

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: PHIL 345: Philosophy of Language**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:** (please provide all information in the “current” column, and only the information changing in the “proposed” column)

change		current	proposed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	345	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Philosophy of Language	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
X <input type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite <b>NOTE:</b> Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a “D” or better.	You must complete one course in Philosophy with a grade of “C” or better	One course in Philosophy with a grade of C or better
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits	3	
X <input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	X <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NoX
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits		<b>Max. Total Credits:</b> This should be equal to the number of credits for courses that cannot be repeated for credit. For courses that may be repeated for credit, enter the maximum total number of credits a student can receive from this course. E.g., enter 6 credits for a 3 credit course that may be taken a second time for credit, but not for a third time. Please note that this does NOT refer to how many times a class may be retaken for a higher grade.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grading Method(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit X <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A survey of philosophical issues concerning the nature of meaning, understanding, communication and language. Topics to be discussed may include the relations between meaning, intention and belief; the relationship between mental content and linguistic meaning; interpretation; the possibility of thought without language; the factual status of meaning and understanding; the nature of naming and referring; the relation between individual understanding and the physical and social environment. This course is repeatable for credit.

**PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION** (no longer than 75 words): leave blank if no changes are being proposed to the catalog description. NOTE: information about prerequisites should NOT appear in the catalog description.)

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**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

We are making the wording for the prerequisites for all of our 300 level courses uniform. For PHIL 345 we are removing the possibility of repeating the course for credit – this was an error in the previous catalog description. That is the only change in the course description.