

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) IDSC: Early Childhood/Elementary

State the requested change and reason. A memo may be attached if more space is necessary.

Change social science menu - Description and rationale at the end of this document.

Remove EDUC 323 from degree plan - Rationale at the end of this document. Integrated Math and
Science: PreK-2

Reduce the number of elective hours to 4 so that the degree is 128 - Rationale at the end of this document.

Circle the number that corresponds to the requested change. Degree plan changes are on the second page.

COUNCIL**

Change to a Course		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A			I		I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A			I		I	I
3.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A			I		A	A
4.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A			A		A	A
5.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I			I		I	I
6.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A			A		A	A
7.	Prerequisites	A	A	A			I		I	I
8.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A			--		A	I
9.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A			A		A	A
10.	Cross list with another dept: U or G level	A	A	A			A		A	A
11.	Department of record	A	A	A			A		A	A
12.	Open or close a course	A	A	A			A		A	A
13.	New course — See Adams Center for packet. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A			A		A	A

* Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

**Courses offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council.

Note: When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or UUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

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	Change to a Degree Plan	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	COUNCIL			Provost	Faculty	President
						UGEC	UUAC	GRAD			
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content**	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart**	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements**	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart**	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
*5.	Major — Revision of major ♦ ‡	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
7.	Major — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
8.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
9.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A		I			I	--	I
	Minor — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A			A	--	A
10.	Degree — Add or discontinue	A	A	A		A			A	A	A
11.	Any change to a graduate degree program*	A	A	A		A			A	--	A

♦ A minimum of 30 hours is required for a major. A maximum is specified for each degree (e.g., BA, BS). The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

‡ Program or course changes applying to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

* All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

** Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and corequisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

Note: The Board of Trustees is informed when a major or degree is added or discontinued.

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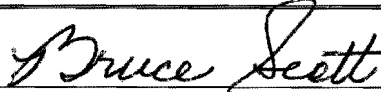
	Change to the Catalog	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees*	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
5.	Other academic policy changes	--	--	--		A		A	--	A	

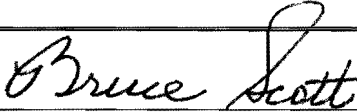
* The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the seventeen items in the "General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees" section of the catalog.

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Curriculum/Catalog Changes Signature Page

Department/School Chair(s)	
 Signature	11-19-13 Approval date
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College Academic Council(s)	
 Signature	11.19.13 Approval date
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Dean(s)	
 Signature	11.19.13 Approval date
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Teacher Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

General Education Council	
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Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Graduate Council	
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Provost	
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Faculty	
_____ Chair of faculty senate	_____ Approval date

President	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

1. Social Science Menu:

It is necessary to increase the social science portion of the EC-6 Degree Plan.

The current menu is as follows:

Choose 3 hours from: HIST 117, 118, 221, or 222

Choose 3 hours from: GEOG 235, 354, INTS 212, 217

Choose 3 hours from: POLS 225, 226, or ECON 260

The proposed new menu:

HIST 117 or 118

GEOG 235 or 354

POLS 226

HIST 221 or 222

Rationale:

State accountability is soon to require passing each core domain (Reading, Science, Math, and Social Studies) of the EC-6 Generalist Texas Exam for Educator Standards (TExES). In the past candidates could fail one or two domains and still pass the test. Data indicate that the social studies domain has the lowest pass rate of the four core domains – 30-40% failure rate. Proposed menu selections were informed by the following:

1. In the past we accepted INTS courses offered in Study Abroad. After consulting with the History department, it is clear that while these courses are very meaningful, they will not serve the candidate well in learning content relevant for the certification. We would like to remove INTS 212 and 217 from the IDSC social science menu.
2. The EC-6 Generalist framework for social studies includes Texas history, American history, world history, geography, government and economics.
3. In the past the general education core included 12 hours in social science for BS degrees. The new core reduced that to 6 hours. While the core has potential for developing critical thinking and includes social science content, the EC-6 degree must include the content that these teacher candidates will be responsible for in the classroom.
4. Benchmarking at universities across Texas revealed that most universities require 12-15 hours of designated social science for EC-6 major, with 15 hours being the most common.

2. Remove EDUC 323 from EC-6 degree plan:

In order to make room for the additional social science course, we are going to remove this course from the professional education sequence. Key content from this course will be added to the following courses: EACH 466, EACH 451, EDUC 370

3. Reduce elective hours to 4:

University policy states, "The university minimum for elective hours is 6, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible." This policy most certainly applies to this degree. State policy requires content in all teaching fields, special education, ESL, professionalism, ethics, law, etc. Benchmarking across the state reveals that even in the public university system where the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has mandated that all degrees be 120 hours, degrees in elementary education range from 125 to 131 with no electives. The core and required Bible at ACU, while valuable, make it even more challenging to provide the courses needed for these students. It does not make sense to require 5 hours of electives and increase the degree beyond 128-hours.

Early Childhood/Elementary Special Education Degree Plan

<u>University Requirements:</u>	56
<u>Interdisciplinary Course Requirements:</u>	
CHEM 203 General Science for Elementary Teachers	4
EACH 363 Early Language and Literacy	3
EACH 451 Guidance in Early Childhood	3
EACH 466 Education of Young Children	3
EDUC 250 Literature for Children	3
MATH 237 Fundamentals of Number and Arithmetic	3
MATH 238 Concepts of Mathematics	3
READ 363 Foundations of Reading	3
READ 460 Reading Assessment and Instruction	3
READ 464 Reading-Writing Connection	3
READ 480 Problems in Reading	3
TOTAL	34
<u>Professional Education Requirements:</u>	
EUDC 211 Educational Foundations and Multicultural Perspectives	(3) ¹
EDUC 287 Integrating the Arts Across the Elementary School Curriculum	3
EDUC 331 Teaching Social Studies in Pre K - Grade 8	3
EDUC 411 Elementary Curriculum, Materials and Media (capstone course)	3
EDUC 431 Elementary Management and Methods (capstone course)	3
EDUC 370 Teaching Mathematics in Elementary Grades 3-6	3
EDUC Effective Teaching Strategies for English Language Learners	3
EDUC 490 Student Teaching* (capstone course)	6
TOTAL	24

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<u>Special Education Sequence:</u>	
SPED 371 Teaching Students with Special Needs (writing-intensive course)	3
SPED 374 Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Children	3
SPED 477 Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities	3
SPED 481 Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities	3
TOTAL	12
<u>Other Required Courses:</u>	
Science	
BIOL 101 Biology - Human Perspective <i>or</i> BIOL 203 Basic Biology for Teachers	(3) ¹
PHYS 102 (Change to PHYS ??? when course is approved)	(3) ¹
Social Sciences/Humanities	
Choose 3 hours from: HIST 117 or 118	(3) ¹
Choose 3 hours from: HIST 221 or 222	(2) ¹ /1
Choose 3 hours from: GEOG 235 or 354	(3) ¹
POLS 226	3
TOTAL	4
<u>Electives</u>	
	0
<u>Total Major Hours</u>	130
¹ Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours	