

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number:

or Degree Plan(s): Communication Minor (COMS)

The Department of Communication and Sociology would like to make the following changes to our Communication minor (COMS).

- Revise the name of COMM 415 from Political Communication to Presidents, Politics, & Propaganda.
- Revise the name of COMM 450 from Gender Communication to Communication, Gender, & Social Power.
- Revise the name of COMM 492 from Rhetoric of Pop Culture to Rhetoric of Sports & Pop Culture.
- Add COMM 315 (Human Connection in Social Media).
- Add COMM 463 (Nonprofit Communication & Management).
- Add COMM 493 (Rhetoric of Social Movements).

These requests are submitted under separate approval charts.

		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.

Updated 8/1/2023

Department/School(s)



3-16-2026

Chair Signature

Date

Chair/Program Director Signature

Date

College Academic Council(s)



3/20/26

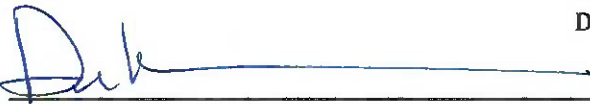
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Dean(s)



3/20/26

Signature

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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

Communication Minor (COMS)

Minor: Communication (COMS)

Choose 3-12 hours from:

- [COMM 101 - Introduction to Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 120 - Introduction to Public Speaking](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 231 - Small Group Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 236 - General Communication Theory](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 241 - Interpersonal Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 291 - Survey Research Methods](#) Credit Hours: 3

Choose 6-15 hours from:

- [COMM 310 - Civil Discourse](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- **COMM 315 - Human Connection in Social Media**
- [COMM 322 - Argumentation and Debate](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 343 - Business and Professional Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 345 - Intercultural Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 376 - Family Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 408 - Crisis Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 412 - Risk Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- **COMM 415 - Presidents, Politics & Propaganda** Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 421 - Leadership and Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 430 - Conflict Management](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 436 - Nonverbal Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- **COMM 450 - Communication, Gender, & Social Power** Credit Hours: 3 *
- [COMM 460 - Health Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 461 - Nonprofit Event Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 462 - Executive Coaching](#) Credit Hours: 3
- **COMM 463 - Nonprofit Communication & Management**
- [COMM 475 - Persuasion](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 483 - Professional Presentations](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 485 - Organizational Communication](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 486 - Training and Development](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [COMM 491 - Rhetorical Theory](#) Credit Hours: 3
- **COMM 492 - Rhetoric of Sports & Pop Culture** Credit Hours: 3

- COMM 493 - Rhetoric of social movements

*A limited number of courses count toward general education requirements, but all eligible courses in the minor are indicated.

Total: 18 Credit Hours

