you plan to live on campus), your own peer and faculty mentors, and much more. | biola.edu/firstgen-scholars

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