

Dallas Approval Chart for Curriculum Changes

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

Course Number: _____ **or Degree Plan(s):** CMD0

Rationale for Admissions Changes to Undergraduate CSD (CMD0)

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

		A	P	I	O
	Campus-Level Academic Review				
	Change to a Course Include signatures from all program directors/chairs for cross-listed courses. ¹				
1.	Title (description unchanged)	A	A	I	I
2.	Description (not affecting content)	A	A	I	I
3.	Course term(s)	A	A	I	I
4.	Content (change of course outcomes)	A	A	I	A
5.	Number of credit hours	A	A	A	A

6.	Course number within the hundred	A	A	I	I
7.	Course number beyond the hundred	A	A	A	A
8.	Prerequisites	A	A	A	I
9.	Course restriction (e.g., majors only, junior standing)	A	A	A	A
10.	Level change (U to G <i>or</i> G to U)	A	A	A	A
11.	Cross list course	A	A	A	A
12.	Program/department of record	A	A	A	A
13.	Open or close a course	A	A	A	A
	Change to a Degree Plan				
14.	Educational Program — Revise	A	A	A	A
15.	Educational Program — Adopt or change admission requirements	A	A	A	A
16.	GPA — Revise program or cumulative requirement	A	A	A	A
17.	Minor — Revise	A	A	A	A

	Full Review	U	P	I	D	A	I	S
	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	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
22.	Educational Program — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	R	A	A	A	A	I
23.	Minor — Add or Discontinue	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
24.	Minor — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	R	A	A	A	A	I
25.	Degree — Add or Discontinue (proposed by Program or College)	A	A	A	A	A	A	I
26.	Degree — Discontinue (Provost-proposed)	R	R	A	A	A	A	I

	Change to General Education Requirements for Undergraduates (System)	U	P	I	D	A	I	S
27.	Change course outcomes of an included course	A	A	A	A	-	A	I
28.	Add or drop a required course from the General Education Requirements	A	A	-	A	A	A	I
29.	Add or drop a course from a menu within the General Education Requirements	A	A	-	A	-	A	I
30.	Comprehensive revision of General Education Requirements	-	-	-	A	A	A	I

Notes

¹ 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).

² 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.

³ When a program director or dean proposes closing a program, approval routing follows the typical process beginning with the program. 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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Program Director/Department Chair


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Program Director Signature

Date

Program Director/Department Chair Signature

Date

Dean(s)



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Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Campus Academic Council

Chair's Signature

Date

Provost

Signature

Date

University General Education Council

Chair's signature

Date

University Faculty

Dallas Faculty Council Chair's signature

Date

Abilene Faculty Senate Chair's signature

Date

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature

Date

President

Signature

Date

Admission Requirements

Students admitted to the university may enroll with the intent of pursuing the BS Communication Sciences and Disorders degree. ~~All students must apply to the major after successful completion of the first several Communication Science Disorders courses. Admission to Abilene Christian University does not guarantee admission to the upper-level Communication Sciences and Disorders coursework.~~

Other Departmental Requirements

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

- ~~Maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 or better;~~ Graduate with a Minimum overall GPA of 3.0, and a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the CSD major.
- 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 CMDO 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, courses may be taken out of sequence with faculty approval.