

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Degree Plan(s):

- Master of Arts in Global Service (MAGS)

Proposal:

To discontinue the Master of Arts in Global Service (MAGS) as an offered degree within the Graduate School of Theology (item 25).

Rationale:

The MAGS degree began as a program designed for potential students interested in missions who were unable to attend a fully in-person graduate program. Thus, the program was launched in 2013-2014 in response to an opportunity in the theological education market and with a unique modality among then-existing GST programming. However, changes within larger GST systems around course modalities and residential requirements have diminished the program's original uniqueness. Additionally, lower than anticipated student enrollments have created course scheduling and administrative challenges. As a result, it is a better use of GST resources to discontinue the MAGS degree and instead encourage interested students into the MACM (an equal 48 hour degree), the MDiv, or the MDiv/Missions.

Teach-Out Plan:

The majority of MAGS courses are offered as either a part of other degree plans or elective courses. As a result the remaining MAGS student would take remaining courses as they are available. In instances where low student numbers result in the cancellation of a required course, the student will work with their advisor and the Associate Dean to make appropriate substitutions to maintain the student's program timeline. Because BMIS 671 Supervised Research in Missions is not offered regularly, remaining MAGS students would substitute a BIBM course offering in its place. Assuming a six hour course load per semester and current degree progress, we estimate graduating the final MAGS student from the Graduate School of Theology no later than the Spring 2028 semester.

	Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost
Campus-Level Academic Review ¹						
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

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26.	Degree — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	I
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		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

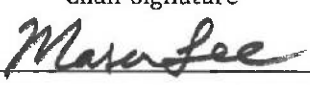
² Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

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)

Chair Signature	Date
	10/9/24
Chair/Program Director Signature	Date

College Academic Council(s)

Chair Signature

Christopher R. Hutson

Date

12-2-2024

Chair Signature

Chris Reed

Date

9 Oct 24

Dean(s)

Signature

[Signature]

Date

12-2-2024

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
