

# DIGITAL LEARNING

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At its essence digital learning is the design and delivery of an intentional learning experience for students who are not physically present with the instructor for the entirety of the course. The course may be delivered either entirely online; or as a hybrid or blended course, conducted both online and in a physical classroom.

Biola University offers online and hybrid courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. These courses contribute to the development of degree programs, and some certificate and degree programs are offered entirely online. The objective of Biola digital learning courses is to provide technology that meets students' needs for time and convenience and to create additional local and/or global opportunities for students to attend Biola University. The methods used are aimed at delivering the highest possible learning outcomes in the digital learning modality and to contribute to the vision and mission of the university.

Digital learning courses are designed to maximize instructor/student and student/peer relationships through effective collaborative instructional tools and methods. Each course endeavors to create a cooperative and interactive experience where students actively engage in the learning process. Relationships and learning outcomes are equivalent to those of traditional, in-person courses and programs. Professors add value to online classes by demonstrating content expertise and sharing their practitioner experience. They also serve as facilitators of discussion and of the learning process by actively engaging students, stimulating critical thinking, and encouraging practical application.