

# **BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**

## **CORE THEME OBJECTIVES**

Four core themes, The Aims of a BYU Education,<sup>1</sup> reflect essential elements of The Mission of Brigham Young University.<sup>2</sup> “A BYU education should be (1) spiritually strengthening, (2) intellectually enlarging, and (3) character building, leading to (4) lifelong learning and service.”<sup>3</sup> Each core theme has specific objectives which come from the university mission statement or The Aims of a BYU Education.<sup>4</sup>

### **Core Theme 1. Spiritually Strengthening**

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

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.”

### **Core Theme 2. Intellectually Enlarging.**

Objective 2.1. Students acquire the ability to think soundly.

Objective 2.2. Students acquire the ability to communicate effectively.

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

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

Objective 2.5. Students achieve competence in their major field.

Objective 2.6. Faculty actively produce scholarly and creative works.

### **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.

## Core Theme 4. Lifelong Learning and Service

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

Objective 4.2. Students and graduates participate in lifelong service.

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<sup>1</sup> The Aims of a BYU Education ( <http://aims.byu.edu/aims> ).

<sup>2</sup> The Mission of Brigham Young University ( [http://aims.byu.edu/mission\\_statement](http://aims.byu.edu/mission_statement) ).

<sup>3</sup> The Aims of a BYU Education ( <http://aims.byu.edu/aims> ).