

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: _____ or Degree Plan(s): MTS

		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
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

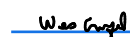
² Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

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)


Wes Crawford (May 2, 2024 13:40 CDT)

May 2, 2024

Chair Signature

Date

Chair/Program Director Signature

Date

College Academic Council(s)



May 3, 2024

Chair Signature

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Chair Signature

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Dean(s)


Ken Cukrowski (May 3, 2024 17:05 CDT)

May 3, 2024

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Teacher Education Council

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**Campus Academic Council:
Abilene Undergraduate or Abilene Graduate**

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Provost

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University General Education Council

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University Faculty

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair signature

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Dallas Faculty Council Chair signature

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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

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President

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MTS: Master of Theological Studies (THSD)

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Core Courses

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 647 - Research Problems in Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- *or*
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

History of Early Christianity

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- [BIBD 635 - Ancient and Medieval Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- *or*
- [BIBD 661 - Theological Explorations](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- [BIBH 633 - Readings in Christian Spirituality](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- *or*
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- [BIBH 674 - Christian Mission in Global Contexts](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Language and Electives

- Choose 6-9 hours of BGRK 600 or higher, BHEB 600 or higher, or another language course approved by your advisor
- Choose 6-9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

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Total: 15 Credit Hours

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Thesis or Electives

- [BIBL 699 - Master's Thesis](#) Credit Hours: 6
- *or*
- Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 48

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Theological Studies, Modern and American Christianity, MTS (THSD-MA)

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The Modern and American Christianity track of the Master of Theological Studies degree is designed to equip students with an advanced academic foundation in the recent history and current life of Christianity in North America and around the world. Students who have extensive preparation at the undergraduate level may receive advanced standing (maximum 12 hours) toward this degree.

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MTS: Master of Theological Studies (THSD)

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Core Courses

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 647 - Research Problems in Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

Modern and American Christianity (MA)

- [BIBD 662 - Systematic Theology II](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [BIBH 655 - History of Christianity in America](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBH 664 - Advanced Restoration History](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBH 670 - Issues in Global Christianity](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

Electives

- Choose 12 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Thesis or Electives

- BIBL 699 - Master's Thesis Credit Hours: 6
- or
- Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHLB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 48

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Theological Studies, New Testament, MTS (THSD-NT)

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The New Testament track of the Master of Theological Studies degree is designed to provide an advanced academic foundation in New Testament studies. Students will be expected to gain proficiency in appropriate exegetical tools and languages as well as a broad understanding of textual and theological issues. Specifically, students should be able to exegete and interpret a variety of New Testament texts and understand them within their larger theological contexts. Students who have extensive preparation at the undergraduate level may receive advanced standing (maximum of 12 hours) toward this degree.

MTS: Master of Theological Studies (THSD)

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Core Courses

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 647 - Research Problems in Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

New Testament (NT)

- [BGRK 611 - Elementary Greek I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BGRK 612 - Elementary Greek II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BGRK 621 - Intermediate New Testament Greek](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 621 - New Testament Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 662 - Backgrounds of the New Testament and Early Christianity](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

New Testament Electives

- Choose 9 hours of BGRK or BIBL 600 or higher with advisor approval

Total: 9 Credit Hours

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Thesis or Electives

BIBL 699 - Master's Thesis Credit Hours: 6

BGRK 636 – Greek Readings A Credit Hours: 1

BGRK 637 – Greek Readings B Credit Hours: 1

BGRK 638 – Greek Readings C Credit Hours: 1

or

- Choose 9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 9 Credit Hours

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Total Major Hours: 48

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Theological Studies, Old Testament, MTS (THSD-OT)

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The Old Testament track of the Master of Theological Studies degree is designed to provide an advanced academic foundation in Old Testament studies. Students will be expected to gain proficiency in appropriate exegetical tools and languages as well as a broad understanding of textual and theological issues. Specifically, students should be able to exegete and interpret a variety of Old Testament texts and understand them within their larger theological contexts. Students who have extensive preparation at the undergraduate level may receive advanced standing (maximum 12 hours) toward this degree.

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MTS: Master of Theological Studies (THSD)

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Core Courses

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 647 - Research Problems in Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

Old Testament (OT)

Total: 12 Credit Hours

- [BHEB 671 - Elementary Hebrew I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BHEB 672 - Elementary Hebrew II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BHEB 681 - Intermediate Hebrew Readings I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 611 - Old Testament Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3

Old Testament Electives

- Choose [12](#) hours of BHEB or BIBL 600 or higher with advisor approval

Total: [12](#) Credit Hours

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Thesis or Electives

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

[BHEB 686 Hebrew Readings A](#) Credit Hours: [1](#)

[BHEB 687 Hebrew Readings B](#) Credit Hours: [1](#)

[BHEB 688 Hebrew Readings C](#) Credit Hours: [1](#)

or

- Choose 9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 9 Credit Hours

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Total Major Hours: [48](#)

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The Theology track of the Master of Theological Studies degree is designed to equip students with an advanced academic foundation in theological research and integration. Students who have extensive preparation at the undergraduate level may receive advanced standing (maximum 12 hours) toward this degree.

MTS: Master of Theological Studies (THSD)

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Core Courses

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 647 - Research Problems in Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- *or*
- [BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours

Theology (TH)

- [BIBD 635 - Ancient and Medieval Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 642 - Contemporary Religious Thought](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 661 - Theological Explorations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 662 - Systematic Theology II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 678 - Philosophy of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 686 - Christian Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 18 Credit Hours

Electives

- Choose 2 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 2 Credit Hours

Thesis or Electives

- BIBL 699 - Master's Thesis Credit Hours: 6
- or
- Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 48

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