

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number BIOL 291/292, NURS 250 or Degree Plan(s) Nursing Degree Plan

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

In the Nursing Degree Plan:

- 1) Remove all asterisks from beside courses in the major requirements and supplement for major.
- 2) Remove statement from Other Graduation Requirements "Minimum grade required for BIOL 291/292B"
- 3) Replace statement "Minimum grade for most core courses.....C" to Minimum for all Major Requirements and Supplement for Major...C"
- 4) Please see current and proposed School of Nursing catalog copy for clarity.

Students sometimes have taken BIOL 291 and BIOL 292 multiple times to achieve a B, therefore, overburdening the science department or causing students to take the courses intercollegiately or at a different institution when the classes are full or not offered. Since the students have to have a 3.0 GPA to apply, some may still have to retake to bring up their GPA's but probably not at the same level as a present.

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

					COUNCIL ³					
	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 <i>or</i> G to U	A	A	A	A				A	A
10.	Cross list with another department: 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 website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A				A	A

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		COUNCIL ³							Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
		Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	TEC	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD				
1.	University Requirements — Change in approved course content ⁶	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	--
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ⁶	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu on the University Requirements chart ⁶	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	--
5.	Major — Revision of major ^{4,5}	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--
6.	Major — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--
7.	Major — Add ^{4,5}	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	I
8.	Major — Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	I
9.	Major — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)				See below.							
10.	GPA — Revise major or cumulative requirement	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	--
11.	Minor — Revise course selection	A	A	A		I			I	--	I	--
12.	Minor — Add	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--
13.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--
14.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)				See below.							
15.	Degree — Add	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	I
16.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the department or college)	A	A	A		A			A	A	A	I
17.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)				See below.							
18.	Any change to a graduate degree program	A	A	A		A			A	--	A	--

Provost-Proposed Change		COUNCIL ³							Provost	Department	Dean	TEC	UUAC	Graduate	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	Major/Graduate Program — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R		A									A	A	I
2.	Minor — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R		A									--	A	--
3.	Degree — Discontinue (proposed by the Provost)	A	R	R		A									A	A	I

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COUNCIL ³										
	Change to the Catalog Information	Dept./School	College Academic	Deans	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees ⁷	--	--	--		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

¹ Councils may request additional information about "Information" items. These items are approved as "Consent Agenda."

² The Dean and Department should respond to the Provost's recommendation to close a program in writing. Advise & Respond (R) requires that the voting body should receive the written responses at least one week prior to the vote.

³ All courses that meet University Requirements for general education must go through UGEC. Courses or degrees offered only to students seeking teacher certification must go through the Teacher Education Council. All undergraduate changes must go before the UUAC. All graduate degree plan changes must go through the Graduate Council.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Program or course changes that apply to any major that includes Teacher Certification will be reviewed by the college, the Teacher Education Council (TEC), and then the UUAC.

⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, 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.

⁷ The UUAC approved the clarification that "general requirements for graduation" means the enumerated 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)	
<u>Betsy Hammel</u>	<u>3/3/14</u>
Signature	Approval date
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College Academic Council(s)	
<u>Betsy Hammel</u>	<u>3/3/14</u>
Signature	Approval date
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Dean(s)	
<u>Betsy Hammel</u>	<u>3/3/14</u>
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Teacher Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

General Education Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Undergraduate Academic Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Graduate Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Provost	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Faculty	
_____ Chair of faculty senate	_____ Approval date

President	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Current

UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS	
Please see the University Requirements section of this catalog (page 40).	
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS	
Nursing	
**NURS 250 Applied Pathophysiology	3
NURS 320 Evidence-Based Gerontologic Nursing	2
NURS 330 Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 350 Clinical Skills I: Fundamentals of Nursing	4
NURS 351 Nursing Assessment and Diagnostics	3
NURS 352 Evidence-Based Fundamentals of Nursing	3
NURS 360 Clinical Skills II: Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 361 Evidence-Based Acute Medical-Surgical Nursing	4
NURS 370 Clinical Skills II: Community and Population Health	2
NURS 371 Evidence-Based Community and Population Health	2
NURS 380 Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 430 Clinical Skills III: Mental Health Nursing	2
NURS 431 Evidence-Based Mental Health Nursing	2
NURS 450 Clinical Skills III: Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	4
NURS 453 Evidence-Based Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	4
NURS 464 Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURS 475 Clinical Skills IV: Advanced Nursing Care	6
NURS 476 Evidence-Based Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	3
NURS 498 Nursing Capstone	3
TOTAL	60
SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR	
Mathematics	
*MATH 123 Introduction to Probability and Statistics	(3) ¹
Psychology	
*PSYC 232 Developmental Psychology	3
Science	
**BIOL 291/293 Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
**BIOL 292/294 Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
*BIOL 353/354 Microbiology with Lab	4
*CHEM 113 Introductory Chemistry	(3) ¹
*CHEM 114 Introductory Organic and Biological Chemistry or NUTR 120 Nutrition and Wellness or NUTR 221 Introductory Nutrition	(3) ¹
TOTAL	15
¹ Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours	
ELECTIVES	
Minimum	0
TOTAL MAJOR HOURS	75
OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS	
*Minimum grade for most core courses	C
**Minimum grade required for BIOL 291/292	B
Minimum total hours	128
<i>Courses numbered 0** do not count in minimum hours required for degree.</i>	

