

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) Special Ed/EC-6 (SPEL)

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

Add EDUC 323 to the SPEL Degree Plan.

Rationale: We added EDUC 323 back into the EC-6 (IDSC) degree plan in 2015. It was an oversight not to add this course to the Special Education with EC-6 (SPEL) degree plan. We have monitored this and have determined that due to the curriculum alignment between EACH 466/EACH 451 (our 6-hour early childhood block) and EDUC 323, the SPEL students are not prepared to be successful in the clinical component of the early childhood block experience.

Add PHYS 204 to the SPEL Degree Plan. See attached email for explanation. This will add 1 hour to the degree plan.

When the degree was initially developed, it included 129 hours with no electives. The removal of CORE 210 reduced the degree to the current 128 with two elective hours. These changes will make this degree plan 130 hours with no electives. It must be noted that this degree includes preparation for three certifications – Special Ed, EC-6 and ESL. We have streamlined the special education sequence and the EC-6 sequence to reduce the degree from 136 to 130. |

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.	Course term (s)	A		A		I			I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A		I			A	A
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	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 fee(s)	A	--	A		--			A	I
10.	From U to G or G to U	A	A	A		A			A	A
11.	Cross list with another dept: U or G level	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
14.	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	College Academic	COUNCIL			GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President
					TEC	UGEC	UUAC				
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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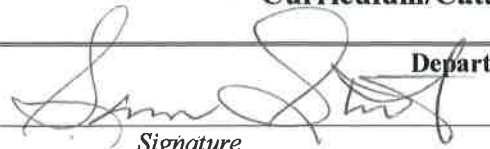
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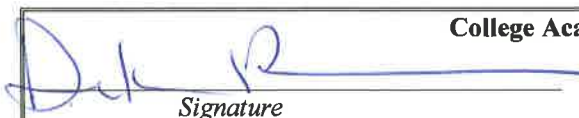
	Change to the Catalog	Dept./School	College Academic	College Academic	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
1.	General requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees*	--	--	--		A		A	A	A	--
2.	Admission requirements	--	--	--		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

 Signature	Department/School Chair(s) 11-15-18 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

 Signature	College Academic Council(s) 11-27-18 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

 Signature	Dean(s) 11-27-18 Approval date
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date

 Chair's signature	Teacher Education Council 11-28-18 Approval date
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General Education Council	
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Undergraduate Academic Council	
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Graduate Council	
_____ Chair's signature	_____ Approval date

Provost	
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Faculty	
_____ Chair of faculty senate	_____ Approval date

President	
_____ Signature	_____ Approval date



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PHYS 204 -- Teacher Education Support Statement1 message

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To: Jessica Smith <jes98k@acu.edu>

Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 10:14 AM

Dr. Smith,

I would like to add my support for PHYS 204. This course will add a much needed lab experience for the following degrees:

- Early Childhood/Elementary (EC-6)
- Special Education with Early Childhood and Elementary (Special Ed/EC-6)

The lab will also be included with PHYS 203 in the Middle School Science degree plan.

PHYS 203 was developed initially to provide a course in physical science aligned with the content for which EC-6 and 4-8 teacher candidates will be accountable in the classroom. This course is of particular importance for the two EC-6 degree plans. While these students are not science majors, they are preparing to teach science in grades Pre-K through 6. As such, we have worked to provide science courses that are more focused than the typical general education science courses. CHEM 203 includes a lab experience within the 4-hour course. We have not been able to consistently offer a course with a lab in Biology that is aligned with the EC-6 science standards. An additional science course with a lab (PHYS 204) is a critical need for our EC-6 teacher candidates.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Special Education with Early Childhood and Elementary, BS (SPEL)

University Requirements

Please see the [University Requirements](#) section of this catalog.

