

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number:

Degree Plan(s): MA in Communication (COMS)

The Department of Communication and Sociology would like to make the following changes to the MA in Communication (COMS):

- Revise the name of COMM 515 from Political Communication to Presidents, Politics, & Propaganda.
- Revise the name of COMM 550 from Gender Communication to Communication, Gender, & Social Power.
- Add a new course, COMM 563 (Nonprofit Communication & Management).

Note: Some changes above are submitted under separate approval charts.

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	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	A	A	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	A	I	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A	A	A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I	I	I
9.	Course restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G or G to U)	A	A	A	A	A	A
11.	Cross list course	A	A	A	A	A	A
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A	A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A	A	A
	Change to a Degree Plan						
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt/revise admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program-required GPA	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A

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

		Dept./School	College	Dean	AUAC	Provost	UGEC	University Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)									
27.	Change course outcomes of an included course	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	A	A	I
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	-	A	I
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I

Notes

² Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

³ For undergraduate majors, a minimum of 30 hours is required. These programs must have a minimum of 6 elective hours, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible. Master's programs must include a minimum of 30 hours, and doctoral programs must include a minimum of 30 hours beyond the master's.

⁴ When a department/school or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the department/school. An administrative proposal by the provost or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "provost-proposed" routing on the chart.

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Department/School(s)



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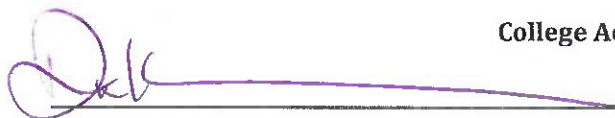
Chair Signature

Date

Chair/Program Director Signature

Date

College Academic Council(s)



Chair Signature

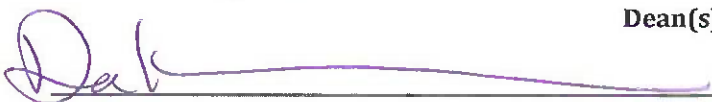
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Chair Signature

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Dean(s)



Signature

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Teacher Education Council

Signature

Date

Campus Academic Council:
Abilene Undergraduate or Abilene Graduate

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Signature

Date

University Faculty

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair signature

Date

Dallas Faculty Council Chair signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Communication, MA (COMS)

Prerequisite Degree Requirements

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

Major Requirements

Communication Core

- [COMM 620 - Quantitative Methods](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 621 - Qualitative Research Methods](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 636 - Seminar in Communication Theory](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 687 - Principles of Rhetorical Criticism](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Supplementary Courses

Students will choose courses totaling 24 hours in consultation with the Director. A 6-hour thesis option can be selected upon consultation with the graduate faculty. Courses from other departments must be approved by the graduate advisor.

Courses can be selected from the following menu:

- [COMM 508 - Crisis Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 512 - Risk Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 515 - Presidents, Politics, & Propaganda](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 521 - Leadership and Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 530 - Conflict Management](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 536 - Nonverbal Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 545 - Intercultural Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [COMM 550 - Communication, Gender, & Social Power](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 560 - Health Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 561 - Nonprofit Event Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- **COMM 563 -- Nonprofit Communication & Management** Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 575 - Persuasion](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 583 - Communication in Multi-National Organizations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 585 - Organizational Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 586 - Training and Development](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 631 - Leading Organizational Change](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 641 - Seminar in Interpersonal Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 642 - Seminar in Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 675 - Seminar in Persuasion and Social Change](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 683 - Cultural Case Studies](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 685 - Seminar in Organizational Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 686 - Communication Consulting and Assessment](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 692 - Graduate Communication Internship](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 24 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 36

Other Graduation Requirements

Students pursuing the thesis option are required to give an oral defense of the thesis and related course work. Students selecting the non-thesis option are required to pass an oral comprehensive examination. Students may retake the applicable exam only once if they fail on the first attempt.
