

# UNDERGRADUATE CORE CURRICULUM PROGRAM

The Core Curriculum represents the comprehensive program of liberal arts and sciences integrated with the biblical and theological studies minor which are the hallmarks of a Biola education.

## Mission

Biola University's Core Curriculum (general education and Bible) provides a Christ-centered, integrated, and intellectually and spiritually transformative education that fosters cultural literacy and humble, purposeful engagement in local and global communities.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Core Curriculum:

- Critical Thinking** - Students will identify and explain a problem or issue, recognize and evaluate concepts and assumptions from multiple perspectives, ask relevant questions, analyze appropriate sources, and articulate logical, well-organized, and innovative conclusions.
- Quantitative Reasoning** - Within a variety of authentic contexts, students will analyze or solve quantitative problems (those involving data, functions, or computations); understand, evaluate, and create well-reasoned arguments supported by quantitative evidence; and clearly communicate quantitative arguments in appropriate formats (words, tables, graphs, equations, etc.).
- Oral Communication** - Students will organize content cohesively, use compelling language and delivery that is audience-appropriate, incorporate supporting materials to establish credibility, and reinforce a memorable central message with civility.
- Written Communication** - Students will produce well-organized and clear writing, supported by strong, diverse evidence and precise explanation, applicable to its audience and consistent with the conventions of appropriate genres.
- Information Literacy** - Students will ethically discover, evaluate, and use information to formulate and address research questions, explain how information is produced and valued in a given discipline, and share their results.
- Intercultural Competence** - Students will develop an informed understanding of cultural diversity and respectfully engage people of various backgrounds, through campus, local and global community interactions.
- Civic Engagement** - Students will develop an informed understanding of civic roles, rights, freedoms, and responsibilities, and will respectfully communicate and apply key concepts in diverse communities.

## Biblical and Theological Studies Requirement

Thirty credits of biblical and theological studies must be included in the program of each traditional student (degree completion students have a different requirement, see below). Each student must take at least one course each semester until the requirement has been fulfilled. The following are required:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		
BBST 103	Biblical Interpretation and Spiritual Formation	3
BBST 165	Foundations of Christian Thought	3
BBST 209	Old Testament History and Literature	3
BBST 210	New Testament History and Literature	3
<b>Intermediate Courses</b>		
BBST 251	Theology I	3
BBST 354	Theology II	3
Select only one of the following Evangelism and Missions Exposition courses:		3
BBST 306	Early Christian History - Acts	
BBST 316	Gospel of John	
BBST 326	Lukan Writings	
BBST 336	Synoptic Gospels	
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
BBST 300/400	Bible/Theology Elective	3
BBST 365	Bible Theology and Integration	3
BBST 465	Integration Seminar <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>30</b>

<sup>1</sup> BBST 465 may be taken with different content for a maximum of 6 credits counted toward graduation.

Students may count only a total of 30 credits of biblical and theological studies courses toward the required credits for a degree (students in the division of Biblical and Theological Studies – e.g., B.A. in Bible, Theology, and Ministry; B.S. in Biblical Ministries; and B.S. in Bible, Theology, and Apologetics – may count unlimited BBST credits toward their degrees). Challenge exams are available for BBST 209 and BBST 210 (see Biblical and Theological Studies section). Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Portfolio is available for BBST 103.

Part-time students (fewer than 12 credits per semester) are required to include at least one biblical and theological studies (BBST) course within each 15 credits completed at Biola University, unless the 30-credit requirement has been met. Part-time students seeking a degree from Biola University must complete the entire requirement as outlined above. Of the 30 credits of Bible required of all students, 15 credits must be taken at Biola.

## Arts and Sciences Requirement

Students must make degree specific selections from the following courses in the arts and sciences.

Code	Title	Credits
First Year Seminar: The Biola Experience <sup>1</sup>		1
Behavioral Science		3
Communication		3
English		6
Fine Arts		3
Foreign Language		0-8
History		3-6
Kinesiology & Health Science		2

Literature	3
Mathematics	3
Philosophy	3
Science	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>33-44</b>

<sup>1</sup> First Year Seminar is required of all incoming students (freshmen and transfers) within their first two semesters at Biola.

## Core Curriculum Requirement Credits by Degree Type

This is a general overview; some majors have exceptions to the Core Curriculum requirements. Students should refer to their major departments for more information.

