

**UMBC UGC Change in Existing Course: CMPE212 Principles of Digital Design**

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**COURSE INFORMATION:**

change		current	proposed
<input type="checkbox"/>	Course Number(s)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Formal Title		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transcript Title (≤24c)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recommended Course Preparation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prerequisite	You must have completed CMSC203 with the grade of C or better.	Departmental permission required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Credits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeatable?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Max. Total Credits		
<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, how many total credits?		
<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 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass-Fail

**CURRENT CATALOG DESCRIPTION:****PROPOSED CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**  no changes  change in description**RATIONALE FOR CHANGE:**

This change removes the requirement to complete CMSC203 with a C or better prior to enrolling in CMPE212. After discussion with the three TT faculty members who regularly teach this course, the small portion of CMSC203 content actually used in the course is completely covered in the initial weeks of CMPE212. Therefore, we believe that removing this prerequisite will not compromise student performance in the course.

Removal of the prerequisite permits this course to be offered to second semester first year students, thereby enabling the “first year Gateway” described in a separate UGC proposed change.

“Department Permission” is added as a “prerequisite” in order to dissuade students from taking CMPE212 as a first semester student. This recommendation has been coordinated with and approved by Cathy Bielawski and her COEIT advising staff.

This change was reviewed and approved by the CMPE Undergraduate Program Committee in March 2016.