Interdisciplinary Major Requirements

Interdisciplinary Course Requirements

[CHEM 203 - General Science for Elementary Teachers](#) Credit Hours: 4

[EACH 363 - Early Language and Literacy](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EACH 451 - Guidance in Early Childhood](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EACH 466 - Education of Young Children](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EDUC 250 - Literature for Children](#) Credit Hours: 3

[MATH 237 - Number and Operations](#) Credit Hours: 3

[MATH 238 - Geometry and Measurement](#) Credit Hours: 3

[READ 363 - Foundations of Reading](#) Credit Hours: 3

[READ 460 - Reading Assessment and Instruction](#) Credit Hours: 3

[READ 464 - Reading-Writing Connection](#) Credit Hours: 3

[READ 480 - Problems in Reading](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 34 Credit Hours

Professional Education Requirements

[EDUC 211 - Educational Foundations and Multicultural Perspectives](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[EDUC 287 - Integrating the Arts Across the Elementary School Curriculum](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EDUC 323 - Integrated Math and Science: PreK-2](#)

[EDUC 331 - Teaching Social Studies in Pre K - Grade 8](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EDUC 370 - Teaching Math in Elementary Grades 3-6](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EDUC 411 - Elementary Curriculum, Materials, and Media](#) Credit Hours: 3 (capstone course)

[EDUC 431 - Elementary Management and Methods](#) Credit Hours: 3 (writing-intensive, capstone course)

[EDUC 476 - Effective Teaching Strategies for English Language Learners](#) Credit Hours: 3

[EDUC 490 - Clinical Teaching](#) Credit Hours: 6 * (capstone course)

*Students who are accepted into the MEd program will have 6 hours waived and will complete Student Teaching in Graduate School.

**Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

Total: 18-24 21-27 Credit Hours

Must make application and be approved to take [EDUC 490](#). GPA of 2.75 required to remain in Teacher Education Program.

Special Education Sequence:

[SPED 371 - Teaching Students with Special Needs](#) Credit Hours: 3

[SPED 374 - Emotional and Behavioral Disorders in Children](#) Credit Hours: 3

[SPED 477 - Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities](#) Credit Hours: 3

[SPED 481 - Teaching Students with Low Incidence Disabilities](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Other Required Courses:

Kinesiology

[PEAC 100 - Lifetime Wellness](#) Credit Hours: 1 **

[PEAC 222 - Physical Activities for Elementary](#) Credit Hours: 1 **

**Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

Science

[BIOL 101 - Biology - Human Perspective](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

or

[BIOL 203 - Basic Biology for Teachers](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[PHYS 203 - Physical Science for Teachers](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[PHYS 204 - Physical Science for Teachers Laboratory](#) Credit Hours 1

**Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

Social Science/Humanities

[HIST 221 - American History I](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

or

[HIST 222 - American History II](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[POLS 225 - National Government](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

or

[POLS 226 - States and Federal System](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

or

[ECON 260 - Principles of Macroeconomics](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

or

[ECON 261 - Principles of Microeconomics](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

****Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours**

Select 1 course from the following menu.

This course may be used to satisfy a University Requirement.

[GEOG 235 - World Geography](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[GEOG 354 - Cultural Geography](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[GLST 212 - Introduction to Great Britain](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[GLST 214 - Global Studies: People and Culture of Germany and Europe](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[GLST 217 - South America Southern Cone: History and Culture](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[HIST 117 - Civilization I](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[HIST 118 - Civilization II](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[HIST 131 - World History: Cultures and Connections since 1400](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

[POLS 227 - Introduction to International Relations](#) Credit Hours: 3 **

**** Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours.**

Total: ~~0~~ Credit Hours 1 Credit Hour

Electives

Minimum - ~~2~~ Credit Hours 0 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours 72

Other Graduation Requirements

Minimum grade for major courses: C

Minimum GPA for graduation: 2.75

Minimum advanced hours: 33

Minimum total hours: ~~128~~ 130

Minimum total hours (MEd acceptance): ~~122~~ 124

*Courses numbered 0** do not count in minimum hours required for degree.*
