

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: or Degree Plan(s): **BA Ministry & Vocation - Track: Children & Family Ministry**

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TFC	AUAC/Grad	Provost
	Campus-Level Academic Review¹						
	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

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AUAC/Grad	Provost	Campus Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
	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

		Dept./School	College	Dean	AUAC	Provost	UGEC	University Faculty	Senior VPAA	President
	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)									
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.

Updated 8/1/2023

Department/School(s)

Clifford A. Barbarick

December 4, 2024

Chair Signature

Date

Chair/Program Director Signature

Date

College Academic Council(s)

Christopher R. Hutton

2-3-2025

Chair Signature

Date

Chair Signature

Dean(s)

Date

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

**Request Regarding Degree Revision for the Bachelor of Arts Ministry & Vocation -
Track: Children & Family Ministry**

Currently, the *Bachelor of Arts Ministry & Vocation - Track: Children & Family Ministry* degree requires 12 hours from a specific selection of courses. The current 12 hours consist of:

- (3) BIBM 334 Spiritual Formation of Children **(required)**
- (3) BIBM 382 Children and Family Ministry **(required)**
- (3) BIBM 432 Methodology for Children's Spiritual Formation **(required)**
- (3) **Choose one of the following three classes:**
 - FAM 251 Introduction to Family Development and Relationships
 - FAM 362 Families in Society
 - PSYC 392 Child Psychology

In order to equip our students to serve more effectively in ministry, we need to address gaps within this degree plan. Students currently take three ministry-specific courses and one course (from a menu of three) in a related area. As a result the degree plan does not currently have enough space to develop the breadth of necessary skills to apply the theological, theoretical, and pedagogical aspects of ministry to the actual practice of ministry, especially as it pertains to the expansive nature of children and family ministry. A newly developed course, BIBM 464, fills the remaining gaps, and this proposal makes it part of the degree plan. The new course structure would be as follows:

- (3) BIBM 334 Spiritual Formation of Children **(required)**
- (3) BIBM 382 Children & Family Ministry **(required)**
- (3) BIBM 432 Methodology for Children's Spiritual Formation **(required)**
- (3) BIBM 464 Foundational Praxis of Children and Family Ministry **(required)**

Also important to note, with 11 elective hours available within the degree, students still have sufficient opportunity to take FAM 251, FAM 362, or PSYC 392 if they are interested in these courses.

The following pages outline the full degree plan from the catalog with the proposed changes highlighted in red.

BA: Ministry and Vocation, Children & Family Ministry (BMV-BMCF)

BA: Ministry and Vocation (BMV)

General Education Requirements

Please see the [General Education](#) section of this catalog.

Major Requirements

Bible (Upper Level Bible Selections)

[BIBM 439 - Teaching and Learning for Spiritual Formation](#) Credit Hours: 3 * (writing-intensive course)

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

Select one course from the following menu:

[BIBP 380 - Introduction to Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

[BIBP 478 - Philosophy of Religion](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

[BIBP 486 - Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

[BIBP 487 - History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

[BIBP 489 - History of Modern Philosophy](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

[BIBT 332 - Religious Teachings of C.S. Lewis](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

[BIBT 342 - Christianity in Culture](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

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

Greek

[BGRK 221 - New Testament Greek for Beginners I](#) Credit Hours: 3

[BGRK 222 - New Testament Greek for Beginners II](#) Credit Hours: 3

or

[FREN 111 - Elementary French I](#) Credit Hours: 3

[FREN 112 - Elementary French II](#) Credit Hours: 3

or

[GER 111 - Elementary German I](#) Credit Hours: 3
[GER 112 - Elementary German II](#) Credit Hours: 3
or
[SPAN 111 - Elementary Spanish I](#) Credit Hours: 3
[SPAN 112 - Elementary Spanish II](#) Credit Hours: 3

Foreign Language (BA)

[BGRK 331 - Elementary Greek Readings I](#) Credit Hours: 3
[BGRK 332 - Elementary Greek Readings 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

Ministry

- [BIBM 493 - Preaching](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 201 - Ministry Workshop \(taken three times\)](#) Credit Hours: 3

Theology

[BIBT 470 - Christian Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3

[BIBT 379 - The Church](#) Credit Hours: 3
or
[BIBT 491 - Theology](#) Credit Hours: 3

Biblical Interpretation

- [BIBL 320 - Introduction to Biblical Interpretation](#) Credit Hours: 3

Capstone

- [BIBM 391 - Ministry in Context](#) Credit Hours: 3 (capstone course)
- [BIBM 429 - Field Education](#) Credit Hours: 2 (capstone course)
- [BIBM 491 - Senior Capstone Experience](#) Credit Hours: 1 (capstone course)

Total: 33 Credit Hours

Children & Family Ministry (BMCF)

- [BIBM 334 - Spiritual Formation of Children](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [BIBM 382 - Children and Family Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 432 - Methodology for Children's Spiritual Formation](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BIBM 464 - Foundational Praxis of Children and Family Ministry](#) Credit Hours: 3
- Any advanced biblical text (BIBL 350-499) or biblical language (BGRK 441-BGRK 442) course - Credit Hours: 3
- Minor in support field of student's choice - Credit Hours: 18

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

Choose 3 hours from:

~~[FAM 251 - Introduction to Family Development and Relationships](#) Credit Hours: 3 *~~
~~[PSYC 392 - Child Psychology](#) Credit Hours: 3~~
~~[FAM 362 - Families in Society](#) Credit Hours: 3~~

~~*Hours may also fulfill general education requirements and are not included in total major hours~~

Total: 30 Credit Hours

Electives

Minimum - 11 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 74

Other Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all upper-level Bible courses (300 or above). This includes courses with the following subject codes: BIBL, BIBM, BIBP, BIBT, BIBH, BMIS, BGRK and BHEB.

Minimum GPA for graduation: 2.25

Minimum advanced hours: 33

Minimum total hours: 128