

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: _____ or Degree Plan(s): COMP

Note. Catalog markup and rationale are provided on a separate page.

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	AIAC/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

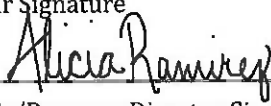
Notes

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)
		April 16, 2025
Chair Signature		Date
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Chair/Program Director Signature		Date
College Academic Council(s)		
		04/29/2025
Chair Signature		Date
Chair Signature		Date
Dean(s)		
		04/30/2025
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

Rationale for Admissions Changes to Undergraduate CSD (COMP)

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders has used restrictive admissions requirements for its undergraduate program (COMP) for almost two decades. The admissions requirements were set for the student to demonstrate early proficiency in the major by taking a few courses with a minimum “B” average in those courses prior to being admitted into the undergraduate program. Successful admission allowed them to complete the program while continuing to maintain a “B” average.

This admission restriction was envisioned to help students find a more appropriate major early in their university training if they could not maintain the required GPA. Although this admission policy accomplished its purpose, it places a significant burden on the sequencing of students' courses. The current reality of students entering ACU with multiple dual credit courses makes advising even more difficult with this admissions requirement.

- The department faculty proposes: remove the admissions requirement but keep the “B” average for all CSD coursework, have a “C” or better in all CSD coursework, have a “C” or better in all ASHA required courses (biological science, physical science, social/behavioral science, statistics), and have an overall GPA of 3.0.
- This will continue to assist in demonstrating student achievement and the likelihood of graduate school success while significantly improving student advising and sequencing of coursework.

Recommended New Requirements for Undergraduate CSD (COMP)

- GPA of 3.0 or better in the major
- “C” or better in all major courses
- “C” or better in all ASHA required courses (biological science, physical science, social/behavioral science, statistics)
- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0

Impact to Course Descriptions:

CSD 352: Remove “admission to the CSD program required”
CSD 356: Remove “admission to the CSD program required”
CSD 357: Remove “admission to the CSD program required”
CSD 371: Remove “admission to the CSD program required”
CSD 380: Remove “admission to the CSD program required”
CSD 493: Remove “admission to the CSD program required”
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Markup of Department Admissions Requirement (COMP)

Additional Admission Requirements

~~The declaration of Communication Sciences and Disorders as a major does not ensure admission to the Communication Sciences and Disorders program. In addition to the requirements for all degrees (see the General Education section of this catalog), the student must apply for and be granted admission to the Communication Sciences and Disorders program after taking three of the four following courses in the degree program (CSD 225, CSD 319, CSD 330, and CSD 381).~~

~~The Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) at Abilene Christian University requires a minimum of 5 to 6 semesters to complete. Students are designated as Pre-CSD majors until they have been admitted to the UG CSD program.~~

~~Students apply for admission to the CSD major when they:~~

- ~~• Are enrolled in or have completed 45 semester hours of credit towards the degree at ACU;~~
- ~~• Have a minimum overall Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0;~~
- ~~• Have completed three of the four following courses in the major with a 3.0 GPA for those courses (CSD 225 – Phonetics, CSD 319 – Speech Science, CSD 330 – Language Development and Disorders, and CSD 381 – Anatomical and Physiological Processes of Communication).~~

~~The Undergraduate Admissions Committee will review applications and make recommendations to the department chair. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 must be maintained to remain in the major.~~

~~Once admitted as a CSD major, the remaining coursework is sequenced in a manner determined by the faculty to best prepare students for future courses. As such, it is required that these courses be taken in the designated sequence. In the event of an extenuating circumstance, courses may be taken out of sequence with faculty approval. Students will not be allowed to complete required courses in the CSD major prior to their final semester at ACU.~~

~~Information on applying for admission to the program is given to all students when they declare their major.~~

Other Departmental Requirements

~~In order to remain in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program, a student must:~~

- ~~• Minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the CSD major.~~
- ~~• Maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better;~~

- Have a "C" or better in all majors ~~classes; courses~~
- "C" or better in all ASHA required courses (biological science, physical science, social/behavioral science, statistics)
- ~~Recommendation for continuing the program from the CSD Admissions and Review committee.~~

~~Students who do not continue to meet the above requirements will be dropped from COMP classes.~~ Any exemptions or modifications to the above requirements due to special circumstances must be requested through the chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. All requests will be reviewed and must be approved by the ~~CSD Admissions and Review committee~~ faculty.

The coursework is sequenced in a manner determined by the faculty to best prepare students for future courses. As such, it is required that these courses be taken in the designated sequence. In the event of an extenuating circumstance, course may be taken out of sequence with faculty approval.