

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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Course Number _____ or Degree Plan(s) BA - POLS

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

necessary.

These changes reflect the necessary adjustments from the revision to the General Education Program

Indicate the requested change.

	Change to a Course	Dept./School ¹	College	Dean	TEC	UCFC	AVAC/Grad	Provost	President
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	A	I	–	I	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	A	I	–	I	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	I	A	I	–	I	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	A	I	–	I	A	I
5.	Number of hours (lecture, lab, contact)	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I	–	I	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I	–	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	I
11.	Cross-list course	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
12.	Department of record	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
13.	Close a course	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I
14.	New course (includes combining or splitting courses)	A	A	A	A	–	A	A	I

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	Change to the University Requirements (All Campuses)	Dept./School¹	College	Dean	TEC	UGEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost	Faculty	President	Trustees
1.	University Requirements — Change course outcomes of an included course ²	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	—	A	—
2.	University Requirements — Add or drop a required course from the University Requirements ²	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	A	A	—
3.	University Requirements — Add or drop a course from a menu within the University Requirements ²	A	—	—	—	A	—	A	—	A	—
4.	University Requirements — Change hours within a menu in the University Requirements ²	A	A	A	—	A	—	A	A	A	—
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)										
1.	General Requirements for Bachelor's Degrees and Associate's Degrees	—	—	—	—	—	A	A	A	A	—
2.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	—	—	—	—	—	A	A	A	A	—
3.	Requirements for graduating with honors	—	—	—	—	—	A	A	A	A	—
	Change to a Degree Plan Proposed by Faculty or College										
5.	Educational Program — Revise ³	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
6.	Educational Program — Adopt/change admission requirements	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
7.	Educational Program — Add ³	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
8.	Educational Program — Discontinue	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
9.	GPA — Revise program-required GPAs	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
10.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	I	—	I	I	—	I	—
11.	Minor — Add	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
12.	Minor — Discontinue	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
13.	Degree — Add	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
14.	Degree — Discontinue	A	A	A	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
	Change to a Degree Plan Proposed By Provost										
15.	Educational Program — Discontinue	R	—	R	A	—	A	A	A	A	I
16.	Minor — Discontinue	R	—	R	A	—	A	A	—	A	—
17.	Degree — Discontinue	R	—	R	A	—	A	A	A	A	I

¹ When an academic unit does not have a council, the UGEC and/or AUAC will serve as its academic council, depending on the nature of the issue.

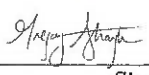
² Courses that satisfy ACU's University Requirements will normally have lower-level numbering, be free of prerequisites and co-requisites, appeal to more than one or two majors, and "not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession" (SACS 2.7.3). Departments may request exceptions to the first three criteria.

³ For undergraduate majors, a minimum of 30 hours is required. These programs must have a minimum of 6 elective hours, unless the requirements of external accrediting bodies make it impossible.

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Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council	
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Provost	
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Chair of Faculty Senate	Approval date

President	
Signature	Approval date

Political Science, BA (POLS)

University Requirements

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

Major Requirements

Non-Advanced Course Work

- [POLS 225 - National Government](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
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- [POLS 226 - States and Federal System](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [POLS 227 - Introduction to International Relations](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- *Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

Advanced Course Selections

American (choose 2 courses):

- [POLS 341 - American Public Policy](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 381 - American Political Process](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 382 - American Presidency](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 383 - Congress and Legislative Process](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 385 - American Foreign Policy](#) Credit Hours: 3

Public Administration (choose 1 course):

- [POLS 395 - Public Administration](#) Credit Hours: 3 (recommended)
- [POLS 494 - Public Administration Management](#) Credit Hours: 3

- [POLS 497 - Topics in Public Administration](#) Credit Hours: 3

International Relations (choose 1 course):

- [POLS 484 - International Law and Organizations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 485 - International Political Economy](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 487 - Terrorism Studies](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 488 - Topics in International Politics](#) Credit Hours: 3

Comparative Politics (choose 1 course):

- [POLS 344 - Comparative Politics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 345 - Comparative Public Policy](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 357 - West European Politics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 358 - CIS and East European Politics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 360 - Politics of Developing Countries](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 361 - Politics of the Middle East](#) Credit Hours: 3

Political Theory (choose 2 courses):

- [POLS 393 - Peace, Power and Politics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 490 - Early Political Theory](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 491 - Recent Political Theory](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 492 - American Political Thought](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 493 - Topics in Contemporary Political Thought](#) Credit Hours: 3

Public Law (choose 1 course):

- [POLS 384 - American Judicial Process](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 431 - Constitutional Law: Powers](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 432 - Constitutional Law: Civil Rights](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [POLS 493 - Topics in Contemporary Political Thought](#) Credit Hours: 3

Research Methods

- [POLS 315 - Political Science and Criminal Justice Research Methods](#) Credit Hours: 3 (writing-intensive course)
- or
- [SOCI 415 - Social Research](#) Credit Hours: 3 (writing-intensive course)

Capstone

- [POLS 499 - Public Service Internship](#) Credit Hours: 3 (capstone and writing-intensive course)

Total: 33 Credit Hours

Supplement for Major

Bible

- [BIBP 486 - Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
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- *Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

Economics

- [ECON 260 - Principles of Macroeconomics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [ECON 261 - Principles of Microeconomics](#) Credit Hours: 3
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- *Hours may also fulfill university requirements and are not included in total major hours

English

- ~~Sophomore (or higher) Literature Credit Hours: 3~~

Foreign Language

- [FLLA 221 - Intermediate Latin I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FLLA 222 - Intermediate Latin II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [FREN 221 - Intermediate French I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FREN 222 - Intermediate French II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [GER 221 - Intermediate German I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [GER 222 - Intermediate German II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [SPAN 221 - Intermediate Spanish I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SPAN 222 - Intermediate Spanish II](#) Credit Hours: 3

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Electives

Minimum - ~~27~~ 29 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: ~~72~~74

Other Graduation Requirements

Minimum grade for each course in major: C

Minimum GPA in major: 2.25

Minimum GPA for graduation: 2.00

Minimum advanced hours: 33

Minimum total hours: 128

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