

Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Add BCMO courses to the Upper Division Selection menu of Bible and Theology requirements in the General Education Requirements.

Change in Catalog Language:

Upper-Division Selections

Choose 6 hours of BIBH, BIBL, BIBM, BIBP, BIBT, BMIS, BGRK, BHEB, BIBO, BIHO, BIMO, BIPO, BITO, BMSO, BCMO 300-499

The BCMO courses at ACU Dallas were developed after the updates to the General Education curriculum in 2020. The need for these courses as Upper-Division Selections did not emerge until ACU Dallas students began to matriculate into upper-level courses, at which time it was discovered that this segment of courses was not included in the menu.

BCMO courses are created by the same standards as other Bible courses. While BCMO courses lie in the jurisdiction of the Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation program in the College of Leadership and Professional Studies at ACU Dallas, under the direction of Tiffany Dahlman, DMin, faculty are selected to develop and teach those courses in coordination with the College of Biblical Studies (see attached MOU - SOP Adjunct Faculty at ACU Dallas).

		Program	Dean	Academic Council	Provost
	Campus-Level Academic Review				
	Change to a Course Include signatures from all program directors/chairs for cross-listed courses. ¹				
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	A	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I
9.	Course restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G or G to U)	A	A	A	A

11.	Cross list course	A	A	A	A
12.	Program/department of record	A	A	A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A
	Change to a Degree Plan				
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A

		Program	Dean	Academic Council	Provost	Senior VPAA	President
	Full Review						
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)						
18.	General requirements for Bachelor's and Associate Degrees	-	-	A	A	A	I
19.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	-	-	A	A	A	I
20.	Requirements for graduating with honors	-	-	A	A	A	I
	Change to a Degree Plan						
21.	Educational Program — Add or Discontinue ²	A	A	A	A	A	I
22.	Educational Program — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	R	A	A	A	I
23.	Minor — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	I
24.	Minor — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	R	A	A	A	I
25.	Degree — Add or Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	I
26.	Degree — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	R	A	A	A	I

		Program	Dean	Academic Council	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	I
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	A	-	A	A	A	I
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	A	-	A	-	A	I
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	A	A	A	I

Notes

¹ 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).

² 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.

³ When a program director or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the program. An administrative proposal by the provost or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "provost-proposed" routing on the chart.

Updated 8/1/2024

Program Director/Department Chair

 (Mar 20, 2025 12:17 EDT)

Program Director Signature

Date

Program Director/Department Chair Signature

Date

Dean(s)



Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Campus Academic Council

Chair's Signature

Date

Provost


Susan Lewis (Apr 3, 2025 20:05 CDT)

Apr 3, 2025

Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Chair's signature

Date

University Faculty

Dallas Faculty Council Chair's signature

Date

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair's signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Memorandum of Understanding

Adjunct Bible Faculty at ACU Dallas

Executive Summary

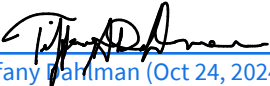
The Program Director of the ACU Dallas Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation has long had a verbal agreement with the Department Chair for the ACU Abilene Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry (DBMM) and the Dean of the ACU College of Biblical Studies for a standard operating procedure to hire adjunct faculty for the program at Dallas. This document memorializes the long-standing verbal agreement between these parties to provide a more durable agreement.

Adjunct Faculty at ACU Dallas

All adjunct faculty at ACU Dallas who teach undergraduate courses must meet the following minimum requirements:

- A member of the Churches of Christ or a healthy relationship with the Churches of Christ.
- A Master of Divinity degree, or in special cases, a master's degree in a related field.
- Two References from the Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry or Graduate School of Theology or from regionally accredited institutions with missions aligned with DBMM and GST.
- Approval by the Adjunct Review Committee, which is appointed by the Chair of DBMM and composed of diverse faculty from DBMM.
- Approval by the Dean of the ACU College of Biblical Studies, the Dean of the College of Leadership and Professional Studies, and the Program Director of the ACU Dallas Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation.
- Meets all other requirements of employment as set by ACU HR

