

BJU ACCREDITATION FACT SHEET

- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia), Latin America and other international sites approved by SACSCOC that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.
- The BJU Board of Trustees voted unanimously on December 2, 2011, to pursue regional accreditation. The application was delivered to SACSCOC on October 2, 2014. A candidacy committee visit was authorized by SACSCOC in July 2015 and the candidacy committee visited the BJU campus in January 2016. SACSCOC granted BJU candidacy status on June 16, 2016. The accreditation committee visited in November 2016, and SACSCOC granted BJU full membership on June 15, 2017.
- Participation in the accreditation process is voluntary and is an earned and renewable status. BJU undertook the application process for the benefit of those who serve here as faculty and staff, our students, our future students and our alumni. The process represents our commitment to a God-given mission—our desire to see lives transformed into the image of Christ through the unique discipleship opportunities found in a biblically faithful liberal arts education.
- Accreditation signifies that a university has (1) a mission appropriate to higher education, (2) resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that mission, (3) clearly specified educational objectives that are consistent with its mission and appropriate to the degrees it offers, and (4) success in achieving its stated objectives.
- Accreditation acknowledges an institution's prerogative to articulate its mission, including a religious mission, within the recognized context of higher education and its responsibility to show that it is accomplishing its mission.
- Accreditation requires institutional commitment to the concept of quality enhancement through continuous assessment and improvement that benefits students. BJU initiatives to assess academic programs and operating departments are in place campus-wide.
- BJU is a member of the American Association of Christian Colleges and Seminaries, the Association of Business Administrators of Christian Colleges, the Education Advisory Board and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
- BJU will be reviewed for reaffirmation of regional accreditation in five years (2022), then every ten years thereafter.

*Some of the information provided in this fact sheet was quoted or paraphrased from the SACSCOC website and the 2012 edition of *The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement* published by SACSCOC.*