

## Visiting Student Application – Cru Summer 2019

Special note: This application is for Talbot credit for Cru courses only. Other courses will require the full application.

## **GRADUATE COURSE REGISTRATION - For Cru Students** Name (please print): \_\_\_ Middle Init. Maiden (if applicable) \_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( E-mail address: \_ Soc. Sec # ☐ Male ☐ Female Current Mailing Address: State City Zip Please circle the courses you wish to take from Talbot: Please circle the IBS course(s) you wish to take for graduate credit: First Year Courses Second Year Courses Third Year Courses Bible Study Methods (Johnson) 1 cr Biblical Interpretation (Johnson) 1 cr Apologetics (Plummer) 1 cr Intro to Chr. Theology (Johnson) 1 cr Biblical Communication (Johnson) 1 cr Christian World View (Bacote) 1 cr Intro to Mission (Yeh) 1 cr God/Bible/Holy Spirit (Richard) 1 cr Church History Survey (Doyle) 1 cr Old Testament Survey (Futato) 1 cr Humanity/Christ/Salvation (Johnson) 1 cr Note: If you have not previously been admitted to Talbot, you must complete the Visiting Student Application below. **VISITING STUDENT APPLICATION** Married\*: No Yes (spouse's name: Birthdate: \*If divorced, please attach statement with pertinent details. Country of birth: Country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Native language: \_\_\_\_\_\_ If you are a foreign national now residing in the U.S., indicate your current visa status: Student Exchange Student \_\_Permanent Resident (card #\_\_\_\_\_) Other: (specify)\_\_\_\_\_ Passport # Expiration date of visa: If you previously applied to any Talbot or Biola University programs or studied at any schools at Biola, list school, dates, student #: Educational Experience: (within 60 days, please submit an official undergraduate transcript indicating an earned bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.) School Degree & Major **Dates of Attendance** Have you ever been dismissed from any educational institution? If so, please attach statement with details. Desired Talbot program (if known at this time): Conversion and Christian Growth: Write a brief statement describing (on back of this sheet.) Include church presently attending. **Doctrinal Position:** Have you read the Doctrinal Statement? Are you in agreement with views expressed? **Conduct Standards:** Have you read the Standards of Conduct? I affirm that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Talbot must have an official transcript indicating an undergraduate degree, prior to issuing a transcript for this course(s) or prior to enrolling for additional courses. I understand I am not considered to be a full student at Talbot School of Theology until completion of a full application and confirmation of admission.

Applicant's Signature

Date

## BIOLA UNIVERSITY'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Inasmuch as the University is interdenominational and yet theologically conservative, the Articles of Incorporation contain a doctrinal statement which is given below:

The Bible, consisting of all the books of the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, a supernaturally given revelation from God Himself, concerning Himself, His being, nature, character, will and purposes; and concerning man, his nature, need and duty and destiny. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are without error or misstatement in their moral and spiritual teaching and record of historical facts. They are without error or defect of any kind.

There is one God, eternally existing and manifesting Himself to us in three Persons — Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus was supernaturally conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin — Mary, a lineal descendant of David. He lived and taught and wrought mighty works and wonders and signs exactly as is recorded in the four Gospels. He was put to death by crucifixion under Pontius Pilate. God raised from the dead the body that had been nailed to the cross. The Lord Jesus after His crucifixion showed Himself to be alive to His disciples, appearing unto them by the space of 40 days. After this, the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, and the Father caused Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come, and put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him to be Head over all things to the Church.

The Lord Jesus, before His incarnation, existed in the form of God and of His own choice laid aside His divine glory and took upon Himself the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. In His pre-existent state, He was with God and was God. He is a divine person possessed of all the attributes of Deity, and should be worshiped as God by angels and man. "In Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." All the words that He spoke during His earthly life were the words of God. There is absolutely no error of any kind in them, and by the words of Jesus Christ the words of all other teachers must be tested.

The Lord Jesus became in every respect a real man, possessed of all the essential characteristics of human nature.

By His death on the cross, the Lord Jesus made a perfect atonement for sin, by which the wrath of God against sinners is appeased and a ground furnished upon which God can deal in mercy with sinners. He redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse in our place. He who Himself was absolutely without sin was made to be sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. The Lord Jesus is coming again to his earth, personally, bodily, and visibly. The return of our Lord is the blessed hope of the believer, and in it God's purposes of grace toward mankind will find their consummation.

The Holy Spirit is a person, and is possessed of all the distinctively divine attributes. He is God.

Man was created in the image of God, after His likeness, but the whole human race fell in the fall of the first Adam. All men, until they accept the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior, are lost, darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, hardened in heart, morally and spiritually dead through their trespasses and sins. They cannot see, nor enter the Kingdom of God until they are born again of the Holy Spirit.

Men are justified on the simple and single ground of the shed blood of Christ and upon the simple and single condition of faith in Him who shed the blood, and are born again by the quickening, renewing, cleansing work of the Holy Spirit, through the instrumentality of the Word of God.

All those who receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and their Lord, and who confess Him as such before their fellow men, become children of God and receive eternal life. They become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. At death their spirits depart to be with Christ in conscious blessedness, and at the Second Coming of Christ their bodies shall be raised and transformed into the likeness of the body of His glory.

All those who persistently reject Jesus Christ in the present life shall be raised from the dead and throughout eternity exist in the state of conscious, unutterable, endless torment and anguish.

The Church consists of all those who, in this present dispensation, truly believe in Jesus Christ. It is the body and bride of Christ, which Christ loves and for which He has given Himself.

