

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

Graduate School of Theology

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

Degree Plan(s): MTS - Theology Track

Description of Change/Rationale:

Change:

Remove the following two courses from the theology track of the MTS degree:

- BIBD 635 Ancient & Medieval Theology
- BIBD 678 Philosophy of Religion

Replace them with the following two courses:

- BIBD 631 Historical Theology
- BMIS 647 Readings in Contextual Theology

Rationale:

This adjustment to the MTS Theology Track is part of a larger adjustment in the theology curriculum offered within the GST. The new courses entering the requirements for the MTS are part of that suite of courses and better reflect the needs and outcomes of the theology track while also serving as appropriate theology offerings for MDiv and MACM students.

		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	AAAC/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

Mason Lee

11/20/25

Signature

Date

Graduate Council

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Old Catalogue:

Theology (TH)

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- BIBD 635 - Ancient and Medieval Theology Credit Hours: 3
 - BIBD 642 - Contemporary Religious Thought Credit Hours: 3
 - BIBD 661 - Theological Explorations Credit Hours: 3
 - BIBD 662 - Systematic Theology II Credit Hours: 3
 - BIBD 678 - Philosophy of Religion Credit Hours: 3
 - BIBD 686 - Christian Ethics Credit Hours: 3

Total: 18 Credit Hours

Revised Catalogue

Theology (TH)

- [BIBD 631 Historical Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 642 - Contemporary Religious Thought](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 661 - Theological Explorations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 662 - Systematic Theology II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BMIS 647 Readings in Contextual Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBD 686 - Christian Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 18 Credit Hours