	B.A.	B.S.	B.F.A.	B.M.
<b>Bible</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>First Year Seminar</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Behavioral Science</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Communicatio</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>English (100/112 &amp; 313)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Fine Arts</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Foreign Language</b>	<b>4 to 8</b>	<b>0 to 4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>History</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Kinesiology &amp; Health Science</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Literature</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2, 3, or 5*</b>
<b>Philosophy</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Science</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2, 3, or 5*</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70 to 74</b>	<b>63 to 67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>

\* The Core Curriculum requirement in Mathematics and Science for the B.M. is 5 credits, consisting of either 3 credits in Math and 2 credits in Science or 2 credits in Math and 3 credits in Science.

The courses that fulfill the Core Curriculum requirements are the following:

### Behavioral Science

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
ANTH 200	Cultural Anthropology	3
PSYC 200	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI 220	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI 262	Social Problems	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

Check the catalog to determine which majors require PSYC 200 as a support course. PSYC 200 is required for all majors leading to a teaching credential.

### Communication

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		
COMM 200	The Rhetorical Act	3
COMM 235	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 280	Oral Interpretation	
COMM 281	Argumentation and Debate	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

### English

Code	Title	Credits
ENGL 100	Studies in Critical Thinking and Writing with Studio	3
or ENGL 112	Studies in Critical Thinking and Writing	
ENGL 313	Writing in the Disciplines	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

All students scoring less than 480 on the verbal section of the SAT (or 16 ACT) must enroll in ENGL 100, unless they receive a score of 510 or better on the SAT II Writing Exam. There will be a late make-up fee of \$25 when placement exams are not taken on the dates indicated in the student's acceptance letter. Students for whom English is not a primary language may need to take ELP coursework prior to enrolling in ENGL 100.

### Fine Arts

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		
ARTS 100	Art Appreciation	3
ARTS 107	Drawing I	
ARTS 108	Figure Studies I	
ARTS 110	2-D Design	
ARTS 111	3-D Design	
ARTS 112	4-D Design	
ARTS 210	Sculpture I	
ARTS 211	Ceramics I	
ARTS 213	Painting I	
ARTS 221	Photography I-Introduction to Darkroom and Digital Processes	
CNMA 110	Film Appreciation	
MUSC 001	Biola Chorale	
MUSC 002	Chamber Music Ensemble	
MUSC 003	Symphony Orchestra	
MUSC 005	Chamber Choir	
MUSC 007	Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 008	Symphonic Winds	
MUSC 010	Vocal Jazz Ensemble	
MUSC 012	Women's Chorus	
MUSC 014	Men's Chorus	
MUSC 101	Music Appreciation	
MUSC 115	History of Rock: A Social and Musical Revolution	

MUSC 314	History of Film Music
THTR 160	Theatre Appreciation
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>3</b>

Entrance into ensembles is by audition. Not all ensembles are available for Core Curriculum credit. Credit for ensemble is 1 credit, therefore 3 semesters are necessary to meet the requirement. Non-music majors are limited to a maximum of 8 credits in applied music (including ensembles).

Music majors in Bachelor of Arts programs must select from Art, Cinema, or Theatre courses.

## Foreign Language

Code	Title	Credits
Foreign Language credit requirement varies by degree type		0-8

### American Sign Language

ASLG 100	Elementary American Sign Language
ASLG 200	Elementary American Sign Language II
ASLG 201	Intermediate American Sign Language

### Arabic

(Offered pending faculty and enrollment)

ARAB 100	Arabic Language and Culture I
ARAB 200	Arabic Language and Culture II
ARAB 201	Arabic Language and Culture III
ARAB 205	Intercultural Communication in Arabic

### French

FREN 100	French Language and Culture I
FREN 200	French Language and Culture II
FREN 201	French Language and Culture III
FREN 205	Intercultural Communication in French

### German

(Offered pending faculty and enrollment)

GRMN 100	German Language and Culture I
or GRMN 100A & GRMN 100B	German Language and Culture 1A and German Language and Culture 1B
GRMN 200	German Language and Culture II
or GRMN 200A & GRMN 200B	German Language and Culture IIA and German Language and Culture IIB
GRMN 201	German Language and Culture III
or GRMN 201A & GRMN 201B	German Language and Culture IIIA and German Language and Culture IIIB
GRMN 205	Intercultural Communication in German