Degree Requirements - Suggested Course Sequence

Note: The course sequence below is suggested for a four year progression through the program. However, we encourage students to contact our School of Nursing degree plan specialist or Dean to inquire about our 5-6 year progression schedule for part-time or transfer students.

Lower-Level Requirements

All freshmen students accepted for admission, and stating a preference for nursing as a major, will be placed in lower-level general education, core and nursing pre-requisite courses. **Acceptance into the lower-level courses, however, does not guarantee that students will be selected for enrollment in the School of Nursing.**

School of Nursing Admission Requirements

Students must meet all university degree requirements. A separate admission process is required for students to be admitted to the School of Nursing. **Admission is competitive, and the size of the classes is determined by the Texas Board of Nursing. Admission to Abilene Christian University does not guarantee admission to School of Nursing.**

1. Students must apply for admission to the School of Nursing. The deadline for submitting application for admission in the fall semester is the first week of February of the same year. Students are required to take a nursing admission assessment exam. **Late applications will be reviewed after initial admission decisions are made.**
2. The School of Nursing will review all applications with at least 60 hours completed with a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale. Courses in the supplement for major (see nursing degree plan) completed with a letter grade less than "C," or 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, will not be accepted toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.
3. Five courses listed under Supplement for the Major (not including labs) must be completed before turning in the application for admission. All courses listed under the Supplement for the Major must be completed before entering the School of Nursing. Students must complete all other prerequisite courses within the first year of admission to the School of Nursing.
4. Once accepted to the School of Nursing, students must submit the following:
 - a) Certified Nursing Assistant Certificate
 - b) Essential performance form (provided by the School of Nursing) that attests to the ability of the student to meet emotional, cognitive, and physical requirements of the program.
 - c) Proof of immunizations and lab tests (a list will be provided by the School of Nursing)
 - d) Documentation of Health Insurance
 - e) Drug screen at a designated lab (further information is provided by the school of nursing). Students may also be required to submit to random drug screenings in order to practice in the clinical facilities.
 - f) Completed criminal background check required by the Texas Board of Nursing.
 - g) Proof of current CPR certification (**American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers is required**).
 - h) Professional liability insurance (included in the student's tuition costs) is required
5. Applicants seeking admission by transfer must meet all of the same standards required of those students who have matriculated at ACU.
6. In order for a student to meet program requirements for the completion of the BSN curriculum, the student must demonstrate minimal competency in nursing theory and practice. This competency is demonstrated through successful scoring on the identified exit exam.

7. Students seeking the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) may take a minor outside the School of Nursing. This minor is NOT required as a part of the BSN degree, and credit hours beyond the minimum hours required may be needed to complete the minor.

NURSING (BSN)

Admission to the School of Nursing is a prerequisite to all nursing courses (or approval by the School of Nursing Dean).

BSN: NURSING DEGREE PLAN (NURS)

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NURS 476 Evidence-Based Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing	3
NURS 498 Nursing Capstone	3

TOTAL60

SUPPLEMENT FOR MAJOR

Mathematics

MATH 123 Introduction to Probability and Statistics	(3) ¹
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Psychology

PSYC 232 Developmental Psychology	(3) ¹
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Science

BIOL 291/293 Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 292/294 Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	4
BIOL 353/354 Microbiology with Lab	4
CHEM 113 Introductory Chemistry	(3) ¹
CHEM 114 Introductory Organic and Biological Chemistry or NUTR 120 Nutrition and Wellness or NUTR 221 Introductory Nutrition	(3) ¹

TOTAL12

¹Hours (in parentheses) may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

ELECTIVES

Minimum

TOTAL MAJOR HOURS75

OTHER GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum grade for Major Requirements and Supplement for Major.....C

Minimum total hours.....128