

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Respond In Writing

Course Number: N/A or Degree Plan(s): **Doctor of Occupational Therapy and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy**

It has been requested and supported by the CHBS Dean, undergraduate admissions as well as the office of graduate programs to add a direct admit pathway for undergraduate ACU students to ensure acceptance into the occupational therapy graduate programs. The ACU OT department will assure ACU undergraduate students a slot in one of the OT graduate programs (OTD or MSOT) if the students meet criteria set forth in the direct admission pathway policy proposed here. Undergraduate admissions see this as a potential marketing tool for recruitment and retention for students looking to come to ACU for undergraduate study. The office of graduate programs see this as a potential marketing and recruitment tool to potentially boost declining graduate student applicants. The policy is in line with policies at other similar size and mission occupational therapy programs and is standard procedure at many other Universities. Admission requirements to the program at time of matriculation remain unchanged, students must meet admission requirements currently outlined in the catalog.

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost
	Campus-Level Academic Review¹						
	Change to a Course Include signatures from all chairs/program directors for cross-listed courses. ¹						
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 (change of course outcomes)	A	A	A	I	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A	A	A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I	I	I
9.	Course restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G or G to U)	A	A	A	A	A	A
11.	Cross list course	A	A	A	A	A	A

12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A	A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Change to a Degree Plan						
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt/revise admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program-required GPA	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost	Campus Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
	Full Review									
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)									
18.	General requirements for Bachelor's and Associate Degrees	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I
19.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I
20.	Requirements for graduating with honors	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I
	Change to a Degree Plan									
21.	Educational Program — Add or Discontinue ²³	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
22.	Educational Program — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	I
23.	Minor — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
24.	Minor — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	-	A	I
25.	Degree — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
26.	Degree — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	I

		Dept./School	College	Dean	AUAC	Provost	UGEC	University Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)									
27.	Change course outcomes of an included course	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	A	A	I
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	-	A	I
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I

Notes

² Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

³ For undergraduate majors, a minimum of 30 hours is required. These programs must have a minimum of 6 elective hours, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible. Master's programs must include a minimum of 30 hours, and doctoral programs must include a minimum of 30 hours beyond the master's.

⁴ When a department/school or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the department/school. An administrative proposal by the provost or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "provost-proposed" routing on the chart.

Updated 8/1/2023

	Department/School(s)	11/21/23
Chair Signature		Date

Chair/Program Director Signature	Date
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 Sheila Jones (Dec 12, 2023 09:57 CST)	College Academic Council(s)	Dec 12, 2023
Chair Signature		Date

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	Dean(s)	Dec 12, 2023
Signature		Date

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Teacher Education Council	
Signature	Date

Campus Academic Council: Abilene Undergraduate or Abilene Graduate	
Signature	Date

Provost

Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Signature

Date

University Faculty

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair signature

Date

Dallas Faculty Council Chair signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

DIRECT ADMIT PATHWAY

Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) and Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MSOT) Direct Admit Pathway

Applicable Only to Abilene Christian University (ACU) Incoming Freshman and Rising Sophomore Students

Seats in the OTD and MSOT Program will be held for exceptional incoming ACU freshman students or ACU rising sophomores who successfully complete 2 full-time freshman semesters of coursework.

To be considered for the Direct Admit Pathway:

1. Submit an ACU application by the application due date.
2. Select 'Pre-Occupational Therapy' as your major or track on the ACU admission application or Common App.
3. Students who apply will know of their OT Direct Admit Pathway acceptance within 2 weeks after initial acceptance to ACU.
4. Deposit at ACU by the established deadline.

Direct Admit Pathway Criteria for Incoming Freshman

- Are in the upper tier as indicated by high school cumulative GPA and ACT or SAT scores
 - Earn a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or higher
 - Obtain a minimum SAT score of 1310 or ACT score of 28
- Meet OTD or MSOT Admission criteria upon application to the MSOT or OTD Program

Direct Admit Pathway Criteria for Rising Sophomores

Those who do not meet the Direct Admit Pathway as an incoming freshman, have the opportunity for Direct Admit Pathway as a Rising Sophomore at the end of their freshman year if the following criteria are met:

- Completed 2 full-time semesters at ACU
 - Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher
 - Completion of a minimum of two prerequisite OTD/MSOT course requirements each with a grade of B or higher
- Meet OTD or MSOT Admission criteria upon application to the Program

Acceptance to the OTD and MSOT Program and admission assured for students who meet all admission criteria given they matriculate into the OTD or MSOT Program the Fall semester immediately following completion of a minimum undergraduate degree from ACU. Direct Admit Pathway students must apply to the OTD or MSOT Program via OTCAS. ACU Graduate Program application fee will be waived.