

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 Theological Studies (MTS)**

Proposed Change: Remove BIBM 602 Orientation as a requirement for the MTS 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

		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

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Provost

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Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

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President

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Prerequisite Degree Requirements

This program requires a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.

Core Courses

~~BIBM 602 - GST Orientation Credit Hours: 0~~

BIBL 610 - Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament Credit Hours: 3

BIBL 620 - Critical Interpretation of the New Testament Credit Hours: 3

BIBD 647 - Research Problems in Theology Credit Hours: 3

BIBD 660 - Systematic Theology I Credit Hours: 3

BIBH 651 - History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval Credit Hours: 3

or

BIBH 652 - History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present Credit Hours: 3

Total: 15 Credit Hours