

Abilene Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: _____ or Degree Plan(s): **FINA (BBA in Finance, all 4 tracks)**

See attached memo and documentation.

		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)	
	03/27/2026
Chair Signature	Date
Chair/Program Director Signature	Date
College Academic Council(s)	
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Chair Signature	Date
Chair Signature	Date
Dean(s)	
	03/30/2026
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

Memo of Explanation – Changes to FINA (BBA in Finance) Degree Plans

26 March 2026

The Dukes School of Finance is proposing three catalog changes for the FINA degree plans to take effect in the 2026-27 catalog. The changes affect all four tracks identically. Detailed catalog impacts are provided in the attached document that follows.

Change #1

Remove **ENTR 120 – Foundations of Entrepreneurship** (1 credit hour) from the “Business Foundations” curriculum for FINA (and for all COBA degree plans). By a COBA faculty vote concluded on March 10, 2026, ENTR 120 was removed from “Business Foundations.” FINA already has a 1-credit-hour introductory course in the Core of the major (**FIN 120 – Introduction to Finance**), so removing ENTR 120 from Business Foundations frees up one hour of credit to be used for electives.

Change #2

Add **ACCT 322 – Ethics & the Accounting Profession** to the Professional Development menu within the FINA degree. This is a new course proposed by the Accounting department which will serve (in the FINA curriculum) especially those students who are double ACCT & FINA majors. Other FINA majors who are not ACCT majors would still benefit from the professional development of this course.

Change #3

Earmark 3 credit hours from the General Education requirements: students will take either **BIBP 486 – Ethics** or **BIBT 470 – Christian Ethics**, which will count toward the Upper-Division Bible and Theology requirement. This will be listed as “Supplement for Major.” The ethical grounding of these courses will help students navigate some of the difficult terrain they may encounter in the field of finance. We have discussed the resulting additional staffing requirements for these courses in upcoming years with Dr. Cliff Barbarick, Department Chair for DBMM.

Finance, (All Tracks), BBA (FINA-all tracks)

General Education Requirements

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

Business Foundations

Business Courses

- [ACCT 210 - Financial Accounting](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BLAW 363 - Introduction to Business Law and Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [BUSA 120 - Introduction to Business](#) Credit Hours: 2
- ~~[ENTR 120 - Foundations of Entrepreneurship](#) Credit Hours: 1~~
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- [ECON 260 - Principles of Macroeconomics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- *or*
- [ECON 261 - Principles of Microeconomics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
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- [FIN 310 - Financial Management](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [IS 222 - Analytics 1: Statistics](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [IT 263 - Analytics 2: Data Management and Visualization](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [MGMT 330 - Management and Organizational Behavior](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [MKTG 320 - Principles of Marketing](#) Credit Hours: 3

International Courses

Choose 3 hours:

- [BUSA 311 - Global Business Foundations](#) Credit Hours: 1.5 *
- [BUSA 312 - Global Business in Action](#) Credit Hours: 1.5 *
- [BUSA 319 - International Business](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [BUSA 423 - Social Enterprise Consulting](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [ENTR 419 - Global Entrepreneur](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [MKTG 319 - International Marketing](#) Credit Hours: 3

Math Courses

Choose one:

- [MATH 130 - Finite Math for Applications](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [MATH 131 - Calculus for Application](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [MATH 185 - Calculus I](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [MATH 186 - Calculus II](#) Credit Hours: 3

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

Total: ~~24-30~~ 23-29 Credit Hours

Finance Core

- [FIN 120 - Introduction to Finance](#) Credit Hours: 1
- [ACCT 211 - Managerial Accounting](#) Credit Hours: 3
- *or*
- [ACCT 302 - Cost Accounting I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [ACCT 310 - Intermediate Accounting I](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [ACCT 311 - Intermediate Accounting II](#) Credit Hours: 3
- Any ECON course numbered 260-269 that has not already been taken for credit - Credit Hours: 3
- [FIN 311 - Money and Banking](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FIN 411 - Principles of Investment](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FIN 412 - Financial Theory and Practice](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FIN 489 - Advanced Financial Management](#) Credit Hours: 3 (capstone and writing-intensive course)

Professional Development

Choose one of the following:

- [ENGL 326 - Business and Professional Writing](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [ACCT 322 – Ethics & the Accounting Profession](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [ACCT 499 - Accounting Internship](#) Credit Hours: 3
- [FIN 499 - Finance Internship](#) Credit Hours: 3

Supplement for Major

Choose one of the following:

- [BIBP 486 - Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *
- [BIBT 470 – Christian Ethics](#) Credit Hours: 3 *

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

Total: 28 Credit Hours

[Tracks – no changes]

Total: 12 Credit Hours

Electives

Minimum - ~~4-10~~ 5-11 Credit Hours

Total Major Hours: 74