### Greek

BLGR 101	Elementary Greek Grammar I
BLGR 102	Elementary Greek Grammar II
BLGR 201	Intermediate Greek Grammar and Exegesis I
BLGR 202	Intermediate Greek Grammar and Exegesis II

Hebrew	
BLHE 101	Elementary Hebrew Grammar I
BLHE 102	Elementary Hebrew Grammar II
BLHE 201	Intermediate Hebrew Grammar I
BLHE 202	Intermediate Hebrew Grammar II

### Russian

(Offered pending faculty and enrollment)

RUSS 100	Russian Language and Culture I
RUSS 200	Russian Language and Culture II
RUSS 201	Russian Language and Culture III
RUSS 205	Intercultural Communication in Russian

### Spanish

SPAN 100	Spanish Language and Culture I
or SPAN 100A & SPAN 100B	Spanish Language and Culture IA and Spanish Language and Culture IB
SPAN 200	Spanish Language and Culture II
or SPAN 200A & SPAN 200B	Spanish Language and Culture IIA and Spanish Language and Culture IIB
SPAN 201	Spanish Language and Culture III
or SPAN 201A & SPAN 201B	Spanish Language and Culture IIIA and Spanish Language and Culture IIIB
SPAN 205	Intercultural Communication in Spanish
SPAN 215	Basic Spanish for the Heritage Learner
or SPAN 215A & SPAN 215B	Basic Spanish for Heritage Learners IA and Basic Spanish for Heritage Learners IB

**Total Credits** **0-8**

The study of foreign languages is required as part of the general education requirements of Biola University. Credit requirements vary based on degree. B.A. students are required to complete 8 credits of the same foreign language and B.S. students must complete 4 credits of study. Credit requirements may be met in one of the following ways:

- By completing at least two semesters (8 credits) of the same foreign language at Biola (at level based on standardized departmental placement exam) with passing grades for B.A. students (one course for B.S.).
- By completing and transferring at least two college-level foreign language courses in the same language **equivalent to the achievement of two semesters (one year) or more at Biola** (8 credits) with a C- or higher passing grade for B.A. students (one course for B.S.).
  - B.A. students who have previously completed one semester (4 credits) in a language offered at Biola can either continue their study in that language or complete two college-level courses in another language. Students may be required to complete a placement exam.
    - If a B.A. student is transferring in only one language course (4 credits) from another accredited institution and is unable to place into the subsequent level course, they will have the option of either repeating the course at the level in which they place (note: repeated credits do not count towards total credits required – see the Repeated Courses policy in the Admission, Enrollment and Graduation Requirements section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/admission->

enrollment-graduation-requirements/)) or pursuing the required 8 credits in another language offered at Biola.

- b. For B.A. students who have previously completed one semester (4 credits) in a language that Biola does not offer, the requirement can be met by taking a one-semester course in a language offered in the Biola curriculum.
3. By demonstrating course level mastery and earning academic credits through AP, IB, or CLEP exam scores. Score and applicable academic credit information can be viewed in the Transfer Students and Transfer Credit Policies section (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/transfer-students-and-transfer-credit-policies/>).
4. Heritage language speakers and international students are subject to the same requirements and avenues for satisfaction of requirements. Students are encouraged to meet with the Modern Languages Department for the most appropriate class placement.
5. English Language Program (ELP) students satisfy the foreign language requirement through the English language program courses.
6. For B.S. students only, demonstration of successful completion of two years of high school study in the same foreign language.

## History

Code	Title	Credits
HIST 100 or HIST 101	World Civilizations I <sup>1</sup> World Civilizations II	3
Select one of the following:		3
HIST 200	United States History To 1865	
HIST 201	United States History Since 1865	
POSC 225	Survey of American Government	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>6</b>

<sup>1</sup> B.S. students are exempt from the World Civilizations I or II requirement and select 3 credits from HIST 200, HIST 201, or POSC 225.

## Kinesiology and Health Science

Each student is required to complete 2 credits of Kinesiology and Health Science (KHS) to be eligible for graduation. Students must complete Lifetime Wellness and a Lifetime Wellness Activity course.

