

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes Graduate School of Theology

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

Degree Plan(s): Certificate in Practical Ministry

Description of Change/Rationale:

Change:

Add a "general" emphasis to the Certificate in Practical Ministry

- Degree Plan for Emphasis:
 - Certificate Core:
 - BIBM 603 Foundations of the Theology of Ministry
 - BIBL 627 Biblical Exegesis
 - BIBD 660 Systematic Theology I
 - Track Focus: Any 3 GST courses

Rationale:

The addition of this track addresses multiple needs with the CERT:

- 1) Allows for students to complete the CERT at a faster rate than the planned 2 years
- 2) Opens other GST courses to potential students (languages, biblical text courses, etc.) so that thier ministerial training can better reflect contextual needs.
- 3) Completions of other programs
- 4) Flexibility within tracks

The addition of this track has been met with unanimous approval from all involved in conversations to this point as a pure benefit to the GST.

		Dept./School	College	Dean	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	I	A	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	I	A	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	I	A	I	I
5.	Number of credit hours	A	I	A	I	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	I	A	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	I	A	I	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	I	A	I	I

9.	Course restriction	A	I	A	I	I
10.	Level change (U to G or G to U)	A	I	A	I	A
11.	Cross list course	A	I	A	I	A
12.	Department of record	A	I	A	I	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	I	A	I	I
	Change to a Degree Plan					
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	I	A	I	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt/revise admission requirements	A	I	A	I	A
16.	GPA — Revise program-required GPA	A	I	A	I	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	I	A	I	A

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

Notes

An administrative proposal by the provost or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "provost-proposed" routing on the chart.

Dean



11/20/25

Signature

Date

Graduate Council

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Current Catalogue

Ministry Selections

Choose 9 hours from from the options listed below:

Areas of ministerial emphasis are grouped together as a guide, but any 9 hours may be selected.

Children's Ministry

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- [BIBM 673 - Ministry with Children and Families](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 675 - Spiritual Formation of Children](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 693 - Church and Family Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3

Church Leadership

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- [BIBM 601 - Church Leadership](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 645 - Managing Conflict in Churches](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 661 - Renewing the Church for Mission](#) Credit Hours: 3

Preaching Ministry

- [BIBM 604 - Homiletics](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- [BIBM 605 - Preaching Old Testament Literature](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [BIBM 628 - Preaching Pauline Literature](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- [BIBM 681 - Preaching in Contemporary Contexts](#) Credit Hours: 3

Spiritual Formation

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- [BIBM 621 - Fundamentals of Spiritual Nurture](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 648 - Christian Spiritual Formation](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 696 - Integration of Therapy and Theological Reflection](#) Credit Hours: 3

Worship Ministry

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- [BIBM 657 - Contexts of Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 670 - Worship](#) Credit Hours: 3
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 - [BIBD 631 - Historical Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - or
 - [BIBH 655 - History of Christianity in America](#) Credit Hours: 3

Youth and Family Ministry

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- [BIBM 635 - Engaging Adolescents in Christian Formation](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 646 - Youth and Family Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
 - [BIBM 693 - Church and Family Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 9 Credit Hours

Revised Catalogue

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Choose 9 hours from **any GST courses (BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL, BIBM, BMIS 600-699).**

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