

Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) BSSW

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 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.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I				I	I
4.	Content (substantive change)	A	A	A	I				A	I
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A				A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I				I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A				A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I				I	I
9.	Course fee(s)	A	--	A	--				A	I
10.	From U to G <i>or</i> G to U	A	A	A	A				A	I
11.	Cross list with another department: U or G level	A	A	A	A				A	I
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A				A	I
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A				A	I
14.	New course — See website for application and process. This change includes combining or splitting a course(s).	A	A	A	A				A	I

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	UGEC	UUAC	GRAD	Provost	Faculty	President	Board of Trustees
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	--
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	--

COUNCIL ³										
	Provost-Proposed Change	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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	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

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.

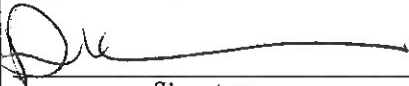
⁶ Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements (General Education) will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation 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

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The School of Social Work proposes the following changes to the BSSW degree plan.

Add the following courses to the degree requirements:

- SOCW255: Social Worker Observation (2 credit hours)
- IPE301 Interprofessional Education and Ethics or IPE 302 Topics in Interprofessional Education (1 credit hour)
- SOCW361: Pre-Practicum Orientation (2 credit hours)

The rationale for implementing these courses is to enrich and magnify experiential learning already within the School of Social Work while also creating a bridge between identified gaps in the curriculum as students prepare for their clinical field experience.

No additional credit hours will be added to the degree plan. Degree plan adjustments make room for the new courses and to provide additional flexibility in the degree are as follows:

Reduce SOCW 381 and SOCW 481 from 5 credit hours each to 4 credit hours each.

Prior to 2020-2021, majors were required to complete 450 field hours within the two-semester sequence and SSW reduced the hours to the 400-hour minimum. Benchmarking with other social work programs revealed it is common practice to offer four credit hours per semester for 400-hour field practicum. The two additional credit hours will be used to add SOCW361: Pre-Practicum Orientation (2 hours).

Eliminate the “Select four recommended courses” menu from the degree plan and redirect 3 hours to allow for the addition of SOCW 255 and an IPE course.

This menu is a 12-hour requirement. 3 hours from this menu will be redirected to provide room for the new course SOCW 255 (2 credit hours) and a 1-hour IPE course within CEHS. The remaining 9 hours will be added to electives to provide flexibility for student-directed learning. This will increase the electives in the degree plan to 24 hours. Students will now complete 56 university requirements, 48 social work major requirements (including the new EL courses), and 24 electives.

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This is a sample schedule to illustrate how long it will take to complete this degree plan. Additional semesters may be necessary if you are required to complete courses listed in the right-hand column or if you repeat courses. Consult with your academic advisor before changing the sequence of courses. Some courses are not offered every semester and some courses have prerequisites. Check the course description in the current catalog for details. Failure to complete courses in the recommended sequence may delay graduation. Each block represents 3 hours unless otherwise noted.

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Symbol Key: † Freshman Requirement. @ Course typically available in a summer term.

- This course or its equivalent is offered at one of ACU's semester-long Study Abroad sites. Those planning to study abroad should save these courses. See www.acu.edu/study-abroad for updated courses.

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Social Work, BS (SOCW)

University Requirements [\[56\]](#)

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

Major Requirements

Social Work

BIOL 101 -
or
BIOL 291 -
and
BIOL 293 -

Biology - Human Perspective Credit Hours: 3 * Anatomy and Physiology I Credit Hours: 3 *
Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory Credit Hours: 1

SOCW 230 - Introduction to Social Work Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 250 - Person to Person: The Fundamental Skills of Relating Credit Hours: 3

[SOCW 255: Social Worker Observation \(2 credit hours\)](#)

SOCW 327 - Micro/Mezzo Human Behavior Theory Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 329 - Diversity, Power, and Oppression Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 351 - Social Work Practice with Micro Systems Credit Hours: 4

[SOCW 361: Pre-Practicum Orientation \(2 credit hours\)](#)

SOCW 381 - Field Practicum I Credit Hours: [54](#)

[IPE 301, EDUC440 or EDUC340: Selection of one Interprofessional Education \(IPE\) course or
IPE 302 \(1 credit hour\)](#)

SOCW 411 - Statistics for Social Workers Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 415 - Social Research Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 416 - Program and Practice Evaluation Credit Hours: 3 (capstone course)

SOCW 441 - Social Welfare Policy and Services Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 442 - Policy Analysis and Practice Credit Hours: 3

SOCW 451 - Social Work Practice with Macro Systems Credit Hours: 4 (writing-intensive course)

SOCW 481 - Field Practicum II Credit Hours: [54](#) (capstone course)

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

[Select ~~43~~ recommended courses:](#)

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(No more than 9 hours in 1 field.)

~~BIBM 434—Spiritual Formation of Children Credit Hours: 3~~

~~BIBM 435—Adolescent Spiritual Formation Credit Hours: 3~~

~~COMM 300-499~~

~~ECON 438—International Poverty and Development Credit Hours: 3~~

~~EDUC 221—Educational Psychology Credit Hours: 3~~

~~ENGL 470—Multicultural Literature Credit Hours: 3~~

~~GERO 300-499~~

~~POLS 300-499~~

~~PSYC 232—Developmental Psychology Credit Hours: 3~~

~~PSYC 300-499~~

~~SOCI 300-499~~

~~SPED 371—Teaching Students with Special Needs Credit Hours: 3~~

Additional upper-level courses in these areas may be approved by advisor.

Total: ~~58~~ 48 Credit Hours

Electives

Minimum - ~~14~~ 24 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 72

Other Graduation Requirements

Minimum grade for each course in major and supplement: C Minimum GPA in major: 2.25

Minimum GPA for graduation: 2.50

Minimum advanced hours: 33

Minimum total hours: 128

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



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Degree Changes for UUAC

4 messages

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Tue, Mar 23, 2021 at 4:28 PM

To: Katelin East <kpc05a@acu.edu>, Rachel Renee Slaymaker <rxw99a@acu.edu>, Stephanie Hamm <sjh05e@acu.edu>, Tom Winter <wintert@acu.edu>

Good afternoon colleagues!

I have attached the concise narrative describing the Social Work degree changes. I will attach this to an Approval Chart. Let me know if this is accurate.

I will also create an approval chart for the two courses that will be reduced from 5 to 4 hours. I think that has to be approved prior to the degree changes.

The two new courses are with Karen and will be reviewed before the degree plan changes as well, but all of this will be included in the April 7th agenda.

The IPE courses have already been approved by the UUAC so I included them with their numbers and titles.

I also corrected the degree plan markup to include IPE 302 as the choice.

Tom, if you are okay with it, I will copy one of the signature pages I have as all of this was included in the previous CEHS approved documents. I am simply reformatting for the UUAC review.

In the UUAC meeting you can reference the fact that this is part of the experiential learning initiative, but for the UUAC review we didn't need that entire document.

When I get your go ahead, I will get these to Karen.

Dana

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2 attachments

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Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 9:06 AM

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Dana, you have been a lifesaver. The catalog revisions look great. I've attached some revisions to the degree plan narrative. Please let me know if this makes sense with what you gathered from the Experiential Learning proposal and degree plan matrix changes.

Thanks again,

Rachel

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Those edits add some clarity. Thanks for looking it over. I will send the materials to Karen today.

Dana

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Dana:

I want to echo Rachel's words. Please make another copy of the signature page that I signed earlier.

Tom

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