

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes
Graduate School of Theology

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

Degree Plan(s) or Course:

- **Master of Divinity (BMDI)**

Proposed Change: Remove BIBM 602 Orientation as a requirement for the MDIV (BMDI) and its tracks.

Rationale:

As the GST makes multiple shifts to its work, it has developed alternative and more effective ways of orienting new students. This makes the 0 credit hour course, BIBM 602, redundant.

		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
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		Dept./School	College	Dean	AUAC/Grad	Provost	Senior VPAA	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



1/14/26

Signature

Date

Graduate Council

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

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