

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Degree Plan(s) Middle School Education with EC-6 and 48 Social Studies (MSSS)

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

[See attached.]

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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Approval Chart for Academic Information Changes

	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	I
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	I
3.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	I
4.	Requirements for graduating with honors	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	I
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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Department/School Chair(s)	
 Signature	12-5-2016 Approval date
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College Academic Council(s)	
 Signature	2.2.2017 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

Dean(s)	
 Signature	2.2.2017 Approval date
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Teacher Education Council	
 Chair's signature	12-5-2016 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	
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Faculty	
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President	
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Add EDUC 335 Teaching in Middle School to the degree plan.

Rationale:

We have determined that the Middle School course is critical for these candidates. Recent changes in the federal designation of highly qualified have provided more flexibility in the 4-8 certification, allowing us to streamline generalist content that is outside of the primary teaching field.

These candidates will likely teach in only their primary content field or in a partially departmentalized elementary setting with a social studies and English language arts combination. Therefore, to make room for this three-hour course, we are going to reduce the current science requirement.

Currently, the degree plan includes the following science menu with one course each in biology, chemistry and physical science. We propose reducing that to allow the students to choose two courses.

Current requirements:

- BIOL 101 Biology and Human Perspective or BIOL 203 Basic Biology for Teachers
- CHEM 203 General Science for Elementary Teachers
- PHYS Physical Science for Teachers

Proposed new science requirement:

Choose two from the following:

- BIOL 203 Basic Biology for Teachers
- CHEM 203 General Science for Elementary Teachers
- PHYS Physical Science for Teachers

We chose to remove BIOL 101 from this menu to ensure that students are taking the most relevant science courses for the elementary context and to ensure that they have lab experiences in all science courses. The three courses in the new menu all include lab experiences. It is important to note that CHEM 203 was recently approved to fulfill university requirements in science.