

Graduation Petition

2017 and earlier catalogs

Congratulations on reaching this point in your academic journey. Please read the following information carefully.

We look forward to partnering with you the rest of the way.

Graduation Policies and Procedures

- ❖ Submit a petition to the Office of the Registrar once you have completed 88 credits.
- ❖ Petitions should be submitted to the Office of the Registrar no later than March 15 for Spring graduation and November 15 for Fall graduation.
- ❖ A \$200 late fee will be assessed for any petition submitted after the last day of the Add period of the student's desired term of graduation. All transcripts and outstanding documents (for example: substitution forms, writing competencies and other documents needed for graduation) are due into the Office of the Registrar no later than March 15 for Spring graduation and November 15 for Fall graduation.
- ❖ Students with missing documents will not appear on the graduation list until all documents are received by the Office of the Registrar.

How the Graduation Petition process works

- ❖ Use your unofficial transcript and Degree Audit to help fill out the Graduation Petition.
- ❖ Fill out the petition, and contact your major department for instructions on how to submit it. The Department Chair will sign the petition once it has been approved.
- ❖ Your department will send the approved petition to your graduation counselor, who will contact you about your petition once it has been reviewed. They will go over the necessary steps in order for you to graduate.
- ❖ After meeting with your graduation counselor, if you have any changes to your petition, please notify him or her as soon as possible.

Filling out your Graduation Petition

- ❖ Refer to your catalog year - i.e. the catalog year is printed on your Degree Audit near the top, right side (2018-2019, etc).
- ❖ Using your catalog year, list in the order taken the title and number of specific courses required in the appropriate columns.
- ❖ Use the following codes in the left-hand margin of each column to note the semester that remaining courses will be completed: F = Fall, S = Spring, SS = Summer Session, TR = Transfer, include the year for each code. (i.e. S21, SS21, F22).
- ❖ Record the credits for each course only once. If a single course fulfills two requirements, place a "0" in the credit column the second time the course is listed.
- ❖ At the bottom of each column add up and record the number of credits pertaining to Core Curriculum, Bible, Education (if seeking teaching credential) Major, and Electives/Minor. Please make sure you add up all the columns in the box on the front left hand corner of the petition. Please be sure to sign your name in the "student signature" line on the front page - this will act as your signature and approval.

When you are adding up your credits for graduation, note the following restrictions:

- ❖ Only 30 credits of Bible/Theology may be counted towards your graduation requirement unless you are a Biblical Studies major or a Christian Ministries major).
- ❖ Only 8 credits of Physical Education may be counted towards your graduation requirement unless your major requires more.
- ❖ Only 8 credits of applied music or performance classes may be counted towards your graduation requirement unless you are a Music major.

Taking credits outside of Biola University

- ❖ Inform your Graduation Counselor of any plans to transfer in classes your last semester. Be advised that you will be approved for graduation once all transcripts (and other graduation documents) have been received by the Office of the Registrar. The last date to submit documents is March 15 if planning to graduate that May, and November 15 if you plan to graduate that December.
- ❖ Your degree will be posted on the next available posting date if any transcript is received after the graduation date.
- ❖ All classes at other colleges/universities will only transfer to Biola with a "C-" or higher. Check with the Office of the Registrar either in person or online to see if the class you need is pre-approved.
- ❖ Official transcripts must be mailed or electronically delivered from other schools. Hand delivered transcripts are not considered official.

More Important Graduation Information

- ❖ A minimum "C" average (or a 2.0 grade point average) in the major and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 taken at Biola University. Some majors have specific Core requirements; consult the University Catalog.
- ❖ If you will be absent from the graduation ceremony, please inform your graduation counselor one month prior to graduation.
- ❖ Name changes can be made in the Office of the Registrar and should be completed a month prior to the graduation.
- ❖ For the commencement program, honors are awarded based on the cumulative GPA of all work completed at Biola (minimum of 60 credits) prior to your final semester. The honors on your diploma are calculated based upon your final cumulative GPA at Biola.

Thank you for reading this important information! Hold on to this page for your records!

