

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

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

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

According to the catalog, the MDiv in Missions (MDVM) and the MDiv in Ministry (BMDI) are two degrees. We wish to make them two tracks of the same degree: Master of Divinity (BMDI) with a Ministry track (BMDI-MIN) and a Missions track (BMDI-MIS). We will keep the major code BMDI and add a track-specific code for Ministry (BMDI-MIN). We will close the MDiv Missions degree (MDVM), and move all curriculum to a new track for Missions (BMDI-MIS).

This change only requires moving curriculum; no new curriculum will be added. This change will have no student impact.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change.

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TBC	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	UGBC	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
<i>Mason Lee</i>	Feb 13, 2025

Chair/Program Director Signature	Date
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College Academic Council(s)

Chair Signature	Date
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Chair Signature	Dean(s)	Date
<i>Angela Reed</i>		Feb 13, 2025

Signature	Date
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Teacher Education Council

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

Signature	Date
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Provost

<i>Wes Crawford</i> Wes Crawford (Feb 13, 2025 16:20 CST)	Feb 13, 2025
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

Master of Divinity, Ministry, MDiv (BMDI-MIN)

MDiv: Master of Divinity (BMDI)

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 658 - The Practice of Ministerial Leadership](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 678 - GST Senior Portfolio Preparation](#) Credit Hours: 0

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 664 - Advanced Restoration History Credit Hours: 3

Total: 3 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

Total: 12 Credit Hours

The Church's Mission

- BIBM 648 - Christian Spiritual Formation Credit Hours: 3

Total: 3 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: 48 Credit Hours

Ministry Track Requirements (MIN)

The Story of the Church - History

- BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval Credit Hours: 3
- BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present Credit Hours: 3

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Interpretation

- BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I Credit Hours: 3
- Philosophy elective (BIBD 600-699) - Credit Hours: 3
or
- Theology elective (BIBD 600-699) - Credit Hours: 3

Total: 6 Credit Hours

The Church's Mission

- Ministry/Missions electives (BIBM or BMIS 600-699) - Credit Hours: 12

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Total: 24 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 72

Optional Thesis (Consult with advisor)

- BIBL 699 - Master's Thesis Credit Hours: 6

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Other Graduation Requirements

Mentoring and oral exam for thesis.

Master of Divinity, Missions, MDiv (BMDI-MIS)

MDiv: Master of Divinity (BMDI)

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 658 - The Practice of Ministerial Leadership](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 678 - GST Senior Portfolio Preparation](#) Credit Hours: 0

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 664 - Advanced Restoration History Credit Hours: 3

Total: 3 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

Total: 12 Credit Hours

The Church's Mission

- BIBM 648 - Christian Spiritual Formation Credit Hours: 3

Total: 3 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: 48 Credit Hours

Missions Track (MIS)

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
- BIBH 670 - Issues in Global Christianity Credit Hours: 3

Total: 6 Credit Hours

Interpretation

- BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I Credit Hours: 3
or
- BIBD 678 - Philosophy of Religion Credit Hours: 3

Total: 3 Credit Hours

The Church's Mission

- Missions Electives (BMIS 600-699) - Credit Hours: 15

Total: 15 Credit Hours

Total: 24 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

Mentoring and oral exam for thesis.