

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

Graduate School of Theology

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

Degree Plan(s):

- Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM)

Proposed Change: Replace the Ministry section within the Major Requirements section with the proposed Ministry Core

Rationale:

Several factors make this proposal a necessary component of our wider curriculum revisions. First, as the GST integrates Contextual Education throughout the curriculum there becomes less need for a separate and discrete block of contextual education courses. Secondly, the Contextual Education Sequence that resulted from the GST's last curriculum revision was heavily influenced by the field of congregational studies. This was an important development that addressed lacunae in the previous BIBM curriculum. Yet the needs of ministers, and the larger field of Practical Theology, have moved from that congregational studies orientation. Thus, the new BIBM curriculum has a new set of lacunae which it seeks to address; both with respect to content and the "typical" GST student within our programs.

		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	A
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



12/11/25

Signature

Date

Graduate Council

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

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President

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MACM: Master of Arts In Christian Ministry

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The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) is a 48-hour degree designed to equip individuals primarily for church ministry roles other than preaching. This degree prepares students for competent leadership in some form of specialized ministry in congregations or other settings. The MACM degree is normally two years in duration for a full-time student. Persons admitted with some advanced theological study or with extensive undergraduate studies in Bible, religion, and ministry may receive up to 12 hours of advanced standing. Consult with the advisor.

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 12 hours of advanced standing.

Major Requirements

Tools

- [BIBM 602 - GST Orientation](#) Credit Hours: 0
- [BIBM 678 - GST Senior Portfolio Preparation](#) Credit Hours: 0

Bible

- [BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBL 627 - Biblical Exegesis](#) Credit Hours: 3
- BIBL, BGRK, or BHEB 600-699 Credit Hours: 3

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Total: ~~15~~ 12 Credit Hours

Ministry~~Ministry~~ Core

- [BIBM 603 - Foundations of the Theology of Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 648 - Christian Spiritual Formation](#) Credit Hours: 3
- ~~BIBM 657 - Contexts of Ministry~~ Credit Hours: 3 Ministry Menu (Student Chooses Two)
 - ~~BIBM 601: Church Leadership~~
 - ~~BIBM 607: Effective Practice of Ministry~~
 - ~~BMIS 648 Planting and Developing Churches~~
 - ~~BMIS 649: Reading and Engaging Contemporary Culture~~
 - ~~BMIS 650: Leading in Intercultural Contexts~~
 - ~~BIBM 657: Contexts of Ministry~~
- [BIBM 658 - The Practice of Ministerial Leadership](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: ~~12~~ 15 Credit Hours

History & Theology

- [BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval](#) Credit Hours: 3
- History Elective (BIBH 600-699) Credit Hours: 3
- Theology Elective (BIBD 600-699) Credit Hours: 3

Total: **9** Credit Hours

Electives

- 12 hours of elective courses (600-699)

Total Major Hours: 48