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Undergraduate Petition for Graduation (due a year before graduation)

Submit petitions to the Office of the Registrar by March 15 for Spring graduation or Nov. 15 for Fall graduation (includes \$200 late fee)

Name (legal name): _____ Student ID# _____
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

Phone Number _____ Alternate/Non-Biola Email _____ Graduation Date _____
 (May 2020, Dec. 2020, etc.)

Major _____ Emphasis _____ Minor _____
 (For BIBLE minor, please write BIBLE on line)

Degree _____ Catalog Year _____ Do you plan to walk in the Graduation Ceremony? _____
 (BA, BS, BM, BFA, BBA) (i.e. 2020-2021, etc.) (Yes or No)

I waive my confidential privacy designation for the purpose of including my name in the graduation program and having my name announced publicly as part of the graduation ceremonies. Also, my signature gives the Registrar permission to mail my diploma to my permanent address on file.

Student signature _____ Date _____

I certify that completion of the courses listed here will meet the specific degree requirements of our department.

Major Department Chairperson _____ Date _____

Graduation Petition: Approved Conditional* Writing Competency Requirement Fulfilled
 *If conditional, explain _____

Minor Department Chairperson _____ Date _____

Graduation Petition: Approved Conditional*
 *If conditional, explain _____

Education Chairperson _____ Date _____

Graduation Petition: Approved Conditional *If conditional, explain _____

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1st Check	_____
2nd Check	_____
3rd Check	_____
Total Credits	_____
Honors	_____
Degree Posted	_____
Date	_____

Add up totals from next page	
General Education	_____
Bible	_____
Education	_____
Major	_____
Major Elective/Minor	_____
Minimum Total of 120	_____

If planning to take classes outside Biola in the future, list them here. Official transcripts from other schools need to be received by the Office of the Registrar by March 15 for Spring graduation and November 15 for Fall graduation.

School	Course Title	Credits	Start & End Dates	Pre-Approved? Y/N
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

How to complete the Petition for Graduation: Use your Degree Audit and Unofficial Transcript from My Account. Write the total credits for each course you completed (i.e. 3) in the individual credit spaces. Write semester & year (i.e. **S 20, F 20, SS20**, etc.) in the credit spaces of the courses you are currently taking and will be taking in future. Write TR for transfer classes you are taking and/or will be taking in the future as well as semester and year (i.e. **TR S20, TR F20**). Please include Subject Code, Course Number, and Class Title (i.e. **CNMA 460 –Adv. Prod.**).

Credits	General Education	Credits	Bible Requirements	Credits	Major	Credits	Major Continued
_____	Behavioral Science 3	_____	103 Bible & Spirtl Form 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Communication 3	_____	165 Found Christ Thght 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	English 112 3	_____	209 O.T. Hist & Lit 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	English 313 3	_____	210 N.T. Hist & Lit 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Writing Comp? Y/N	_____	251 Theology I 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Fine Arts 3	_____	354 Theology II 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Foreign Language 4-12	_____	306/316/326 Missional 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	300/400 Bible Elective 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	300/365/400 Bible elec. 3	_____	_____	_____	TOTAL Major Continued
_____	_____	_____	465 Integration Seminar 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	World Civ. I and/or II 3	_____	TOTAL Bible Requirements*	_____	_____	Credits	Elective/Minor
_____	U.S. Hist. or Poli Sci 3	_____	*Maximum of 30 credits except for Bible and Christian Ministries majors	_____	_____	_____	<u>First Year Seminar (if taken)</u>
_____	Literature 3	_____		_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Philosophy 3	_____		_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Physical Education 4 (4 different activities)	_____	Language/High School*	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	# _____ years of _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____		_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	Credits Education Majors only	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Science/Math 8	_____	301 Intro to Teaching 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Math _____ (at least 3 cred)	_____	330 Psych Found of Ed. 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	Science _____ (at least 3 cred)	_____	341 Mthds Lingtic Div. 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	(More credits in Math or Science if 8 credits not met)	_____	420/425 Elem. Reading 3	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____		_____	431/432 Elem. Cr/Fld 3,1	_____	TOTAL Major/Emphasis	_____	TOTAL Electives/Minor
_____		_____	436/437 Sec Cr/Fld 3,1	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____		_____	Student Teaching 6,6	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	TOTAL General Education	_____	TOTAL Education	_____	_____	_____	Add up totals on previous page!