Code	Title	Credits
KNES 107	Lifetime Wellness	1
	Lifetime Wellness Activity <sup>1</sup>	1
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Selection is made from the following KNES activity classes: 110, 130, 140, 150, or 201 for School of Education students. Note: First Aid and CPR do not count as KHS activity credit.

Credit for varsity sports may be substituted for the Lifetime Wellness Activity. In addition to Lifetime Wellness and Lifetime Wellness Activity required for Core Curriculum, the student may complete 6 more credits (maximum of 8) to apply towards graduation. Students 21 years of age at the time of entrance to Biola as well as those enrolled in fully online programs are exempt from the KHS requirement.

Students studying for the multiple subject teaching credential but not selecting physical education as a minor area of emphasis, should select KNES 201.

## Literature

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 220	Literature and Film	
ENGL 230	Topics in Diverse Literatures	
ENGL 283	Race and Ethnicity in American Literature	
ENGL 290	World Literature	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

## Mathematics

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
CSCI 104	The Nature of Computing	
MATH 117	Fundamentals of Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I (fulfills Core Math for Lib Studies, Elem Ed & Lib Studies, Multidisciplinary majors only)	
MATH 120	The Nature of Mathematics	
MATH 121 & MATH 122 & MATH 123	QR: Real-World Math Modeling and QR: Real-World Statistics and Quantitative Reasoning Topics in the Disciplines <sup>1</sup>	
MATH 124	Quantitative Reasoning for the Real World	
MATH 125	Precalculus Mathematics	
MATH 140	Fundamentals of Calculus	
MATH 150	Calculus I	
MATH 180	Topics in Mathematics	
MATH 190	Business Statistics (fulfills Core Math for certain pre-approved majors only)	
MATH 210	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	
MATH 318	Biostatistics	
PSYC 209 & PSYC 211	Statistics with Computer Applications and Statistics with Computer Applications Lab (must be taken concurrently; 4 credits total)	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> MATH 121, MATH 122, and MATH 123 are available by arranged course for students who began the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) sequence prior to the 2022-23 academic year. For students who have not taken any of these three courses, MATH 124 is the recommended replacement course.

## Philosophy

Code	Title	Credits
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 210	Introduction to Logic	

PHIL 211	Introduction to Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 212	Introduction to Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 213	Introduction to Modern Philosophy
PHIL 214	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 215	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL 216	Introduction to Philosophy and Aesthetics
PHIL 217	Introduction to Ancient and Medieval Philosophy
PHIL 240	Philosophical Topics
PHIL 340	Philosophical Topics

substitute an upper-division class for the lower-division course specified in the catalog. Students are to secure written approval for such a substitution prior to taking the class.

**Total Credits** 3

## Science

3 credits of science are required. BIOS 100 and PHSC 101 have both been designed for the student with a limited background in science.

Code	Title	Credits
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
ANTH 222	Physical Anthropology	
ANTH 223	Physical Anthropology Laboratory	
BIOS 100	Biological Principles	
BIOS 103	Introduction to Environmental Science	
BIOS 120	Current Topics in Biology	
BIOS 121	Nutrition	
CHEM 100	The Chemistry of Everyday Life	
CHEM 105	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 107	Introduction to Chemistry	
CHEM 120	Principles of Organic and Biochemistry	
PHSC 101	Physical Science Survey: Lecture	
PHSC 102	Physical Science Survey Laboratory	
PHSC 103	Geology	
PHSC 104	Geology Laboratory	
PHSC 105	Topics in Physical Science	
PHSC 106	Physics of Superheroes	
PHSC 109	Physics of Sound	
PHSC 110	Astronomy	
PHSC 111 & PHSC 117	Physics I and Physics I Laboratory	
PHSC 115 & PHSC 119	Physics in Everyday Life and Physics in Everyday Life Laboratory	
PHSC 132 & PHSC 134	General Physics I: Mechanics and Heat and General Physics I Laboratory	
PHSC 250	Science and Origins	

**Total Credits** 3

## Core Curriculum Course Substitutions

While the Core Curriculum requirement will normally be met from the courses specified in the catalog, in exceptional cases where students have the appropriate prerequisites and where the department in which the course is taught determines that the intentions of the Core Curriculum requirement would be satisfied, students may request permission to