

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) Master of Divinity

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

Requested Changes:

- 1) Remove BIBM 629 Field Ed. Contextual Immersion or BIBM 609 Healthcare Ministry as a requirement for MDiv degree plans.
- 2) Replace BIBM 629 or 609 requirement with an additional 3 credit hour BIBM/BIBMis elective requirement. So the catalog will read under "The Church's Mission" Ministry/Mission electives (12 hours)

Reason for Change:

As the GST reshapes its Contextual Education program, the needs of students and outcomes of the degree program are better met by removing BIBM 629 or 609 as a requirement and addressing those outcomes in other aspects of the degree program. Removing BIBM 629 creates a 3 credit hour space in the degree program that would be best filled by adding a BIBM/BIBMis elective to the degree plan.

Note: This would remove BIBM 629 as a prerequisite for courses within the GST

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

		COUNCIL ³								
	Change to a Course	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I				I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I				I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I				I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	I				A	I
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A				A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I				I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A				A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I				I	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A	--				A	I
10.	From U to G <i>or</i> G to U	A	A	A	A				A	I
11.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A	A				A	I
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A				A	I
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A				A	I
14.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A				A	I

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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	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	--	--	A				A	--	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
8.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
9.	Major – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A	I				I	--	I	--
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
13.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--
14.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
16.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A	A				A	A	A	I
17.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	See below.										
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A	A				A	--	A	--

		COUNCIL ³								
	Provost-Proposed Change	Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UUAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	Major/Graduate Program – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I
2.	Minor – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			--	A	--
3.	Degree – Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R	A			A	A	I

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1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A

¹ Councils may request additional information about “Information” items. These items are approved as “Consent Agenda.”

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost’s recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU’s University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and “not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession” (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that “general requirements for graduation” means the enumerated items in the “General Requirements for Bachelor’s Degrees” section of the catalog.

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Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

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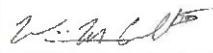
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Abilene Christian University

2021-2022 Catalog with Addendum

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The Master of Divinity in Missions is designed for those who plan to evangelize domestically or abroad. It also equips students with advanced academic skills in preparation for doctoral work.

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution. Students with extensive undergraduate studies in Bible, religion, and ministry may receive up to 18 hours of advanced standing.

Major Requirements

Context

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBM 603 - Foundations of the Theology of Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 657 - Contexts of Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
- ~~[BIBM 629 - Field Education Contextual Immersion](#) Credit Hours: 3~~
- ~~[BIBM 609 - Healthcare Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3~~
- [BIBM 658 - The Practice of Ministerial Leadership](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 678 - GST Senior Portfolio Preparation](#) Credit Hours: 0

Dropping 609 and 629

Total: 9 Credit Hours

The Story of the Church - Scripture

- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 611 - Old Testament Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBL 621 - New Testament Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- Text Elective (BIBL, BGRK, or BHEB 600-699) - Credit Hours: 3
- Text Electives (BIBL, BGRK, or BHEB 600-699) - Credit Hours: 6

Total: 15 Credit Hours

The Story of the Church - History

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBH 674 - Christian Mission in Global Contexts](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BMIS 673 - History of Missions](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BMIS 675 - Theology of Mission](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBH 664 - Advanced Restoration History](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Interpretation

- [BGRK 611 - Elementary Greek I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BGRK 612 - Elementary Greek II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BHEB 671 - Elementary Hebrew I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BHEB 672 - Elementary Hebrew II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBD 678 - Philosophy of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

The Church's Mission

- [BIBM 648 - Christian Spiritual Formation](#) Credit Hours: 3
- Missions electives (BMIS 600-699) - Credit Hours: ~~9~~ **12** Adding 3 hour elective

Total: 15 Credit Hours

Other Electives

- Theology Elective (BIBD 600-699) - Credit Hours: 3
or
- History Elective (BIBH 600-699) - Credit Hours: 3

- Free Elective - Credit Hours: 3

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 72

Optional Thesis (Consult with advisor)

- [BIBM 699 - Master's Thesis](#) Credit Hours: 6

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Other Graduation Requirements

English Bible exam, e-portfolio review or oral exam for thesis, and mentoring.

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