

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: **ECON 261: Principles of Microeconomics**

or Degree Plan(s):

The current prerequisite for ECON 261 is “24 earned hours.”

New prereq: 12 earned hours

The current prereq causes an issue for some of our first-semester students when they try to register to take ECON 261 in their second semester. If a student does not have 24 hours prior to registration, our advisors have to manually create an override to allow the student to register for the course. We would like to reduce the prereq to 12 earned hours. That would let any student who arrives at ACU with 12 hours of credit to register for ECON 261 without an override. By the time these students **take** the class in the spring semester, almost all of them will **have** 24 earned hours (the assumption is that most of them will pass at least 12 hours in the fall semester).

Theoretically, a student who brings in 12 or more hours could take ECON 261 in their first semester. Our academic advisors create the schedules for our first semester students and we will rely on our advisors to NOT put first-semester students in ECON 261 unless an exception needs to be made.

In practice, many students are registering for ECON 261 for their second semester *anyway* because they brought in a significant number of general education requirements or because they are saving some of those classes for Study Abroad. The only difference is that now our advisors are having to put in a manual override for each of these students. For the class that entered in the Fall 2025 semester, this change to the prereq would have allowed an additional 41 students to register for ECON 261 without needing a manual override from their advisor.

		Dept./School	College	Dean	TEC	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 ²³	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.

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Department/School(s)	
 Phil Vardiman (Jan 27, 2026 11:54:22 CST)	01/27/2026
Chair Signature	Date
Chair/Program Director Signature	Date
College Academic Council(s)	
 Arisoa Randrianasolo (Jan 27, 2026 21:06:29 CST)	01/27/2026
Chair Signature	Date
Chair Signature	Date
Dean(s)	
	01/28/2026
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