

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

A = Approve I = Information Item R = Respond In Writing

Degree Plan(s): Aging Studies Minor

Proposal: Replace GERO 441 with FAM 362. Replace SOCI 415 with FAM 365 or SOCW 415. See attached changes to the catalog listing.

Justification: The Aging Studies Minor recently moved to MFS and it seems that SOCI 415 may not be offered regularly (or possibly at all) in the future. Both FAM 365 and SOCW 415 cover research in the social sciences. Likewise GERO 441 has not been offered recently and the content in FAM 362 includes policy issues related to aging populations. Since I do not expect that we will offer GERO 441 for the foreseeable future and to keep the catalog listing from being cluttered, it seems best to remove it from the elective menu at this time. All these changes are to address immediate issues. Once we hire a Program Director, we will do a more thorough review and update.

	Campus-Level Academic Review ¹	V	II	S	E	I	O
	Change to a Course Include signatures from all chairs/program directors for cross-listed courses. ¹						
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 (change of course outcomes)	A	A	A	I	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	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 restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G or G to U)	A	A	A	A	A	A
11.	Cross list course	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
	Change to a Degree Plan						
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt/revise admission requirements	A	A	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program-required GPA	A	A	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A	A	A

		Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair
	Full Review									
	Change to Catalog Information (for Campus)									
18.	General requirements for Bachelor's and Associate Degrees	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I
19.	Policies governing academic probation and suspension	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I
20.	Requirements for graduating with honors	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I
	Change to a Degree Plan									
21.	Educational Program — Add or Discontinue ^{2 3}	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
22.	Educational Program — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	I
23.	Minor — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
24.	Minor — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	-	A	I
25.	Degree — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
26.	Degree — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	-	R	A	A	A	A	A	I

	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)	Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair	Assoc. Chair
27.	Change course outcomes of an included course	A	A	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	A	A	I
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	-	A	-	A	A	-	A	I
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	-	A	A	A	A	I

Notes

² Any change to a cross-listed course requires the signature of both department chairs or program directors overseeing the course to ensure that the courses stay in sync. This includes courses taught at other campuses (e.g. BIBL 101 and BIBO 101).

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. Master's programs must include a minimum of 30 hours, and doctoral programs must include a minimum of 30 hours beyond the master's.

⁴ When a department/school or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the department/school. An administrative proposal by the provost or senior vice president for academic affairs would follow the "provost-proposed" routing on the chart.

Department/School(s)

Lisa Merchant

2/10/2025

Chair Signature

Date

Chair/Program Director Signature

Date

College Academic Council(s)

Christopher R. Hutson

02/13/2025

Chair Signature

Date

Chair Signature

Date

Dean(s)

Ken Cukrowski

Ken Cukrowski (Feb 17, 2025 15:02 CST)

Feb 17, 2025

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Teacher Education Council

Signature

Date

**Campus Academic Council:
Abilene Undergraduate or Abilene Graduate**

Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Signature

Date

University Faculty

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair signature

Date

Dallas Faculty Council Chair signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Abilene Christian University 2024-2025 Catalog With Addendum

Aging Studies Minor (AGST)

Minor Requirements

Aging Studies Core (9 hours)

- [GERO 350 - Sociology of Aging](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [GERO 352 - Adult Development and Aging](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [GERO 495 - Practicum in Gerontology](#) Credit Hours: 3

Aging Studies Electives from the following (9 hours)

- [BIOL 448 - Biology of Aging](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 460 - Health Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [CSD 479 - Programs and Services for Older Adults](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [GERO 479 - Programs and Services for Older Adults](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FAM 443 - Death and Bereavement](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FAM 454 - Aging and the Family](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [GERO 437 - Ministry with Older Adults](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [KINE 475 - Physical Activity, Disease, and Aging](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [NURS 320 - Evidence-Based Gerontologic Nursing](#) Credit Hours: 2
- [NUTR 327 - Nutrition Through the Life Cycle](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [SOC 415 - Social Research](#) Credit Hours: 3 (if project in aging)
- [SOCW 441 - Social Welfare Policy and Services](#) Credit Hours: 3
- or
- [GERO 441 - Social Welfare Policy and Services](#) Credit Hours: 3

FAM 365 Research Methods in CFS (if project in aging) Credit Hours: 3
or
SOCW 415 Social Research (if project in aging) Credit Hours: 3

FAM 362 Families in Society

Total: 18 Credit Hours
