

UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: Research Methods in Health, HAPP 412

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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
X <input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)	HAPP 412	HAPP 300
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title	Research Methods in Health	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤30c)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
	Prerequisite NOTE: Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.	You must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA and have completed HAPP 100 and (STAT 121 or STAT 350 or STAT 351 or SOCY 301). All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits	3	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits	3	Max. Total Credits: 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)	X Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail	<input type="checkbox"/> Reg (A-F) <input type="checkbox"/> Audit <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course considers principles of health research, including an overview of different types of health and health related research. The course examines issues in research design, measurement, sampling, and computer applications.

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.)

No change

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:

Research Methods in Health is the primary methods course for HAPP majors. It is a core course and the pre-requisite for several upper level courses, including HAPP 420: Epidemiology and HAPP 470: Internship. In connection with the program changes submitted earlier this semester, the UGC requested that HAPP consider whether this course is appropriately numbered. The HAPP faculty have reviewed the course and course numbering and agrees that as a foundational pre-requisite course, the course is more appropriately a 300-level course. A change to the numbering also will help students more clearly understand that Research Methods in Health is taken before the more advanced 400-level courses. In addition, this change would create greater consistency in course numbering across the department as the foundational methods course required for both Sociology and Anthropology is 300-level, SOCY 300: Methodology of Social Research.