There is a personal devil, a being of great cunning and power: "The prince of the power of the air," "The prince of this world," "The god of this age." He can exert vast power only so far as God suffers him to do so. He shall ultimately be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night forever.

Note: This doctrinal statement, presented here as originally conceived by the founders of the organization, has been and continues to be the stated theological position of Biola University. Where "man" is used, referring to the human race, it includes both genders. In addition, the following explanatory notes indicate the organization's understanding and teaching position on certain points which could be subject to various interpretations:

The Scriptures are to be interpreted according to dispensational distinctives with the conviction that the return of the Lord for His Church will be premillennial, before the Tribulation, and that the Millennium is to be the last of the dispensations.

The existence of the Creation is not explainable apart from the roles of God as the sovereign creator and sustainer of the entire natural realm. Concepts such as theistic or threshold evolution do not adequately explain creation.

Though there may be many fillings of the Holy Spirit, there is only one baptism which occurs at the time of regeneration. The gifts of the Spirit are given to believers according to the Will of God for the purpose of building up the Church. During the foundational era of the Church (i.e., the time of Christ and the Apostles) God gave special manifestations of the overtly supernatural and miraculous gifts (e.g., tongues, healings, miracles) as "signs" that witness to the validity of those bearing new canonical revelation (c.f. 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4). Beyond the foundational era, God in His sovereignty may grant any spiritual gift and work miraculously for the benefit of His Church at any time.

The Bible is clear in its teaching on the sanctity of human life. Life begins at conception. We abhor the destruction of innocent life through abortion-on-demand.

Confession before men is viewed as tangible fruit of salvation and not as a qualifying condition for salvation.

## **COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS**

Biblically speaking, the following behavioral expectations apply to all members of the Biola University community:

- 1. Those acts which are expressly forbidden in Scripture, including: premarital/extramarital sex, homosexuality, drunkenness, theft, profanity, occult practices and dishonesty will not be practiced by members of this community.
- 2. Other areas the community is expected to avoid are known as "sins of the spirit" and "sins of the tongue." These include such sins as covetousness, jealousy, pride, lust, envy, immodesty, impatience, backbiting, enmity, strife, outbursts of anger, factions, bitterness, an unforgiving spirit, slander, discrimination and prejudice (Jeremiah 9:3-9, Mark 7:20-23, Galatians 5:19-21). Although these issues are more difficult to discern, they can be destructive to the healthy functioning of the community.
- 3. Recognizing the Christian obligation to submit to the governing authorities (Romans 13:1, 1 Peter 2:13), individuals related to Biola University are expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state and the nation.

In addition to those behaviors and attitudes which the Scriptures specifically praise or condemn, the Board of Trustees has adopted the following statement of community agreements which are a requirement for membership in the Biola community.

Biola University is a community of Christians committed to the principles of Christian living found in the Bible and holds that these biblical standards are vital to our individual and corporate relationships. Maintaining these standards contributes to the kind of atmosphere in which quality Christian education and spiritual nurture can best occur, and strengthens the testimony of Biola within both Christian and secular communities. In this light, and given the clear biblical imperative for spiritual self-discipline, the University has established these "standards of conduct" to be observed and upheld, by all members of the Biola community.

Consistent with the example and command of Jesus Christ, we believe that life within a Christian community must be lived to the glory of God, with love for God and for our neighbors. Being indwelt by the Holy Spirit, we strive to walk by the Spirit, "crucifying the flesh with its passions and desires" (Galatians 5:24). To this end, members of the Biola community are not to engage in activities which Scripture forbids. Such activities include, but are not limited to, dishonesty, thievery, fornication, adultery, homosexual practice, drunkenness and unscriptural divorce. Scripture also condemns other "deeds of the flesh" such as covetousness, jealousy, pride and lust — sins which the maturing Christian should put off, and replace with "fruit of the spirit": love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (e.g., Luke 10:27; Galatians 2:20, 5:14-24; Ephesians 2:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

As a Christian educational institution, Biola also recognizes the responsibility of its board of trustees, faculty and staff to provide examples of maturing Christian character conduct to its students and the community at large. To this end, participation in certain practices has been traditionally held by the University to be inappropriate for members of the Biola community. Such practices relate to areas of personal discipline and are in keeping with the biblical admonition that Christians glorify God in their physical bodies as "the temple of the Holy Spirit" (1Corinthians 6:19-20), and that their freedom in Christ must not cause a brother or sister in Christ to stumble (1Corinthians 8:7-13; 10:23-33). Members of the Biola community are expected to refrain from the use of alcoholic beverages and tobacco in any form, and from gambling. Also, Biola does not allow social dancing at university-related or sponsored activities (that is, at any activities that involves any identifiable university group, is publicized on campus, and/or has the appearance of being university-related, whether held on or off campus). Furthermore, discernment must be exercised in avoiding all activities which may be spiritually or morally harmful. Individual decisions regarding movies, television programs, all forms of electronic media and other activities are expected to reflect this moral commitment. Biola University does not presume to be a censoring agency for all activities; it does, however, expect tangible evidence of maturing Christian convictions and discerning judgment.

In addition, members of the Biola community will observe Sunday as the Lord's Day and give primary attention to worship, rest, Christian fellowship and recreation and service.

These standards apply to the student while enrolled in any of the schools or programs of the University on and off campus. In addition, these standards apply to the board members during their term of service on the Biola University Board of Trustees, and to faculty and staff during their term of employment with Biola University. Biola therefore reserves the right to discipline or dismiss any student or employee who, in its judgment, does not conform to these conduct standards or to other expressed principles, policies, programs and expectations of the university governing employee conduct.