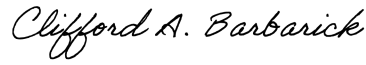
Executed: October 24, 2024


Tiffany Dahlman (Oct 24, 2024 13:59 EDT)

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Dr. Cliff Barbarick
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Abilene Campus



Dr. Chris Hutson
Associate Dean
College of Biblical Studies
Abilene Campus

Courses and Descriptions

The following courses will be included in adding BCMO courses to the Upper Division Selection menu of Bible and Theology requirements in the General Education Requirements:

BCMO 311 - Pastoral Ministry

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

This introductory course helps students understand the personal, relational, and theological dynamics of pastoral ministry and provides practical skills and tools for the nurture and care of others in a ministry context. Prerequisite: Junior standing. For majors only.¹

BCMO 322 - Biblical Interpretation II

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

This advanced course builds on upon the methods analyzed in BIBL 320 - Introduction to Biblical Interpretation. Students will explore the tools needed for responsible, insightful, and creative Bible study in the context of ministry. Prerequisite: BIBO 101 and BIBO 102 (or BIBO 103), BIBO 211, and BIBL 320. Junior or senior standing. For majors only.¹

BCMO 335 - Spiritual Formation I

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

This course is an introduction to the history of Christian spirituality with an emphasis on the history of Christian spiritual disciplines. Students will explore the spiritual disciplines found in the Hebrew scriptures, Gospels, and life of the early church while practicing spiritual disciplines and reflecting upon implications for life, ministry, and cultural engagement. Prerequisite: BIBO 101 and BIBO 102 (or BIBO 103), and BIBO 211. Junior or senior standing. For majors only.¹

BCMO 435 - Spiritual Formation II

¹ The "For Majors Only" designation for BCMO 311, 322, 335, 435, and 442 was removed for the 2025-26 Catalog.

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

This advanced course explores the history of Christian spirituality and disciplines from 100 BCE through the 21st Century. Students will practice spiritual disciplines and reflect upon implications for life, ministry, and cultural engagement. Prerequisite: BCMO 335. Junior or senior standing. For majors only.¹

BCMO 442 - Contemporary Ecclesiology

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

Introduces the field of ecclesiology and explores contemporary challenges and faithful modalities of church in post-Christian America. Topics include church in scripture, characteristics of faithful churches, navigating change, and fresh expressions of church. Prerequisite: BIBO 101 and BIBO 102 (or BIBO 103); and BIBO 211. For majors only.¹

The following courses are listed in the catalog as “For majors only” in the 2025-26 catalog and will not be included in the addition of BCMO courses to the Upper Division Selection menu of Bible and Theology requirements in the General Education Requirements:

- BCMO 491 - Christian Ministry and Spiritual Formation Capstone
- BCMO 493 - Church Leadership Foundations Capstone
- BCMO 495 - Church Leadership Praxis Capstone



Memo

To: Undergraduate General Education Council
From: Dr. Cliff Barbarick, Chair of the Department of Bible, Missions, and Ministry
Date: February 26, 2025
Subject: Support for adding BMCO courses to the Bible and Theology Selections

Dr. Dahlman and Dr. Self have discussed with me their proposal to add BCMO 311, 322, 335, 435, and 442 to the menu of courses that can fulfill Bible and Theology Upper-Division Selections in the General Education requirements. Each of these courses is similar in content and purpose to the other upper-level courses already included in the menu. They meet our objectives for the Bible and Theology G.E. requirements. In fact, it's surprising to me that they are not already included in the menu, and I can only surmise that this is because the courses were originally intended exclusively for ministry majors at ACU Dallas. I support opening these courses to non-majors, and I support the proposal to add them to the Upper-Division Selection menu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cliff A. Barbarick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Clifford A. Barbarick
Chair, Department of Bible, Missions and Ministry