

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: _____ **or Degree Plan(s):** Advanced Standing MSSW Degree Plan

We propose a reduction in 3 course credit hours for SOCW 702 (currently 6 credit hours) and to move the additional 3 hours into an advanced elective requirement. This change integrates new accreditation standards in leveling courses and better connects with the program outcomes. It also better prepares students with a bachelor's in social work to understand advanced-level practice and enter their advanced field practicum since it is a 4 + 1 degree model. The total degree plan hours will not change.

Additionally, we propose changing the name of SOCW 748 from *Psychopathology in Social Work Practice* to *Clinical Assessment and Differential Diagnosis*. This change aligns with the profession's shift away from negative connotations derived from the medical model and considers a more strengths-based perspective to the diagnosing and treating mental health issues.

Campus-Level Academic Review ¹		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost
Change to a Course Include signatures from all chairs/program directors for cross-listed courses. ²							
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
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	Full Review	Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost	Campus Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
	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 ^{2 3}	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

	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)	Dept./School	College	Dean	AUAC	Provost	UGEC	University Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
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)	
<i>Rachel Slaymaker</i>	04/05/2024
Chair Signature	Date
Chair/Program Director Signature	
Date	
College Academic Council(s)	
<i>Heidi Jones</i>	Apr 18, 2024
Chair Signature	Date
Chair Signature	Date
Dean(s)	
<i>[Signature]</i>	Apr 24, 2024
Signature	Date
Signature	Date
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

Social Work - Advanced Standing, MSSW (SOCW)

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Prerequisite Degree Requirements

The Advanced Standing MSSW program requires that students have completed a BSW degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Major Requirements

Foundation Seminar

- [SOCW 702 - Integrative Seminar Advanced Standing](#) Credit Hours: ~~3~~6

Total: ~~6~~3 Credit Hours

Advanced Courses

- [SOCW 725 - Spirituality and Social Work](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 744 - Management and Funding of Nonprofit Organizations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 748 - ~~Psychopathology in Social Work Practice~~ Clinical Assessment and Differential Diagnosis](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 751 - Advanced Evidence-Based Practice Interventions I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 752 - Advanced Evidence-Based Practice Interventions II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 781 - Advanced Social Work Field Practicum I](#) Credit Hours: 4
- [SOCW 782 - Advanced Social Work Field Practicum II](#) Credit Hours: 4
- Advanced Social Work Elective (SOCW 700-799) Credit Hours: ~~3~~6
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- [SOCW 795 - Applied Research Project I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOCW 796 - Applied Research Project II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [SOCW 799 - Master's Thesis](#) Credit Hours: 6

Total: ~~32~~35 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 38