

Institutional Effectiveness

Learning Outcomes Inventory

SBC's Learning Outcomes Inventory is a self-assessment of their own knowledge, attitudes, and skills in our Core Learning Outcomes. Students compare their current achievement to their perception of the knowledge they had prior to attending SBC. Scores are a percentage of students claiming proficiency of 5, 6, or 7, on a 7-point scale, on entering SBC and on graduating (3 or 4 year grads).

Students' Self-Assessment in our Three Main Program Areas:

Outcome Categories	Before SBC ('24)	Graduation ('24)	Before SBC ('25)	Graduation ('25)
Bible / Theology	17%	82%	18%	87%
Arts & Science	6%	80%	13%	79%
Professional Studies	43%	93%	45%	97%

Students' Self-Assessment in our Seven Core Learning Areas:

Core Learning Outcome	Before SBC ('24)	Graduation ('24)	Before SBC ('25)	Graduation ('25)
Biblical Understanding	13%	87%	11%	95%
Theological Convictions	7%	73%	13%	79%
Christian Life & Character	40%	93%	37%	95%
Effective Communication	0%	80%	5%	79%
Critical & Integrative Thinking	13%	80%	21%	79%
Interpersonal Competence	47%	93%	63%	100%
Servant Leadership	40%	93%	26%	95%

ABHE Bible Knowledge Exam

The ABHE Bible Knowledge Exam is a standardized undergraduate test given to first-year students on arrival, and BA graduates in their final semester.

Bible Knowledge by Genre

	Fall 2024 (ABHE Average)	Fall 2024 (SBC)	Spring 2025 (ABHE Average)	Spring 2025 (SBC)
Acts	55%	50%	70%	65%
Bible as a Whole	66%	62%	76%	78%
General Epistles	49%	41%	62%	54%
Gospels	58%	53%	72%	77%
Pauline Epistles	53%	46%	68%	62%
Revelation	71%	71%	79%	93%
Historical Books	56%	52%	70%	75%
Pentateuch	65%	62%	77%	81%
Prophets	48%	44%	61%	59%
Psalms & Wisdom Literature	46%	41%	62%	57%

Bible Knowledge for Foci

	Fall 2024 (ABHE Average)	Fall 2024 (SBC)	Spring 2025 (ABHE Average)	Spring 2025 (SBC)
Bible General Knowledge	61%	55%	73%	73%
Bible Genre	56%	50%	65%	63%
Christology	56%	50%	71%	72%
Covenant	56%	53%	70%	69%
Eschatology	78%	73%	87%	83%
NT General Knowledge	56%	51%	71%	70%
NT Vocabulary	55%	51%	71%	75%
OT General Knowledge	54%	51%	67%	70%
OT Vocabulary	71%	70%	82%	89%
Revelation	69%	68%	78%	87%
Soteriology	64%	59%	74%	74%
Theology	65%	59%	76%	70%

Retention Rates

Retention indicates the percentage of students registered in on-campus programs who continue from the start of Year 1, to the start of Year 2, etc.

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Average
1st Year Incoming Students	60	43	45	57	53	51.6
1st to 2nd Year Returnees (minus grads)	91.18%	58.49%	52.63%	56.10%	55.77%	62.83%
2nd to 3rd Year Returnees (minus grads)	108.00%	90.32%	96.77%	80.00%	95.65%	94.15%
3rd to 4th Year Returnees (minus grads)	33.33%	16.67%	9.09%	62.50%	-100.00%	4.32%
Pursuit – 1st Year	NA (did not run)	63%	100%	54%	72%	72.25%

Graduation Completion Rates

Completion Rates measure the number of students who completed their program within 1 ½ times the allotted timeframe. For example, those who complete a three-year Bachelor's degree in 4.5 years or less.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Average
Undergraduate Class Size (Total)	32	43	54	44	51	44.8
Undergraduate Class Size (BA 3yr)	11	13	19	19	24	17.2
Undergraduate Class Size (BA 4yr)	2	5	3	4	5	3.8
Undergraduate Completion Rate	75.00%	64.70%	56.00%	72.00%	65.63%	66.67%

Graduation Placement Rates

Surveys of alumni with Certificate, Associate, and Bachelor degrees taken within 6 months, 5 years, and 10 years after graduation.

Year	Grad Responses	Further Education	Employed*	Employed in Vocational Ministry	Volunteer Ministry	Volunteer Community
2020	43	60%	98%	NA	53%	16%
2021	37	43%	100%	NA	62%	3%
2022	40	68%	100%	48%	65%	8%
2023	48	56%	98%	27%	69%	19%
2024	39	54%	95%	38%	82%	15%

**Includes those who are currently a student in further education.*

Alumni 6 months after graduation

This table shows what our Certificate, Associate, and Bachelor degree graduates were doing 6 months after graduation in each of the last five years.

Year	Grad Responses	Further Education	Employed*	Employed in Vocational Ministry	Volunteer Ministry	Volunteer Community
2020	10	20%	100%	NA	90%	10%
2021	11	27%	100%	NA	64%	0%
2022	14	29%	100%	71%	50%	7%
2023	20	20%	100%	25%	60%	20%
2024	18	28%	94%	39%	67%	22%

**Includes those who are currently a student in further education.*