

UNIVERSITY CONCLUSIONS BASED ON ASSESSMENT FOR 2015-16

Brigham Young University uses assessment results to make determinations of quality, effectiveness, and mission fulfillment.

The university's mission statement is The Mission of Brigham Young University.¹ The university's four core themes are The Aims of a BYU Education: "A BYU education should be (1) spiritually strengthening, (2) intellectually enlarging, and (3) character building, leading to (4) lifelong learning and service."²

Each core theme has specific objectives which come from the university mission statement or The Aims of a BYU Education. Each objective is measured by indicators. The indicators for each core theme objective are converted to a common numerical scale and averaged. The averages are then categorized as Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor. If the average of the indicators for a core theme objective is Good or Excellent, then the core theme objective is achieved. If all the core theme objectives are achieved, then the core theme is achieved. If all the core themes are achieved, then the university meets its definition of mission fulfillment.

For 2015-16, assessment results indicate the following:

Core Theme 1. Spiritually Strengthening

Objective 1.1. Students strengthen their faith and testimony of the restored gospel.

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 1.2. Students increase their knowledge and understanding of "the doctrines, the covenants, the ordinances, the standard works, and the history of the restored gospel."

Average of indicators: Good.

Core Theme 2. Intellectually Enlarging

Objective 2.1. Students acquire the ability to think soundly.

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 2.2. Students acquire the ability to communicate effectively.

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 2.3. Students acquire the ability to engage in quantitative reasoning.

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 2.4. Students develop an understanding of the broad areas of human knowledge, including historical perspective, science, arts and letters, and global awareness.

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 2.5. Students achieve competence in their major field.

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 2.6. Faculty actively produce scholarly and creative works.

Average of indicators: Good.

Core Theme 3. Character Building

Objective 3.1. Students develop “such moral virtues as integrity, reverence, modesty, self-control, courage, compassion, . . . industry,” charity, honesty, temperance, and personal righteousness.

Average of indicators: Good.

Core Theme 4. Lifelong Learning and Service

Objective 4.1. Students learn “how to learn” and are prepared “to continue learning throughout their lives.”

Average of indicators: Good.

Objective 4.2. Students and graduates participate in lifelong service.

Average of indicators: Good.

Therefore, all the core theme objectives, all the core themes, and mission fulfillment were achieved.

¹ The Mission of Brigham Young University (http://aims.byu.edu/mission_statement).

² The Aims of a BYU Education (<http://aims.byu.edu/aims>).