# UMBC UGC Instructions for Change in Existing Course Form (Revised 2/2015)

**Course number & title:** Enter the current course number and title of the course at the top of the page.

**Date submitted:** The date that the form will be submitted to the UGC.

**Effective date:** The semester that the change will be effective, if approved.

**Contact information:** Provide the contact information of the Chair or UPD of the department housing the course. If the course is not housed in a department or program, then provide the same information for the head of the appropriate academic unit. (See UGC Procedures.) If another faculty member should also be contacted for questions about the request and be notified about UGC actions on the request, include that person's contact information on the second line.

**Course information:** Provide all of the current information for this course. Check the "change" column for aspects of the course that will be changed by this proposal and provide the specific changes. Unchanged fields may be left blank under the "proposed" column. *Note: all 300- and 400-level courses must have prerequisites or recommended preparation.*

**Course number:** For cross-listed courses, provide all the numbers for the course.

**Transcript title:** Limited to 30 characters, including spaces. Leave the current transcript title blank if this is not known.

**Recommended Course Preparation:** *Please note that all 300 and 400 level courses should have either recommended course preparation(s) or prerequisite(s) and that 100 or 200 level courses may have them.*
Here fill in what previous course(s) a student should have taken to succeed in the course. These recommendations will NOT be enforced by the registration system. Please explain your choices in the "rationale" (discussed below).

**Prerequisite:** *Please note that all 300 and 400 level courses should have either recommended course preparation(s) or prerequisite(s)* Here fill in course(s) students need to have taken before they enroll in this course. These prerequisites will be enforced through the registration system. Please explain your choices in the "rationale" (discussed below).

**NOTE:** Please use the words "AND" and "OR", along with parentheses as appropriate, in the lists of prerequisites and recommended preparation so that the requirements specified will be interpreted unambiguously.

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better.

**Maximum 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.

**Grading method(s):** Check all that apply.

**Current catalog description:** Provide the course description as it appears in the current undergraduate catalog or since the last UGC-approved change.

**Proposed catalog description:** If this proposal involves a change in the course description, provide the exact wording of the course description as it will appear in the next undergraduate catalog. Course descriptions should be a) no longer than 75 words, b) stated in complete sentences, and c) avoid reference to specific details that may not always pertain (e.g., dates, events, etc.). Leave blank if this proposal does not change the course description. Course descriptions should not repeat information about prerequisites (which are always listed alongside the course description).

**Rationale:** Provide a brief explanation for the need for the proposed changes.

**Cross-listed courses:** Requests to change cross-listed courses must be accompanied by letters of support via email from all involved department chairs. Proposals for the addition of a cross-listing to an existing course must include as a part of the rationale the specific reason why cross-listing is appropriate. Email from all involved department chairs is also required when cross-listing is removed and when a cross-listed course is discontinued. Please note that Special Topics cannot be cross-listed.

*Note: the UGC form is a Microsoft Word form. You should be able to enter most of the information by tabbing through the fields. The document is protected. In the rare case that you need to unprotect the document, use the password 'ugcform'. Beware that you will lose all the data entered in the form's fields if you unlock and lock the document.*

# UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: PHIL 358/HAPP 358: Bioethics

Date Submitted: 10/19/2017                    Proposed Effective Date: immediately

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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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | Course Number(s) | PHIL/HAPP 358 |  |
| ☐ | Formal Title | Bioethics |  |
| ☐ | Transcript Title (≤30c) | Bioethics |  |
| X☐ | Recommended Course Preparation |  | PHIL 150, PHIL 152, HAPP 350 |
| ☐ X | Prerequisite **NOTE:** Unless otherwise indicated, a prerequisite is assumed to be passed with a "D" or better. |  | One course in Philosophy with a grade of C or better |
| ☐ | Credits | 3 |  |
| X☐ | Repeatable? | X☐ Yes ☐ No | ☐ Yes ☐ NoX |
| ☐ | Max. Total Credits |  | **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. |
| ☐ | Grading Method(s) | X☐ Reg (A-F)  X☐ Audit  X ☐ Pass-Fail | ☐ Reg (A-F)  ☐ Audit  ☐ Pass-Fail |

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A survey of the ethical constraints on the practice of medicine, on biomedical research using human and nonhuman animals, and on the delivery of health care. Specific topics will include doctor-patient confidentiality; autonomy, competence, and medical decision-making; ethical issues at the beginning and end of human life; and controversial biomedical technologies such as cloning and stem cell research. 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:**

All 300-level philosophy courses have a requirement of one course in philosophy with a grade of C or better. We want to make this course continuous with that. The course should not be repeatable for credit, since it has a stable syllabus. PHIL 150 (Contemporary Moral Problems), PHIL 152 (Introduction to Moral Theory), and HAPP 350 (Public Health Ethics) are all useful preparations for PHIL 358. Some awkward wording in the opening sentence of the course description has been fixed. HAPP has agreed to all of these changes (see attached support email).

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Rose Drohan <rdrohan@umbc.edu>

# PHIL/HAPP 358 course change form
1 message

**Steve Yalowitz** <yalowitz@umbc.edu>
To: Rose Drohan <rdrohan@umbc.edu>

Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 3:11 PM

Hi Rose,

I've attached the course change form for PHIL/HAPP 358: Bioethics just below. I've also included the supporting email from HAPP's acting chair. This email should be included with the submission of the form to UGC. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,
Steve

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sarah Chard <schard@umbc.edu>
**Subject: Re: PHIL/HAPP 358: Bioethics course description**
**Date:** October 19, 2017 at 3:05:37 PM EDT
**To:** Steve Yalowitz <yalowitz@umbc.edu>

Hi Steve,

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy supports the proposed changes to Phil/HAPP 358. This includes the changes to the course description, pre-req, and recommended prep, as well as removing the option to repeat for credit.

Best,

Sarah

On Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 2:49 PM, Steve Yalowitz <yalowitz@umbc.edu> wrote:
Sarah,

Attached is the form we'll be sending in to UGC. I've included HAPP 350 as a recommended preparation for PHIL/HAPP 358 (along with PHIL 150 and PHIL 152), and also made a slight change to the wording of the first sentence of the course description. If you can reply to this email supporting these changes as well as the prereq and no repeat change, we're all set to go.

Thanks!
Steve

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