



Mission, Biblical Foundations, Institutional Objectives, and ILOs Agreement

Mission Statement

The mission of Sierra States University is to educate students to be leaders to serve communities and the world through the excellent programs of Christian Higher Education.

Biblical Foundation Statement

We believe that the Scripture of the Old and New Testament are the inspired, the only infallible, and authoritative word of God. We believe that there is one God, creator of heaven and earth, eternally existent in three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that God has revealed Himself and His Truth in the created order, in the Scriptures, and supremely in Jesus Christ. We believe that God has created humanity in His image and likeness, but the disobedience of Adam, all humankind was alienated from God and lost.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the messiah, the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, who died on the cross, was physically resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven, and will one day return in His glory to reign upon the earth.

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells and gives life to believers, enables them to understand the Scriptures, empowers them for godly living and equips them for service and witness.

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ and that the people of God are called to community, worship, discipleship, mission, and education.

Institutional Objectives

In an attempt to achieve mission, Sierra States University has developed following institutional objectives. At the end of the degree program, students will be able:

1. To demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible and an understanding of Christian doctrine
2. To demonstrate awareness and life-long commitment to personal, vocational and academic development
3. To demonstrate attitude of service and leadership in their discipline and community
4. To demonstrate basic knowledge and skills for vocational success and to enhance skills within their current careers.
5. To demonstrate biblical and ethical standards in personal lifestyle and career.

Learning Outcomes

Sierra States University has five institutional learning outcomes that had been developed by the multiple stakeholders. These learning outcomes describe the characteristics that we hope and expect our students to exhibit by the time they finish their degree at Sierra States University.

1. *Critical Thinking* – Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze, synthesize and apply knowledge in familiar and unfamiliar situations to make informed decisions.
2. *Problem-Solving Skills* – Students will demonstrate problem-solving skills such as quantitative knowledge, computer skills and broad knowledge to solve problems and complete their tasks.
3. *Excellent Communication* – Students will demonstrate quality communication in the form of written presentation or oral skills.
4. *Professional knowledge* – Students will demonstrate professional knowledge and skills in their discipline so that they carry out their duties in their career and embody leadership in their major field.
5. *Christian Service* – Students will apply their biblical knowledge and theological perspective to balance their life and apply Christian leadership in civil life and community service.

I acknowledge and understand Sierra States University's mission statement, biblical foundation statement, institutional objectives, and learning outcomes. By signing this document, I acknowledge that I am responsible for upholding in the spirit the information that has been given to me and the standards and policies of SSU for the duration of my enrollment at this institution.

PRINT STUDENT NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____