

Curricular and/or Degree Plan Changes

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Course number: _____ or Degree Plan(s) Master of Science in Gerontology
 State the requested change and reason (a memo may be attached if more space is necessary):

See attached letter dated April 9, 2010.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. (degree plan changes on other side)

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	Change to Course:	Dept	Deans	College Academic	UUAC	GEC	G RAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A		I		I	--	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A		I		I	--	I
3.	Content	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
4.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
5.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I		I		I	--	I
6.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
7.	Prerequisites	A	A	A		I		I	--	I
8.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
9.	Cross list w/another dept: U or G level	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
10.	Department of record	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
11.	Open or close a course	A	A	A		A		A	--	A
12.	New course - see Gary Tucker for packet (including combining or splitting a course(s))	A	A	A		A		A	--	A

* In most cases, approval by only one council is necessary.

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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Changes in Catalog Degree Plan Requirements:		Dept	Deans	College Academic	UUAC	GEC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees						
Note - <u>All graduate</u> degree program changes must go through the graduate council. See #18																	
1.	Core – require specific course from core menu	A	A	I		I		I	--	I	--						
2.	Core – change selection of specific course in core menus	A	A	I		I		I	--	I	--						
3.	Core – substitute course for core requirement	A	A	A		A		A	I	A	--						
4.	Core – add a new course to core menu	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	--						
5.	Core – change in approved course content	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						
6.	Major – change course selection in major (hours equal)	A	A	A		I		I	--	I	--						
7.	Major – reduce or increase hours required in major (within university minimum and maximum) ♦	A	A	A		I		I	--	I	--						
8.	Major/ Area of emphasis (e.g. BAS) – revision of major	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						
9.	Major/ Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						
10.	Major/ Area of emphasis (e.g. BAS) – add new major	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	I/A						
11.	Supplement – change course selection in supplement (hours equal or greater) ♥	A	A	A		I		I	--	I	--						
12.	Supplement – reduce hours required ♥	A	A	I		I		I	--	I	--						
13.	Electives – reduce hours below university minimum ♣	A	A	A		A		A	I	A	--						
14.	GPA – revise major requirement	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						
15.	GPA – revise cumulative requirement	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						
16.	Minor – revise course selection	A	A	A		I		I	--	I	--						
	Minor – add or discontinue with a major	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						
	Minor – add or discontinue without a major	A	A	A		A		A	A	A							
17.	Add new degree	A	A	A		A		A	A	A	A						
18.	**Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A		A		A	--	A	--						

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♦ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g. BA, BS). The maximum in the major must allow for at least 6 hours of electives.

♥ Supplement - A set of *required* courses in a degree program that are outside the university core, the degree core, and the required courses in the major field. Supplement courses are not elective in nature, and ordinarily do not include "menu" options (that is, a series of courses from which the student selects one or more).

♣ The university minimum for elective hours is 6.

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<u>Steven A. Wages</u> signature	<u>April 21, 2010</u> approval date
_____ signature	_____ approval date

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<u>[Signature]</u> signature	<u>4/27/10</u> approval date
<u>[Signature]</u> signature	<u>4/28/10</u> approval date

<u>[Signature]</u> chair's signature	<u>4-28-10</u> approval date
_____ chair's signature	_____ approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ chair's signature	_____ approval date

General Education Council	
_____ chair's signature	_____ approval date

<u>Carley Doff</u> chair's signature	<u>5-10-10</u> approval date
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Provost	
<u>[Signature]</u> signature	<u>June 7, 2010</u> approval date

Faculty	
_____ chair of faculty senate	_____ approval date

President	
<u>[Signature]</u> signature	<u>06-14-10</u> approval date

Board of Trustees	
_____ chair of Board of Trustees	_____ approval date

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April 9, 2010

Dr. Carley Dodd, Dean
Graduate School
Abilene Christian University

Dr. Greg Straughn, Interim Dean
College Arts and Sciences
Abilene Christian University

Traditional on-campus generalist gerontology programs as a standalone discipline have declined throughout the nation. The 42-hour Master of Science degree offered in the Department of Sociology and Family Studies has experienced similar decline. In addition, there is considerable external competition from lower cost on-line graduate programs in gerontology. While interest in graduate gerontology offerings has declined, the undergraduate enrollment is strongest in the history of our program. The number of students taking interdisciplinary gerontology courses is increasing across campus, as is the number of students enrolled to earn the Undergraduate Gerontology Certificate. With the growth in undergraduate interest, we have decided to dedicate our resources to undergraduate initiatives.

Based upon my consultations with Dr. C. D. Pruett, Gerontology Program Director and Dr. Carol Williams, Dean of the Graduate School, I herein request that the Master of Science in Gerontology be closed. There are two active students currently enrolled in the program one of which is scheduled to graduate May, 2010; the other will graduate upon completion of her field practicum. Let me know if I can be of any further assistance in this regard.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Wages, Ph. D., CFLE
Chair and Family Studies Program Director
Department of Sociology and Family Studies
Abilene Christian University

cc: Dr. Charlie Pruett

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ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
PRUETT GERONTOLOGY CENTER
BOX 8441, ACU STATION
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MEMORANDUM

TO: DANELLE BRAND, BOX 8108

FROM: DR. C. BRUCE DAVIS, DIRECTOR

C. D. PRUETT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

DATE: JANUARY 17, 1994

RE: Name Change of the Center on Aging

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In accordance with the decision made by the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees at Abilene Christian University effecting a name change of the Center For the Study of Aging, please make the following change.

From this point on the name of the Center for the Study of Aging will be **PRUETT GERONTOLOGY CENTER**.

Along with the official name change, please note that the address of the Pruett Gerontology Center has been changed and is now:

Pruett Gerontology Center
Box 8441, ACU Station
Abilene, Texas 79699-8441